

## Food Insecure Neighbors in Eastern Massachusetts



**PRE-COVID**

**415,380**

1 in 13 residents

**91,830**

1 in 11 children



**COVID-19**

**658,920**

1 in 8 residents

**177,010**

1 in 6 children

Source: Feeding America, *The Impact of the Coronavirus on Local Food Insecurity*, May 2020.

## Cost of a Meal

**MASSACHUSETTS** ranks as the most expensive state in the country:



**EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS** GBFB's service area has the highest food costs in the state:



Source: Gunderson, C., Dewey, A., Engelhard, E., Strayer, M., & Lapinski, L. (2020). *Map the Meal Gap 2020: A Report on County and Congressional District Food Insecurity and County Food Cost in the United States in 2018*. Produced by Feeding America.



**Nationally the price of groceries grew 2.6% in April 2020**, the biggest increase from one month to the next since 1974.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, April 2020, 1-month analysis table*

## Rising Demand for Food

**GBFB's distribution has increased more than any two-month span in our 40-year history**

Source: The Greater Boston Food Bank.

