

Hunger in America 2010 Eastern Wisconsin Statistics

AGENCY RESEARCH	
Agency surveys mailed	846
Agencies responded for programs	1,073
CLIENT RESEARCH	
Clients randomly interviewed at emergency food programs	356
Emergency Pantries - Clients Interviewed	263
Emergency Pantries - Programs Surveyed	432
Emergency Kitchens - Clients Interviewed	75
Emergency Kitchens - Programs Surveyed	174
Emergency Shelters - Clients Interviewed	18
Emergency Shelters - Programs Surveyed	49
Other Non-Emergency Programs	418
CLIENT PROFILE	
People served each year	329,400
People served each week	48,800
Client Gender - Female/Male Ratio	50% / 50%
Client Age - Between 18 and 64	58%
Client Age - 17 or younger	32%
Client Age - 65 or older	10
CLIENT RACE *multiple responses were accepted for race	
White	66%
African American	27%
Hispanic	5%
Native American	3%
Asian	2%
EMPLOYMENT STATUS	
Working vs. Unemployed (Adults in Household)	27% / 73%
ALL SOURCES OF INCOME FOR PREVIOUS MONTH	
Job	36%
Govt. - Welfare (TANF, General Assistance)	4%
Other Govt. Assistance (Soc. Sec., SSI, Unemployment, Child Care Asst.)	90%
Non-Govt. Asst. (Pension, Alimony, Child Support, Relatives)	29%
No Income	12%
MAIN SOURCE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH	
Employment	31%
Supplemental Social Security Income	5%
Social Security Income	21%
Unemployment	7%
No Income	12%
Clients employed in a Managerial or Professional Job	18%

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EDUCATION	
Have completed college or beyond	4%
Completed noncollege business/trade/technical school	8%
Have some education beyond high school, but not completed college	23%
Have a high school diploma	42%
Have less than a high school education	23%
GOVERNMENT FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION	
Received food stamp benefits	41%
Received free or reduced-price school lunch	65%
DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR, CLIENTS SAY:	
Ate less than they should because did not have enough money to buy food	58%
Were hungry but didn't eat because they couldn't afford food	37%
Didn't eat for a whole day because not enough money for food	21%
ANNUAL INCOME FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL FOR 4 PERSON HOUSEHOLD	
Average household income among all clients in 2009 was	1,000
Percent of client households that had an income of 130% or below the federal poverty level during the previous month	73%
MISSED MEALS	
Adults have missed or cut back on their meals in the past year because they did not have enough money to buy food	54%
Children didn't eat enough in the past year because there was not enough money to buy food	18%
FOOD VS. OTHER EXPENSES	
Had to choose between paying their rent or mortgage and buying food	34%
Had to choose between paying their utilities or heating bills and buying food	41%
Had to choose between paying for medicine or medical care and buying food	32%
TYPE OF AGENCY	
Faith-based or religion affiliated	66%
Private nonprofit	26%
Governmental	2%
Community Action Program (CAP)	2%
Other	4%
AGENCY ESTIMATES OF CHANGE IN # OF CLIENTS FROM 2006 TO 2009	
Emergency Pantries - More Clients	69%
Emergency Kitchens - More Clients	57%
Emergency Shelters - More Clients	64%