

# Household food security: Interpreting results

The following survey is adapted from: USDA's *U.S. Household Food Security Survey* (2015). Available at: [www.ers.usda.gov/publications/pub-details/?pubid=79760](http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/pub-details/?pubid=79760).

## Instructions

After the survey is complete:

1. Count the number of people who stayed in place, the number who took one step, the number who took two steps, and so on. Tally these results on the board.
2. Categorize each household as follows:
  - 0-1 steps forward: Food secure
  - 2-4 steps forward: Low food security
  - 5 steps forward: Very low food security
3. Calculate the number and percentage of households that fall under each category. Remember that each student represents roughly 6.25 million households.
  - Food secure:  $17/20$  households = 85%
  - Low food security:  $2/20$  households = 10%
  - Very low food security:  $1/20$  households = 5%
4. Write these results on the board. Explain that the results reflect the actual state of U.S. food security in 2015.