

Coles County, Illinois

Poverty and Food Insecurity, 2018

Poverty and food insecurity decreased overall but rise for individuals 55 years of age and older.

Poverty

Annual earned income falls below a standard threshold of minimum subsistence for an individual or for a family, depending on the number of adults and children. For these data, the federal poverty threshold for an individual is \$12,060 and \$24,600 for a family of four.

Individuals
21.0%
percent of the total population

Families with Children
22.4%
percent of all families with children

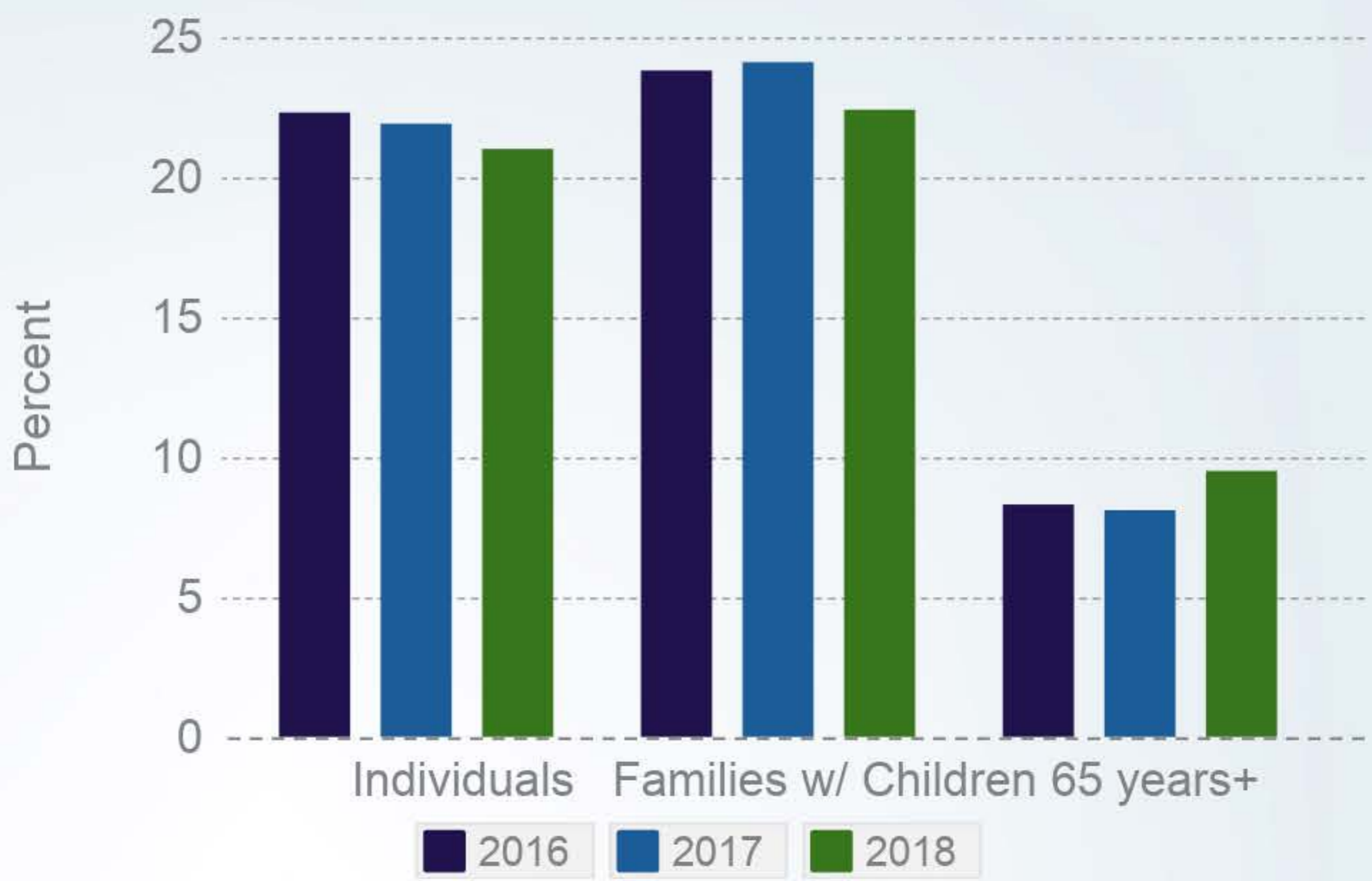
Individuals 55 years and older
9.5%
percent of all individuals 55 years and older

Poverty in Coles County: 2016-2018

Poverty for individuals, overall has decreased from 22.3% in 2016 to 21.0% in 2018.

For families with children, poverty has also nominally decreased to 22.4%, down from 23.8% in 2016 and below the 24.1% of such families in 2017.

The demographic with the highest increases in poverty are those 55 years of age and older. For individuals near retirement age and above, 9.5% are poor; for those 65 years of age and older, 6.7% are poor. These figures are higher than those from 2016 (8.3% and 6.1%, respectively) as well as 2017 (8.1% and 6.2%, respectively)



Food Insecurity

Limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods or limited or uncertain ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways.

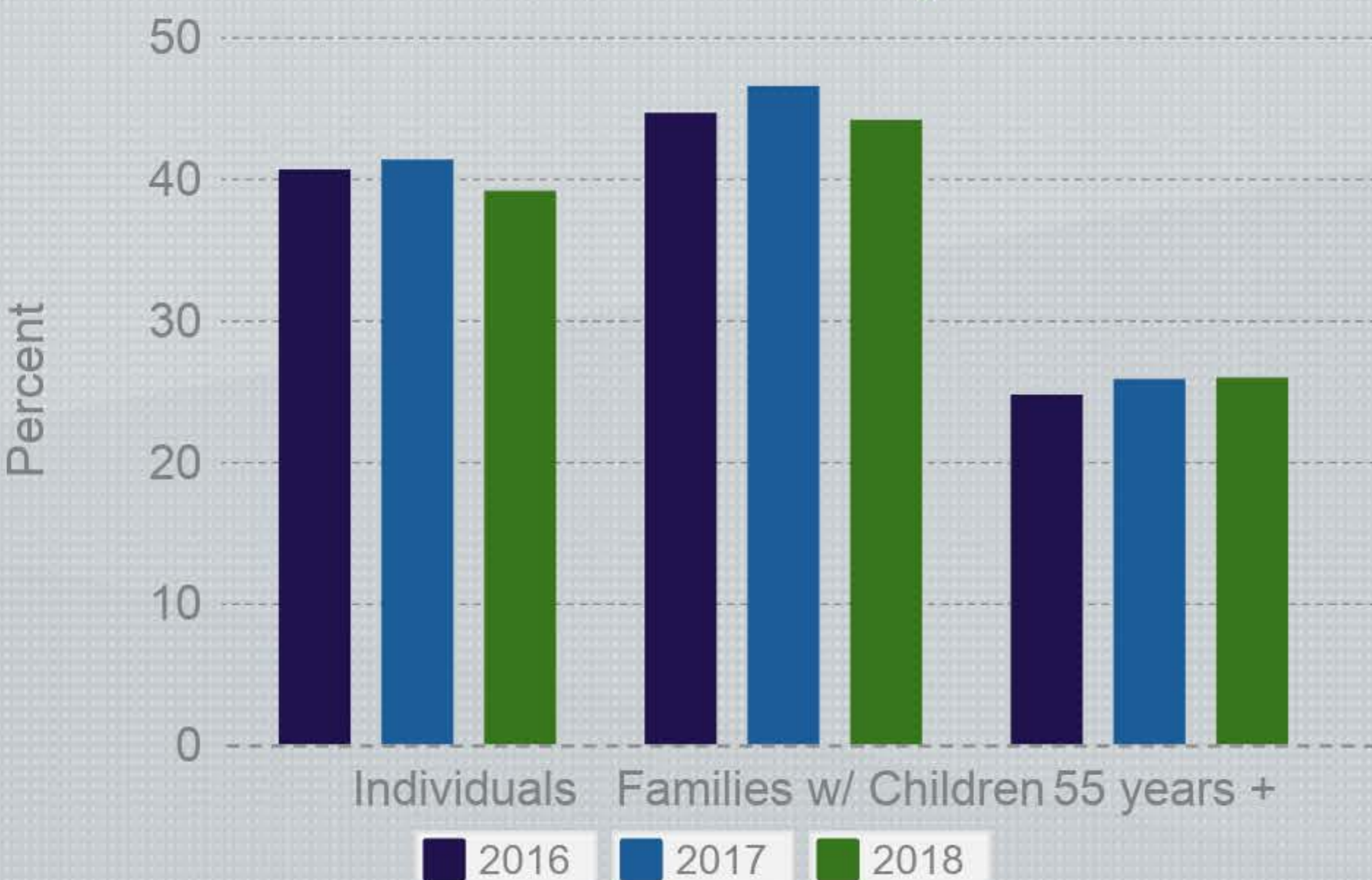
Life Sciences Research Office, Journal of Nutrition Vol. 120, 1990

Individuals
39.1%
percent of the total population

Families with Children
44.1%
percent of all families with children

Individuals 55 years and older
25.9%
percent of individuals 55 years and older

Food Insecurity in Coles County: 2016-2018



185% of Poverty:

The level of income above the Federal Poverty Line where families and individuals remain at-risk of nutritionally inadequate diets, hunger and food insecurity

The risk of food insecurity for individuals, families with children, and those 65 years of age and older have nominally decreased over the past year. In 2018, food insecure individuals dropped 2 percentage points from 41.3% to 39.1%, food insecure families with children decreased 1.5 percentage points to 44.1% from 46.5%, and 25.9% of individuals age 65 and older are food insecure, down nearly 4 percentage points from 29.7% in 2017.

However, if individuals age 55 and older are considered, 2018 has the highest food insecurity level at 25.9% compared to 25.8% in 2017 and 24.7% in 2016.

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