

14% of U.S. households struggle to put food on the table

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Last year, 17.4 million households struggled to put food on the table.

That means 14 percent of households either experienced a reduced quality of diet or disrupted eating patterns at some time during the year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said in its annual food security report.

That percentage is 'essentially unchanged' from 2013, the USDA said. This is despite the fact that the economy improved overall during that time period, with the unemployment rate falling from 8 percent in January 2013 to 5.6 percent by the end of 2014, when the USDA conducted its survey.

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