

Hunger in America 2010 Wisconsin Statistics

AGENCY RESEARCH	
Agency surveys mailed	1044
Agencies responded for programs	1652
CLIENT RESEARCH	
Clients randomly interviewed at emergency food programs	965
Emergency Pantries - Clients Interviewed	635
Emergency Pantries - Programs Surveyed	641
Emergency Kitchens - Clients Interviewed	275
Emergency Kitchens - Programs Surveyed	228
Emergency Shelters - Clients Interviewed	55
Emergency Shelters - Programs Surveyed	77
Other Non-Emergency Programs	706
CLIENT PROFILE	
People served each year	573,800
People served each week	83,700
Client Gender - Female/Male Ratio	50% / 50%
Client Age - Between 18 and 64	56%
Client Age - 17 or younger	37%
Client Age - 65 or older	7%
CLIENT RACE *multiple responses were accepted for race	
White	69%
African American	23%
Hispanic	5%
Native American	4%
Asian	2%
Other	1%
EMPLOYMENT STATUS	
Working vs. Unemployed (Adults in Household)	32% / 68%
ALL SOURCES OF INCOME FOR PREVIOUS MONTH *multiple responses were accepted	
Job	43%
Govt. - Welfare (TANF, General Assistance)	4%
Other Govt. Assistance (Soc. Sec., SSI, Unemployment, Child Care Asst.)	88%
Non-Govt. Asst. (Pension, Alimony, Child Support, Relatives)	27%
No Income	9%
MAIN SOURCE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH	
Employment	35%
Supplemental Social Security Income	6%
Social Security Income	22%
No Income	9%
Unemployment	7%
Clients employed in a Managerial or Professional Job	17%

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EDUCATION

Have completed college or beyond	5%
Completed noncollege business/trade/technical school	8%
Have some education beyond high school, but not completed college	22%
Have a high school diploma	43%
Have less than a high school education	23%

GOVERNMENT FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Received food stamp benefits	42%
Participated in the WIC program	61%
Received free or reduced-price school lunch	59%

DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR, CLIENTS SAY:

Ate less than they should because did not have enough money to buy food	57%
Were hungry but didn't eat because they couldn't afford food	38%
Didn't eat for a whole day because not enough money for food	20%

ANNUAL INCOME FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL FOR 4 PERSON HOUSEHOLD

Average household income among all clients in 2009 was	\$ 1,150
Percent of client households that had an income of 130% or below the federal poverty level during the previous month	75%

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	53%
Children didn't eat enough in the past year because there was not enough money to buy food	19%

FOOD VS. OTHER EXPENSES

Had to choose between paying their rent or mortgage and buying food	35%
Had to choose between paying their utilities or heating bills and buying food	44%
Had to choose between paying for medicine or medical care and buying food	31%

TYPE OF AGENCY

Faith-based or religion affiliated	60%
Private nonprofit	31%
Governmental	2%
Community Action Program (CAP)	3%
Other	4%

AGENCY ESTIMATES OF CHANGE IN # OF CLIENTS

Emergency Pantries - More Clients	72%
Emergency Kitchens - More Clients	60%
Emergency Shelters - More Clients	64%