

Hunger Statistics



America's Second Harvest—The Nation's Food Bank Network is the nation's largest charitable hunger-relief organization: A Network of more than 200 Member food banks and food-rescue organizations. Serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The America's Second Harvest Network secures and distributes nearly 2 billion pounds of donated food and grocery products annually.



North Carolina Association of America's Second Harvest Members consist of six food banks in North Carolina serving all 100 counties.



Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina - the only six Food Banks in the metrolina area - serving 16 counties in North and South Carolina. In FY2005-2006, Second Harvest Food Bank distributed over 17 million pounds of food and essential grocery items to almost 550 agencies as well as to food banks in 13 counties. Agencies include emergency pantries, soup kitchens, senior programs, shelters and low-income daycares.

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| Pantries, homeless shelters, and soup kitchens serving 25.35 million annually | Pantries, homeless shelters, and soup kitchens serving 1,098,200 annually | Pantries, homeless shelters, and soup kitchens serving 421,486 annually |
| 66% of those households served have incomes below the federal poverty level | 70% of households served have incomes below the federal poverty level | 66% of households served have incomes below the federal poverty level |
| 41% report having to choose between paying for food or paying for utilities or heating fuel | 49% report having to choose between paying for food or paying for utilities or heating fuel | 47% report having to choose between paying for food or paying for utilities or heating fuel |
| 35% report having to choose between paying for food or paying for rent or mortgage | 41% report having to choose between paying for food or paying for rent or mortgage | 51% report having to choose between paying for food or paying for rent or mortgage |
| 32% report choosing between paying for food or paying for medicine or medical care | 38% report choosing between paying for food or paying for medicine or medical care | 39% report choosing between paying for food or paying for medicine or medical care |
| 29% of households report having at least one household member in poor health | 36% of households report having at least one household member in poor health | 34% of households report having at least one household member in poor health |
| 36% of the members of households served have children - 9 million children assisted annually | 29% of the members of households served are children - over 300,000 children assisted annually | 25% of the members of households served are children - over 100,000 children assisted annually |
| 10% of the people served are elderly | 12% of the people served are elderly | 9% of the people served are elderly |
| 12% of the people served are homeless | 10% of the people served are homeless | 12% of the people served are homeless |

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