

# Household food security: Survey

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## Instructions

Read the following instructions aloud:

These questions are about the food eaten in your household in the last 12 months, and whether you were able to afford the food you need. I'm going to read you five statements that people have made about their food situation.

1. The first statement is, "The food that we bought just didn't last, and we didn't have money to get more." In the last 12 months:
  - If this was never true, remain standing where you are;
  - If this was ever true, take one step forward.
2. The second statement is, "We couldn't afford to eat balanced meals." In the last 12 months:
  - If this was never true, remain standing where you are;
  - If this was ever true, take one step forward.
3. "We cut the size of meals, or had to skip meals, because there wasn't enough money for food." In the last 12 months:
  - If this was never true, remain standing where you are;
  - If this was ever true, take one step forward;
  - If this was true in more than two months, take an additional step forward.
4. "I ate less than I felt I should because we didn't have enough money for food." In the last 12 months:
  - If this was never true, remain standing where you are;
  - If this was ever true, take two steps forward.
5. "I was hungry but didn't eat because we didn't have enough money for food." In the last 12 months:
  - If this was never true, remain standing where you are;
  - If this was ever true, take two steps forward.

Thank you for participating. Please remain standing while we tally the results.