As Thanksgiving is upon us, we thought we would find a graphic that shows food insecurity. It is not just the people that need help on Thanksgiving day or even the families that were thrust into being on long lines seeking food during Covid. Food insecurity is a problem that has plagued the United States for a long time. The richest country in the world yet millions are in need of not just food, but healthy food. The impact on our economy from food related health issues, ranging from malnutrition and obesity to diabetes is staggering. These were among the underlying co-morbidities during COVID. As we “Build Back Better”, the equitable access and distribution to food needs to be incorporated.

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According to Feedamerica.org, "The current crisis is likely to reverse the improvements that have occurred over the past decade, as millions of people are newly experiencing food insecurity, alongside those who were experiencing food insecurity before the COVID-19 crisis began. Nationally more than 50 million people including 17 million children may experience food insecurity because of COVID-19."

For the breakdown by county go to www.feedingamericaaction.org/the-impact-of-coronavirus-on-food-insecurity

Source: feedingamerica.org/research/coronavirus-hunger-research

COVID IN THE U.S.A.: LATEST COUNT

By The New York Times
Updated November 25, 2020, 9:32 A.M. E.T.

Cases 12.6 M+ 178,200 +43%
Deaths 259,845 2,216 +61%


WEIGHTED ECONOMIC INDEX (WEI)

The WEI is an index of ten daily and weekly indicators of real economic activity scaled to align with the four-quarter GDP growth rate.

Source: Authors calculations based on data from Haver Analytics, Redbook Research, Rasmussen Reports, The American Association Railroad and booth Financial Consulting

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