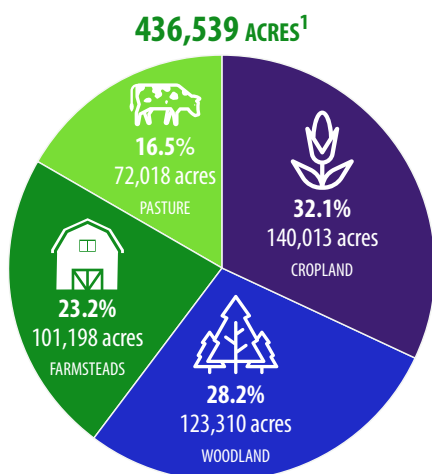
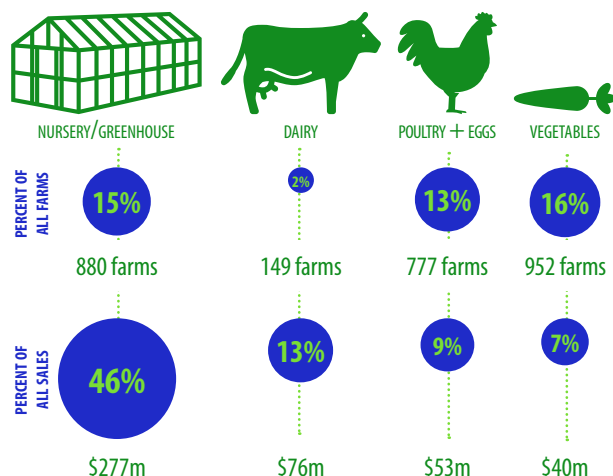


The Connecticut Food System Alliance (CFSA) is a statewide network working to create a more just and equitable food system—a food system in which all have access to healthy, affordable, ethical, and sustainable food.

AGRICULTURE



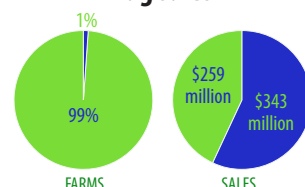
Ag sales are concentrated in a few categories²



TOTAL VALUE OF AG SALES
\$602,213,195

4 product categories accounted for **46% of farms** and **75% of sales**

77 large family farms accounted for **57% of total ag sales**

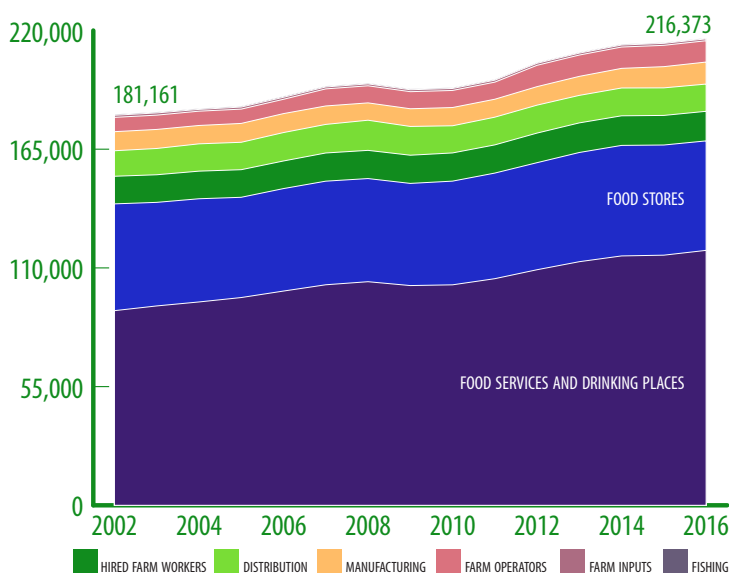


Most Connecticut farms are small with low sales and a few large farms account for most sales³



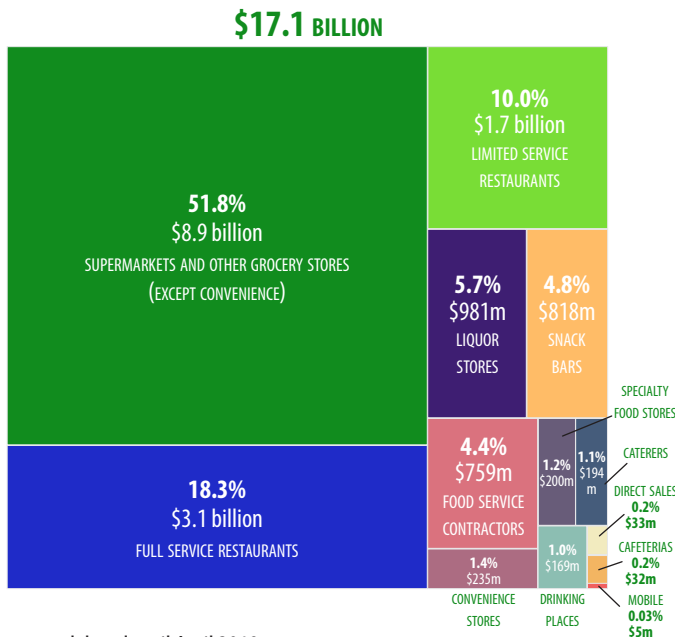
FOOD SYSTEM JOBS

Food system jobs increased **19%** from 2002 to 2016.



RETAIL FOOD SALES

Retail food sales in Connecticut are second highest in New England.



Sources: 1, 2, 3: 2012 USDA Census of Agriculture. The results of the 2017 Census of Agriculture were delayed until April 2019.

4: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Census Bureau Nonemployer Statistics, USDA Census of Agriculture.

5 U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 Economic Census, <https://factfinder.census.gov>. Direct sales data from the USDA Census of Agriculture are included.

FOOD SECURITY

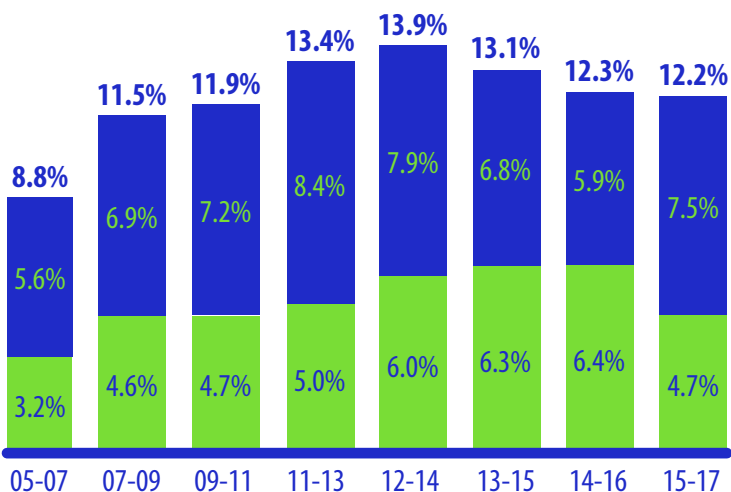
The CFSA is committed to increasing access to safe, nutritious, culturally appropriate, and affordable food for all Connecticut residents.

Food insecurity in Connecticut has decreased, but...¹

Food insecurity in Connecticut has *decreased* from the heights of the Great Recession but is still *higher* than pre-recession levels.



An average of **12.2% (173,240)** of Connecticut households—**441,762 people**—were food insecure from 2015 to 2017.

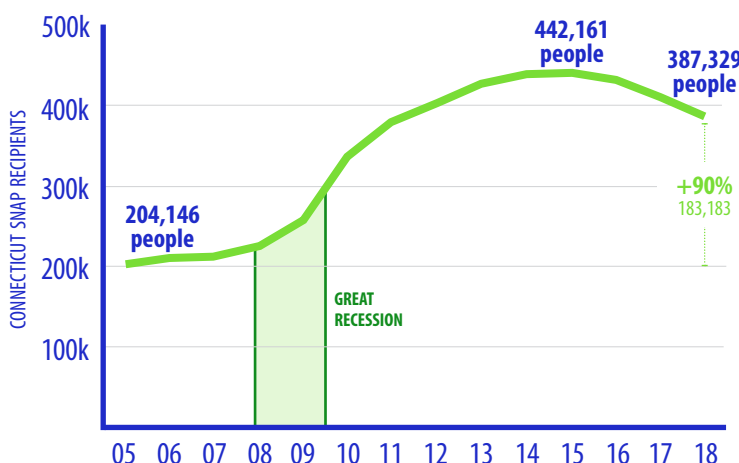


Low food security: reports of reduced quality, variety, or desirability of diet. Little or no indication of reduced food intake.

Very low food security: reports of multiple indications of disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake.

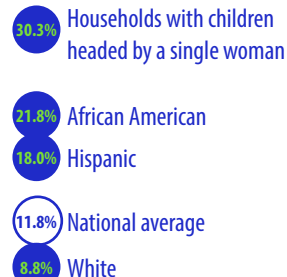
The need for food-purchasing assistance rapidly increased during and after the Great Recession in Connecticut⁴

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides food-purchasing assistance for low- and no-income people—an average of **\$132 per person per month** in Connecticut in 2018.

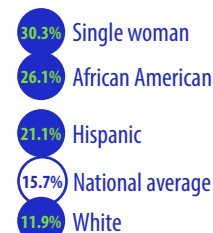


Food insecurity varies by group in the United States²

By selected household characteristics:



By households with children:

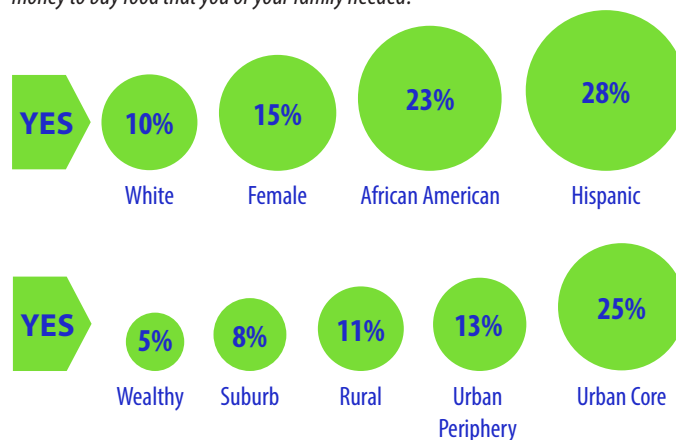


(combined low food security and very low food security percentage)

Connecticut ranks **25th** in the US for food security

Access to sufficient nutritious food is inequitable in Connecticut³

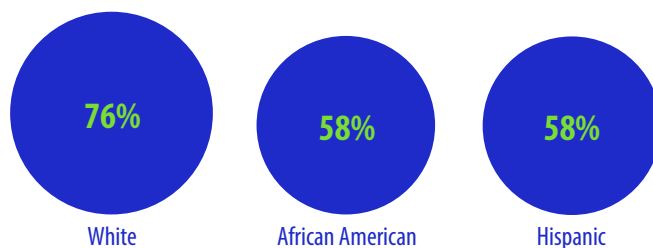
Q: Have there been times in the past 12 months when you did not have enough money to buy food that you or your family needed?



Of total respondents that did not have enough money to buy food, **28%** reported not being able to do so **ALMOST EVERY MONTH**.



Respondents who report the availability of affordable, high-quality fruits and vegetables in their neighborhood is **EXCELLENT** or **GOOD**:



Sources: 1, 2: USDA Economic Research Service, www.ers.usda.gov/topics/food-nutrition-assistance/food-security-in-the-us/.

3: DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey: ctdatahaven.org/sites/ctdatahaven/files/DataHaven2018%20Connecticut%20Statewide%20Crosstabs%20Pub.pdf.

4: USDA Food and Nutrition Service, www.fns.usda.gov/pd/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap.