

Example of Results and Analysis using the
USDA's US Household Food Security Survey:

#	Questions:	Answer:	Scale: Affirmative Responses=1 pt.
HH1	Which of these statements best describes the food eaten in your household in the last 12 months: 1. Enough of the kinds of food we want to eat 2. Enough but not always the kinds of food we want 3. Sometimes not enough food 4. Often not enough to eat [0] DK or refused	Sometimes not enough to eat	1
HH2	"I/We worried whether my/our food would run out before I/we got money to buy more." (In the last 12 months) 1. Often True 2. Sometimes True 3. Never True [0] DK or Refused	Sometimes true	1
HH3	"The food that I/we bought just didn't last, and I/we didn't have money to get more." (In the last 12 months) 1. Often True 2. Sometimes True 3. Never True [0] DK or Refused	Often true	1
HH4	"I/we couldn't afford to eat balanced meals." (In the last 12 months) 1. Often True 2. Sometimes True 3. Never True [0] DK or Refused	Often true	1
AD1	In the last 12 months, did you or other adults in your household ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food? 1. Yes 2. No (Skip AD1a) [0] DK (Skip AD1a)	Yes	1
AD1a	How often did this happen? 1. Almost every month 2. Some months but not every month 3. Only 1-2 months [0] DK	Some months but not every month	0
AD2	In the last 12 months, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money for food? 1. Yes 2. No [0] DK	Yes	1
AD3	In the last 12 months, were you ever hungry but didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food? 1. Yes 2. No [0] DK	No	0
AD4	In the last 12 months, did you lose weight because there wasn't enough money for food? 1. Yes 2. No [0] DK	Yes	1
AD5	In the last 12 months, did you or other adults in your household ever not eat for a whole day because there wasn't enough money for food?	No	0

	1. Yes 2. No (Skip AD5a) [0] DK (Skip AD5a)		
AD1a	How often did this happen? 1. Almost every month 2. Some months but not every month 3. Only 1-2 months [0] DK		
CH1	“I/we relied on only a few kinds of low-cost food to feed my/our child/children because I was/we were running out of money to buy food.” 1. Often True 2. Sometimes True 3. Never True [0] DK or Refused	Sometimes true	1
CH2	“I/We couldn’t feed my/our child/children a balanced meal, because I/we couldn’t afford that.” 1. Often True 2. Sometimes True 3. Never True [0] DK or Refused	Often true	1
CH3	“My/our child was/the children were not eating enough because I/we just couldn’t afford enough food.” 1. Often True 2. Sometimes True 3. Never True [0] DK or Refused	Sometimes true	1
CH4	In the last 12 months, did you ever cut the size of your child’s or any of the children’s meals because there wasn’t enough money for food? 1. Yes 2. No [0] DK	No	0
CH5	In the last 12 months, did any child ever skip meals because there wasn’t enough money for food? 1. Yes 2. No (Skip CH5a) [0] DK (Skip CH5a)	No	0
CH5a	How often did this happen? 1. Almost every month 2. Some months but not every month 3. Only 1-2 months [0] DK		
CH6	In the last 12 months, (was your child/were the children ever hungry but you just couldn’t afford more food?) 1. Yes 2. No [0] DK	Yes	1
CH7	In the last 12 months, did you or any of your children ever not eat for a whole day because there wasn’t enough money for food? 1. Yes 2. No [0] DK	No	0

Total Raw Score (Sum of affirmative responses): 11/18 → Very Low Food Security