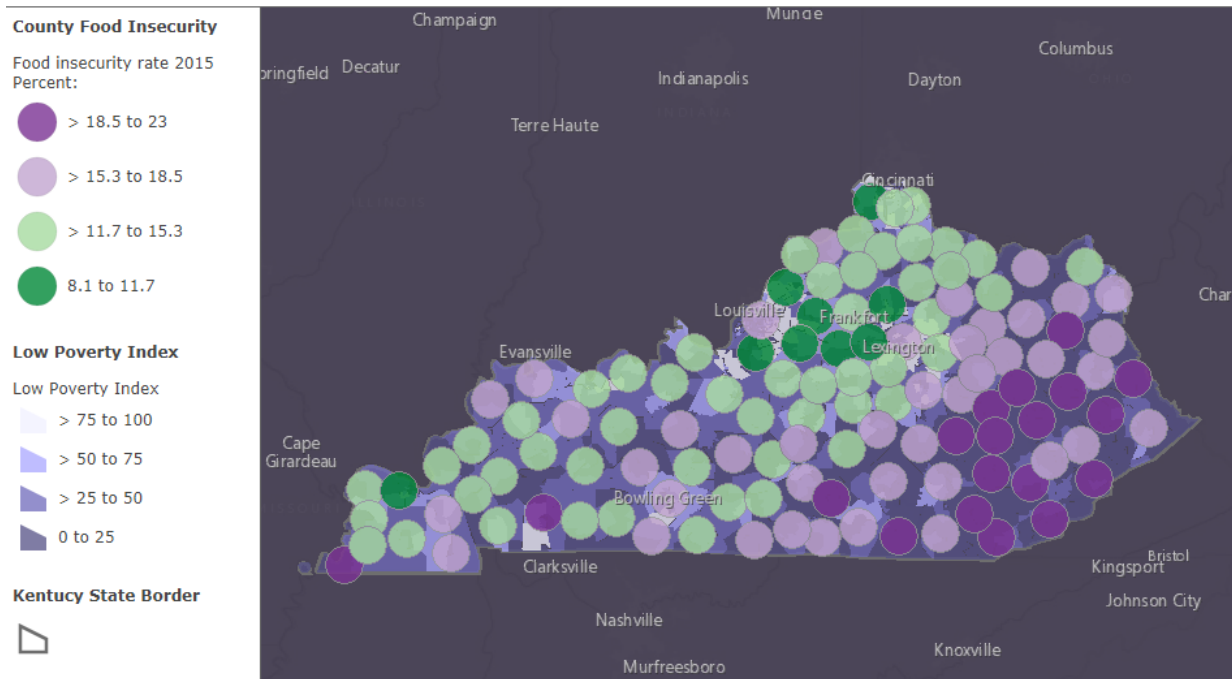

KENTUCKY IN THE NEWS

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Thanksgiving is coming up, which means most families are going to eat lots of delicious food like turkey, sweet potatoes, and the best part- desserts! But for some Kentuckians, that is not the case. The map above shows two related statistics: Poverty and Food Insecurity. The [Food Insecurity](#) data was compiled by Feeding America. It estimate food insecurity rates for individuals or children at the county level. The [Poverty Index](#) was created by US Department of Housing and Urban Development to show a combination of the family poverty rate and the percentage of households receiving public assistance.

Geographers and other professionals are interested in analyzing this and other data to talk about issues of equity and access to food, shelter and clothing.

The map above is part of a [story map](#) created by the KGA that explores food insecurity and poverty at the Kentucky, US and world scales. Geographers use this information to see how data changes and interacts at multiple scales. Viewers can make connections and notice patterns at the multiple scales. For example, in Kentucky areas of poverty and food insecurity are scattered throughout the state, but the Kentucky region that has the highest food insecurity and poverty is in the east. Please explore the [story map](#) to experience this data in a multi-media format. Additional data can be added to maps like these for policy makers to understand issues related to food insecurity.