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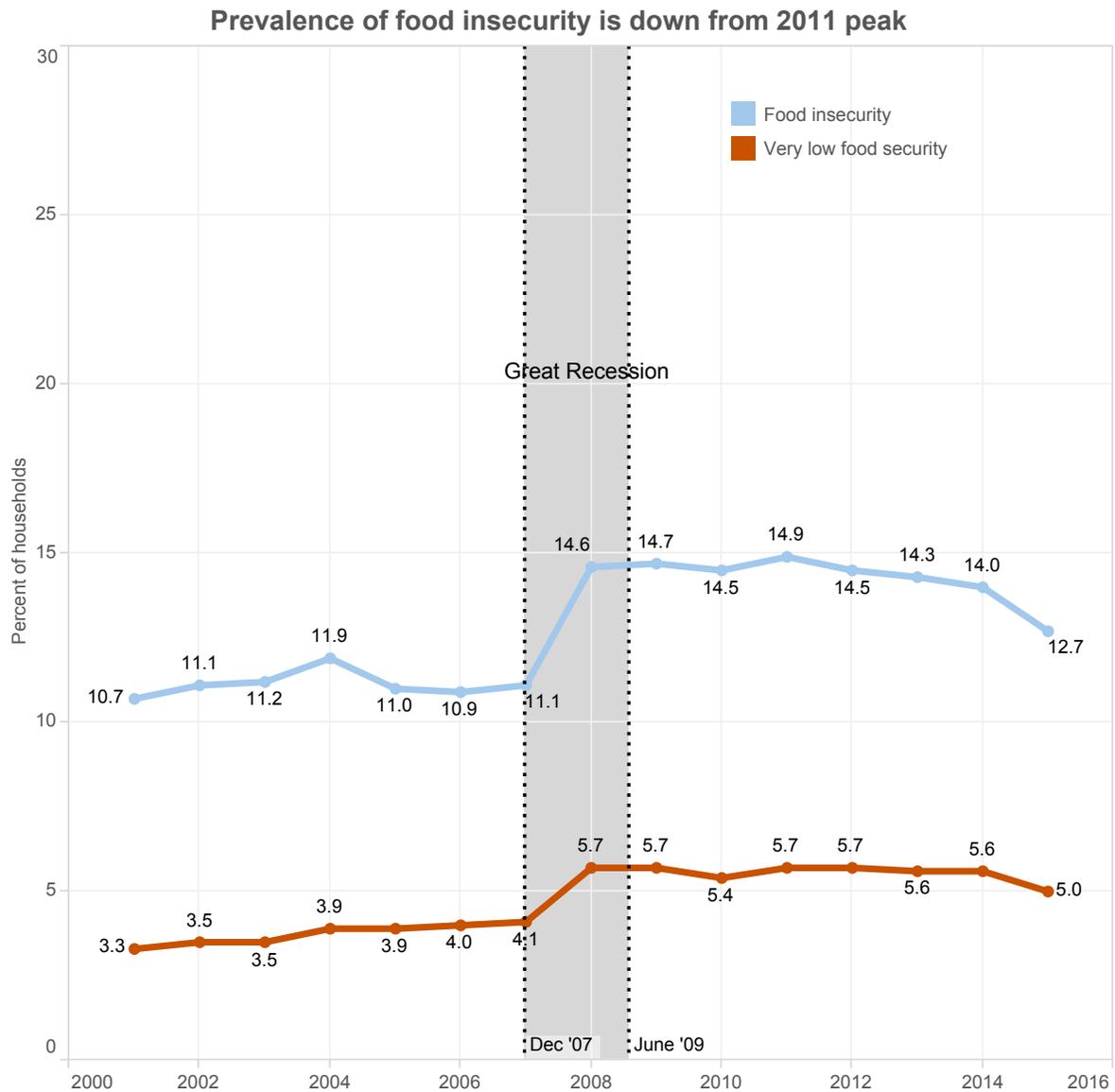
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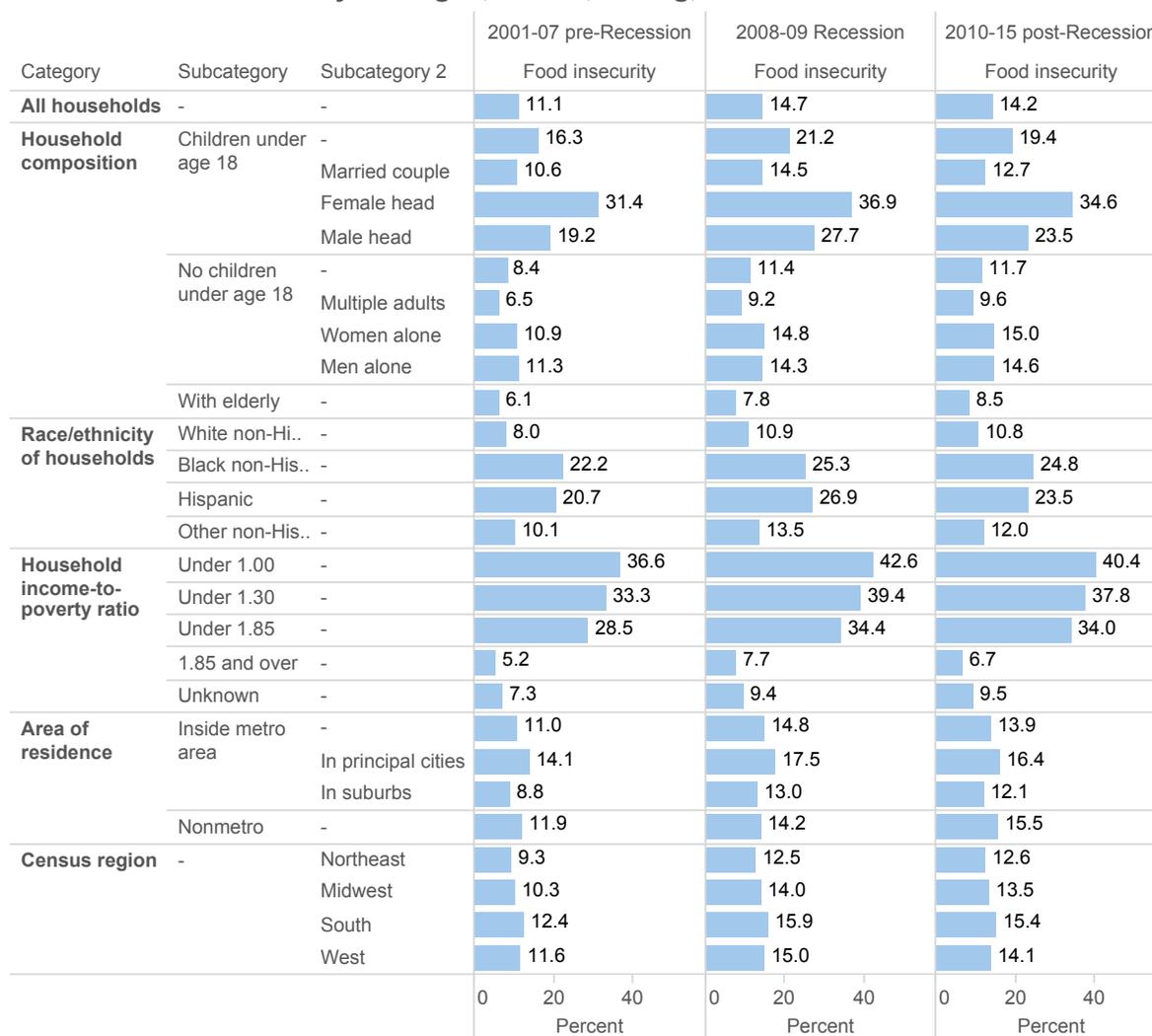


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Very low food security averages, before, during, and after the Recession

Category	Subcategory	Subcategory 2	2001-07 pre-Recession	2008-09 Recession	2010-15 post-Recession
			Very low food security	Very low food security	Very low food security
All households	-	-	3.7	5.7	5.5
Household composition	Children under age 18	-	4.1	6.6	5.7
		Married couple	2.2	4.1	3.3
		Female head	9.2	13.1	11.3
		Male head	5.1	7.8	7.0
	No children under age 18	-	3.5	5.3	5.4
		Multiple adults	2.4	3.9	4.1
		Women alone	4.9	7.6	7.2
		Men alone	5.4	7.0	7.6
	With elderly	-	1.8	2.9	3.1
	Race/ethnicity of households	White non-His..	-	2.8	4.6
Black non-His..		-	7.5	9.7	9.7
Hispanic		-	5.7	9.1	7.4
Other non-His..		-	3.4	5.1	4.8
Household income-to-poverty ratio	Under 1.00	-	13.8	18.9	17.7
	Under 1.30	-	12.3	17.2	16.2
	Under 1.85	-	10.2	14.5	14.1
	1.85 and over	-	1.6	2.7	2.3
	Unknown	-	2.3	3.4	3.6
Area of residence	Inside metro area	-	3.7	5.8	5.4
		In principal cities	5.0	6.7	6.2
		In suburbs	2.9	5.2	4.7
	Nonmetro	-	3.9	5.5	6.1
Census region	-	Northeast	3.1	5.0	4.9
	Midwest	3.6	5.5	5.6	
	South	4.1	6.2	5.9	
	West	3.9	5.8	5.4	

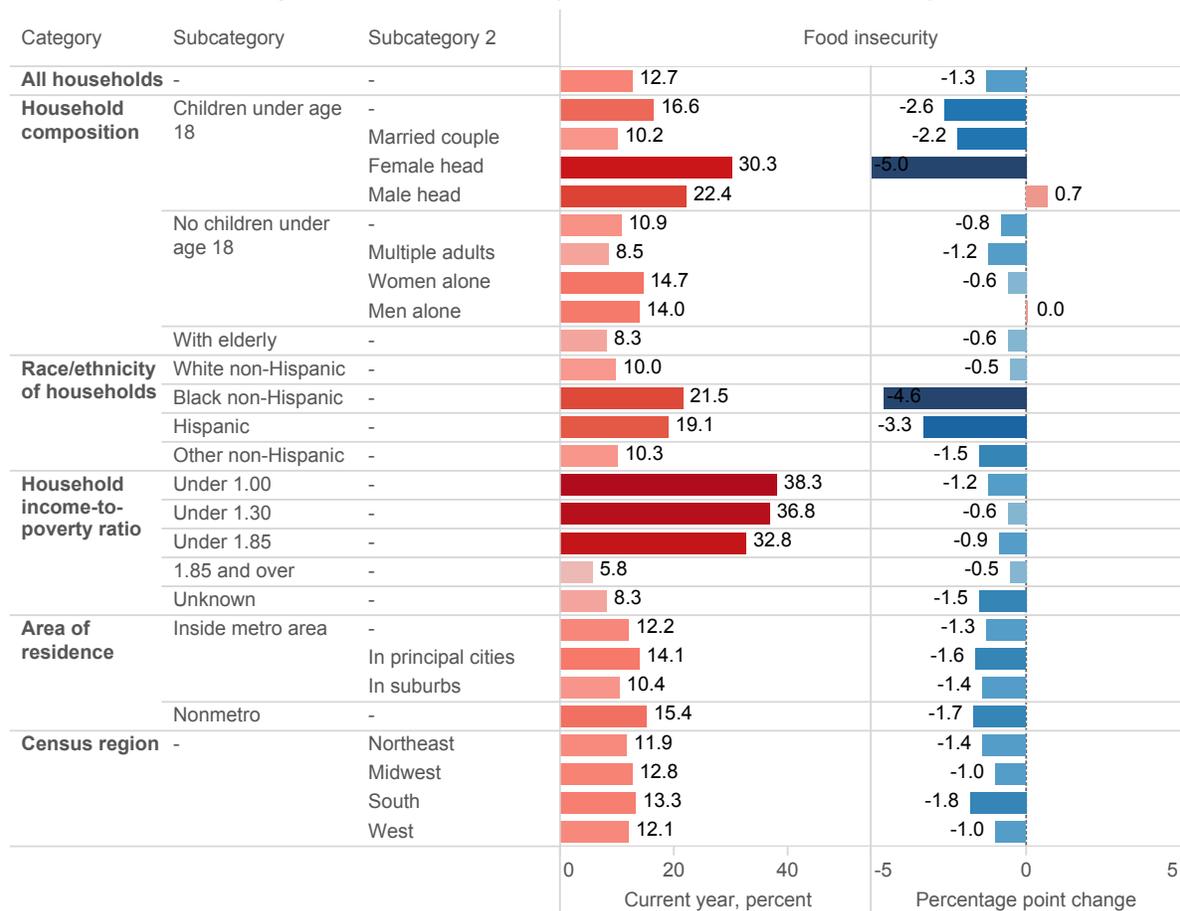
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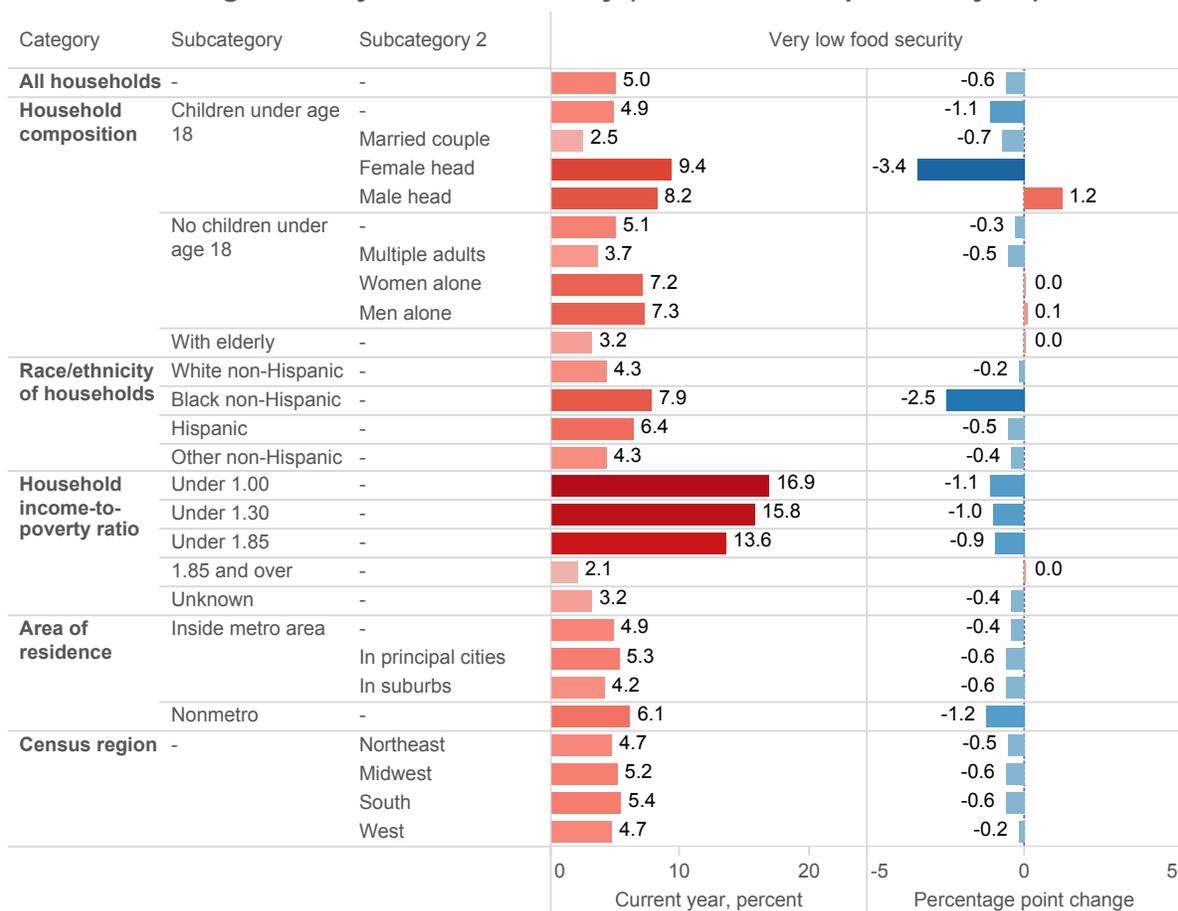
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