



Hunger in Our Community





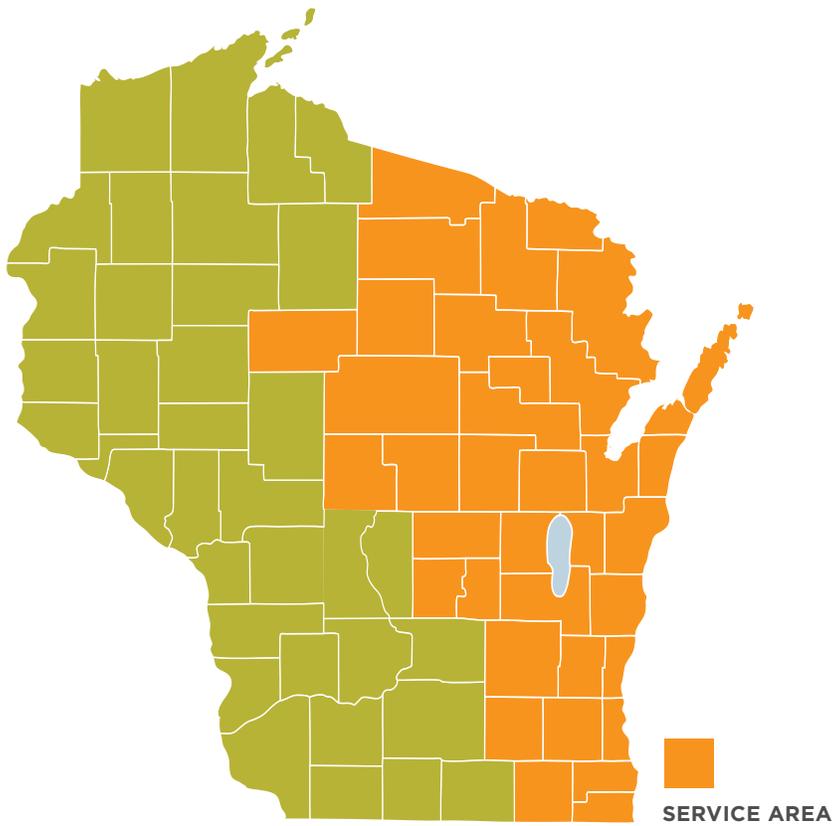
Feeding Eastern Wisconsin

This report provides a snapshot of hunger in eastern Wisconsin. The study documents household demographics and offers a glimpse into the lives of the people that Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin serves — their circumstances, the challenges they face and the choices they make. The statistics presented in this report reveal that the face of hunger is one we might recognize. Many of our neighbors who are seeking food assistance have jobs, raise families and work toward education. Too often, they also have to make difficult choices to provide enough food to feed their families.

Data collected is the result of extensive research and is based on a survey of partner food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters in eastern Wisconsin, and individual interviews with clients of emergency food programs. The Hunger in America study is performed in conjunction with Feeding America.



NETWORK



Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin

DISTRIBUTED FOOD THROUGH

572

PARTNER PROGRAMS

377,200

CLIENTS WERE SERVED

3,006,498

UNIQUE TIMES

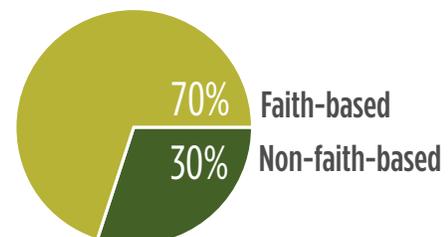


58% of partner programs reported an **increase in clients served** in the last 12 months.

75% of partner programs reported a **heavy reliance on Feeding America's services**.

54% of total food distribution from partner programs **comes from Feeding America**.

Partner Profile

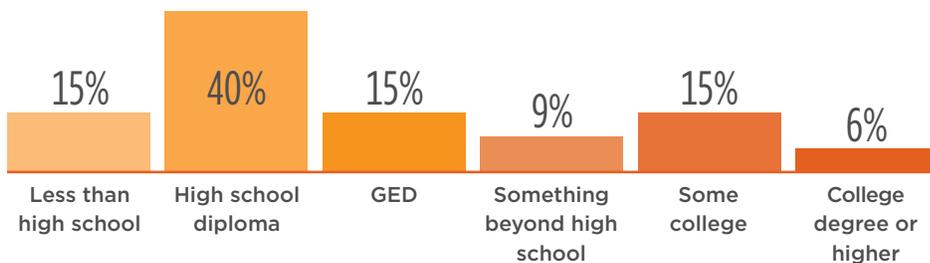


DEMOGRAPHICS

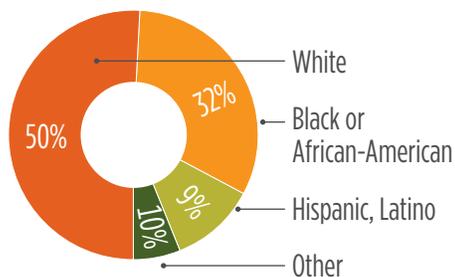
Age



Education

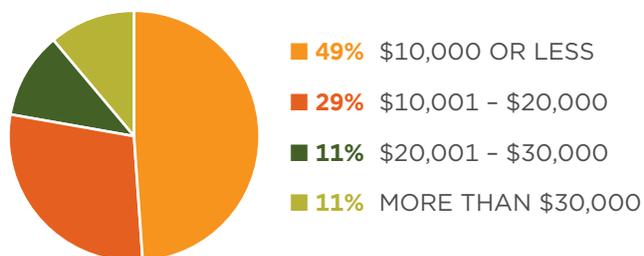


Race



Respondents were allowed to choose more than one race.

Annual Household Income



FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL

\$23,850

per year for a family of four

Employment Status

57%

worked for pay in last 12 months

38%

worked for pay in last 4 weeks

62%

unemployed



CHOICES & STRATEGIES

Food vs. Other Monthly Expenses

IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS:



74%

of households chose between paying for food and **PAYING FOR UTILITIES**



67%

of households chose between paying for food and **PAYING FOR MEDICINE OR MEDICAL CARE**



67%

of households chose between paying for food and **PAYING THEIR RENT OR MORTGAGE**



Coping Strategies

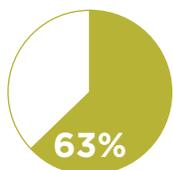
82% are **buying the cheapest food** available regardless of nutrition

56% are **receiving help** from family or friends

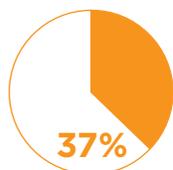
42% are **watering down food** or drinks to make them last longer

28% are **growing food** in a garden

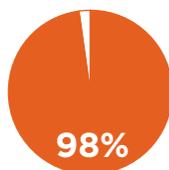
Government Food Assistance



of client households participate in **SNAP (food stamps)**



of client households participate in **the free or reduced-price school breakfast program**



of client households participate in **the free or reduced-price school lunch program**



Together we can solve hunger.



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