

# FOOD INSECURITY

## Food Access Atlas

16%

of households are receiving Food Stamps/SNAP- a 33% increase from 2018<sup>1</sup>

4%

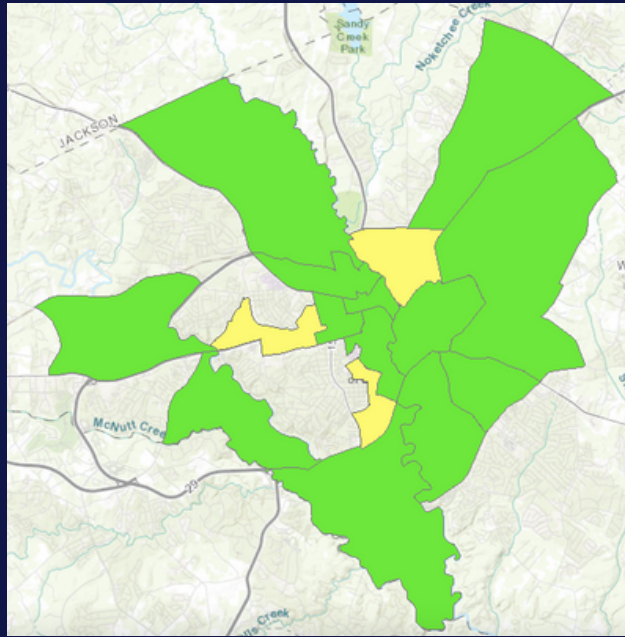
of households are receiving WIC-a 30% increase from 2018<sup>2</sup>

11%

of households went hungry in the last 30 days

25%

of households couldn't afford balanced meals at least some of the time



Significant # of residents is more than 1 mile (urban) or 10 miles (rural) from nearest supermarket.

Significant # of residents is more than 1/2 mile (urban) or 10 miles (rural) from nearest supermarket.

## Common Barriers to Food Security<sup>3</sup>



In 2019, AWP found that 33% of eligible residents in Athens do not participate in SNAP. ACC forgoes \$20 million annually in federal food assistance.



Long wait times to register for SNAP in Athens compared to other counties.

Individuals' food access problem is feeling priced out of the market for quality fresh produce.

9% of respondents use the ACC bus to get groceries.

14% of respondents use ride-sharing apps to get groceries.

1. SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

2. WIC: Special Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children

3. East Side Fresh Food Access:

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