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Slight Decrease in Food Insecurity in the Region
(KAIR) -- A slight decrease in the region of food insecure children.

That's the result of a recent study annually conducted for Second Harvest Food Bank's 19 county service area in Northeast Kansas and Northwest Missouri.

Food security refers to the availability of food and one's access to it. A household is considered food-insecure when its occupants live in hunger or fear of starvation.

Chief Operating Officer Tamara Grubb says the study breaks down into a percentage for each county in the service area.

Some counties are doing well while others still have higher numbers.

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In Andrew County, Missouri, around 16 percent of children are food insecure, compared to 27 percent in Brown County.

In Atchison County, it stands at 21 percent, or 870 children.

Grubb says Second Harvest has plans in place to address the ongoing issue.

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Despite the overall decrease, 22.5 percent of the population under the age of 18 are still food insecure in Missouri, which is equal to 312,440 children, and in Kansas, 22.6 percent of the population under 18, or 160,770, remain food insecure.

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