

FOOD ACCESS IN ST. LOUIS FOR BLACK MOMS & BABIES

"Families have **easier access to fast food** than farmer's markets."

"Black pregnant and parenting families' access to food is limited...**higher-quality grocery stores won't locate** in low-income neighborhoods."

IN ST. LOUIS, BLACK FAMILIES ARE

2X

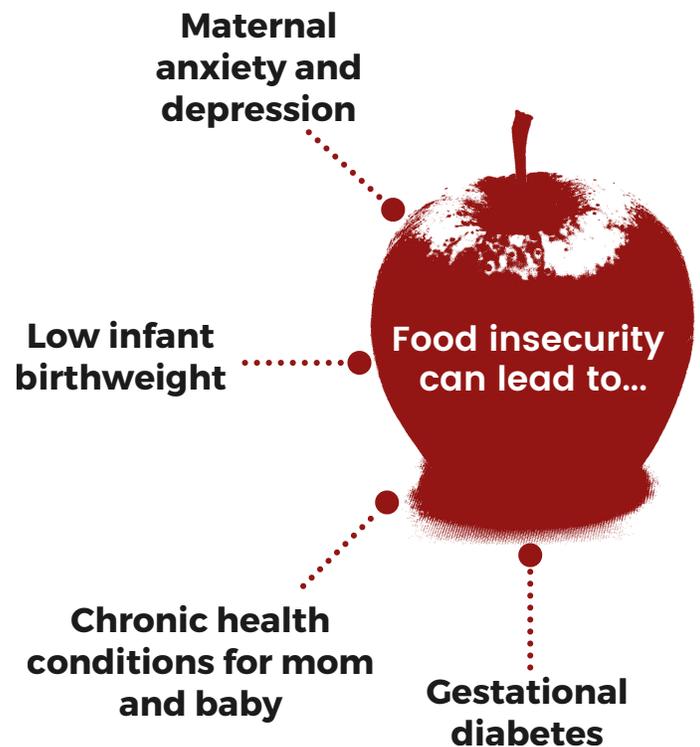
MORE LIKELY AS WHITE RESIDENTS TO LIVE IN AREAS WITH LIMITED ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD.

Food deserts are St. Louis neighborhoods with grocery stores more than 1/2 mile away.



of St. Louis City households experienced food insecurity in 2019

of these households don't qualify for SNAP or WIC



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Expand food assistance programs
- Increase access to quality grocery stores and quality food
- Advocate for economic investment in Black communities
- Support Black farmers, community gardens, and local food banks