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**KEY BOX: WOMAN SHOPPING AT DOLLAR STORE**

NATIONAL HUNGER RATE

NICK FOX

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**ANCHOR: In their latest report, the Department of Agriculture found that the food insecurity rate among United States households in 2009 has risen to its highest point, since the government began tracking the statistic 15 years ago. A household is deemed as food insecure if one or more members of the home were not adequately fed due to a lack of financial resources. In all, 14.7 percent of US households, or about 45 million people, were labeled food insecure last year. And of those households, 6.8 million people were labeled as having very low food security, meaning they had even more dire problems putting food on the table. The report states the people in food insecure households typically had to make adjustments to their diets and went without food for several days a month.**