

# Hunger

**Across Europe and North America, the number of people to have gone hungry increased for the first time since the UN started collecting data in 2014, according to recently published figures. Nearly 9 per cent of people were moderately or severely food insecure in 2020, compared with 7.7 per cent the previous year.**

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**The figures are dwarfed by the levels in less wealthy economies; nearly a third of the world's population did not have access to adequate nutrition in 2020, according to the UN. And unlike poorer countries that lack government protection, most developed countries have state-backed welfare safety nets.**

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