



Hunger in America 2014

Report for Vermont Foodbank

Franklin County Data



A Report on Charitable Food Distribution in 2013

Table A1 Agency and Program Characteristics

Characteristic	Count	Estimate	Percentage Margin of Error (+/-)
Partner Agency by Type			
Faith-based or located in a religious institution	3	30.0%	27.5%
Not faith-based	7	70.0%	27.5%
Total excluding nonresponse	10	100.0%	.
Number of Programs by Type			
Meal	2	14.3%	17.2%
Grocery	8	57.1%	24.3%
Food-related benefits	0	0%	0%
Non-food	4	28.6%	22.2%
Total excluding nonresponse	14	100.0%	.

	Median	Sum	Margin of Error(+/-)
Agency Staffing			
Agency full-time equivalent staff at time of survey	1	16	19

	Count	Estimate	Margin Of Error(+/-)
Number of agencies with no full-time equivalent staff at time of survey	6	60.0%	29.4%

	Median	Sum	Margin of Error(+/-)
Program Volunteers			
Number of program volunteers (weekly)	4	113	85

	Min	Max	Median
Total volunteer hours per week per program	1	340	12

Average Percentage of Program Volunteers by Age			
18 and younger		9.0%	
19-59		46.5%	
60 and older		44.5%	
Total excluding nonresponse		100%	

	Count	Estimate	Percentage Margin of Error(+/-)
Program Challenges			
Difficulty obtaining volunteers (some or a lot of difficulty)	4	40.0%	29.9%
Difficulty retaining volunteers (some or a lot of difficulty)	3	30.0%	28.0%

Areas of volunteer/staff training needs

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Accessing local food resources	3	30.0%	28.0%
Food safety and sanitation	3	30.0%	28.0%
Advocacy training	4	40.0%	29.9%
Client choice	2	20.0%	24.4%
Food Stamp (SNAP) application assistance and outreach	2	20.0%	24.4%
Fundraising/grant writing	4	40.0%	29.9%
Nonprofit management / board governance	3	30.0%	28.0%
Nutrition education	1	10.0%	18.3%
Social media	4	40.0%	29.9%
Summer feeding	1	10.0%	18.3%
Technology assistance	4	40.0%	29.9%
Volunteer recruitment/retention/staff succession planning	3	30.0%	28.0%

	Count		
	No Volunteers	Half of total volunteers or less	More than half of total volunteers
Source of Program Volunteers			
Connected to Agency	1	4	4
Religious groups	4	4	1
United Way	6	1	0
Other Civic/Nonprofit	5	3	0
Companies or business groups	5	3	0
Kindergarten through 12th grade school programs	3	5	0
Colleges/Universities	5	3	0
Court-ordered community service	4	4	0
Clients	3	6	0
Volunteers connected to food bank	7	1	0
Some Other Source	5	3	1

Average Percentage of Total Program Food Distributed

Franklin	58.3%
Other	1.5%
Donations	13.0%
Purchased	27.2%
Total excluding nonresponse	100.0%

	Count	Percentage	
		Estimate	Margin of Error(+/-)
Program Access to Vehicles			
Owens truck(s), van(s), or car(s) for pickups	1	10.0%	18.3%
Rents/leases truck(s), van(s), or car(s) for pickups	1	10.0%	18.3%
Depends on personal truck(s), van(s), or car(s) of staff or volunteers for pickups	7	70.0%	28.0%
Works with other programs to share the responsibility for pickups	0	0%	0%
Food and groceries are delivered to program	9	90.0%	10.0%

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Program Reported Changes in Demand and Supply in the Past 12 months			
Volume of clients compared to prior year			
Saw any increase	9	90.0%	10.0%
About the same	1	10.0%	18.3%
Saw any decrease	0	0%	0%
Total excluding nonresponse	10	100.0%	.
Food available to meet needs of clients			
More food than needed	1	10.0%	18.3%
Enough food to meet needs	5	50.0%	30.6%
Less food than needed	4	40.0%	29.9%
Total excluding nonresponse	10	100.0%	.
Programs Turning Clients Away in the Past 12 Months			
Programs turning clients away for any reason	1	10.0%	18.3%
Programs turning clients away frequently or occasionally due to			
Program ran out of food	0	0%	0%
Clients came more often than program rules allow	0	0%	0%
Client lived outside the program's service area	0	0%	0%
No ID	0	0%	0%
Income too high	0	0%	0%
Other	1	100.0%	.
Program Restrictions			
Any Type Of Service Restriction	6	60.0%	29.9%
Daily	0	0%	0%
Weekly	0	0%	0%
Monthly	6	60.0%	29.9%
Quarterly/Seasonally	0	0%	0%
Annually	0	0%	0%
Agency Nutrition and Health Services			
Agencies that provide any type of nutrition services	6	60.0%	29.4%
Fliers or written materials	5	50.0%	30.0%
Cooking classes or demonstrations	4	40.0%	29.4%
Nutrition workshops or classes or meetings with dietitians	4	40.0%	29.4%
Referrals	4	40.0%	29.4%
Other	2	20.0%	24.0%
Agencies that do not provide any type of nutrition services	4	40.0%	29.4%
Total excluding nonresponse	10	100.0%	.
For those offering nutrition services how many led by:			
Agency Staff	4	80.0%	20.0%
Agency volunteers	5	100.0%	0.0%
Local nutritionists or other health professionals in partnership	1	25.0%	58.4%

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with agency			
Staff from food bank	1	25.0%	58.4%
Staff from Farm Bureau or Cooperative extension	0	0%	0%
Staff from local colleges/universities	1	25.0%	58.4%
Someone else	1	25.0%	58.4%
Agency Obstacles to Distribution of Healthier Foods			
Client reasons (unwillingness to eat, inability to store, etc.)	5	50.0%	30.0%
Too expensive to purchase healthier foods	9	90.0%	10.0%
Inability to store/handle healthier foods	1	10.0%	18.0%
Lack of knowledge about healthier foods	0	0%	0%
Healthier food not a priority	2	20.0%	24.0%
Inability to obtain healthier foods from other donors/food sources	7	70.0%	27.5%
Agency Services Related to Government Programs			
Agencies that provided any SNAP-related services	6	60.0%	29.4%
Screening for eligibility	4	40.0%	29.4%
Application assistance	6	60.0%	29.4%
Education about the program	6	60.0%	29.4%
Recertification for the program	4	40.0%	29.4%
Agencies that did not provide any SNAP-related services	4	40.0%	29.4%
Total excluding nonresponse	10	100.0%	.
Agency Reasons for Not Offering SNAP Services, Among Agencies Reporting Not Offering Them			
Staff-related issues	3	75.0%	25.0%
Not enough time	2	50.0%	50.0%
Lacking physical space or equipment	3	75.0%	25.0%
SNAP is not part of what this agency does	4	100.0%	0.0%
Other reason	0	0%	0%
Agency Services Related to Other Non-SNAP Programs			
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC)	5	50.0%	30.0%
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program	4	40.0%	29.4%
Medicaid or other health care programs	4	40.0%	29.4%
Supplemental Security income (SSI)	3	30.0%	27.5%
Tax preparation or Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) assistance	2	20.0%	24.0%
Housing assistance like Section 8	4	40.0%	29.4%
Agencies Providing Combinations of Other non-SNAP Program Services			
One non-food service	1	10.0%	18.0%
Two non-food services	0	0%	0%

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Three non-food services	1	10.0%	18.0%
Four or more non-food services	1	10.0%	18.0%
Agency Reductions in the past 12 Months			
Experienced Cutbacks	3	30.0%	27.5%
Cut hours of operation	1	10.0%	18.0%
Lay off staff	2	20.0%	24.0%
Limit the area served	2	20.0%	24.0%
Did not Experience Cutbacks	7	70.0%	27.5%
Total excluding nonresponse	10	100.0%	.
Agencies reporting challenges associated with continuing to provide services			
Not enough money	3	30.0%	27.5%
Not enough food supplies	3	30.0%	27.5%
Not enough paid staff or personnel	2	20.0%	24.0%
Not enough volunteers	3	30.0%	27.5%
Not enough money for transportation	2	20.0%	24.0%
Building or location problems	2	20.0%	24.0%
Not enough leadership	3	30.0%	27.5%
Not enough community support	2	20.0%	24.0%
Community doesn't need this program	0	0%	0%
Count			
	No Funding	Half of total funding or less of total funding	More than half funding or less of total funding
Agency funding			
Government	5	4	0
Individuals	0	7	3
Corporations	6	4	0
Foundations	4	2	1
Religious institutions	1	7	1
Client fees	8	0	0
Other	4	4	1
Percentage			
	Count	Estimate	Margin of Error(+/-)
Program Reliance on Food Bank: Effect if program no longer received food from food bank			
Major effect	7	70.0%	28.0%
Minor effect	3	30.0%	28.0%
No effect at all	0	0%	0%
Total excluding nonresponse	10	100.0%	.

Table A2 Client Counts

	Weekly		Monthly		Annually	
	Duplicated counts	Unduplicated counts	Duplicated counts	Unduplicated counts	Duplicated counts	Unduplicated counts
Total number of individual clients, all programs	900 (+/-400)	700 (+/-300)	3,800 (+/-1,600)	2,400 (+/-1,000)	45,200 (+/-19,500)	6,600 (+/-2,700)
Total number of client households, all programs	300 (+/-100)	300 (+/-100)	1,300 (+/-600)	900 (+/-400)	15,800 (+/-7,700)	2,600 (+/-1,200)
Total number of individual clients by meal and grocery programs						
Meal programs	++	++	++	++	++	++
Grocery Programs	900 (+/-400)	700 (+/-300)	3,800 (+/-1,600)	2,500 (+/-1,000)	45,200 (+/-19,500)	6,700 (+/-2,700)
Total number of individual clients by selected program subtypes (not mutually exclusive)						
Pantries	900	700	3,800	2,400	45,200	6,600
Kitchens	++	++	++	++	++	++
Shelters	++	++	++	++	++	++

Table A3 Characteristics of Clients and their Households

Characteristic	Count	Estimate	Percentage Margin of Error (+/-)
Client Age			
0-5	627	9.8%	5.8%
6-17	1,005	15.8%	12.0%
18-29	1,397	21.9%	7.9%
30-49	1,676	26.3%	11.4%
50-59	406	6.4%	4.1%
60-64	583	9.2%	10.8%
65 or older	672	10.5%	5.1%
Total excluding nonresponse	6,367	100.0%	.
Client Race/Ethnicity			
White Non-Hispanic	++	++	++
Black Non-Hispanic	++	++	++
Hispanic	++	++	++
Other	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++
Household Size			
1 member	++	++	++
2 to 3 members	++	++	++
4 to 6 members	++	++	++
More than 6 members	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++
Primary Language Spoken By Adults at Home			
English	++	++	++
Spanish	++	++	++
Other	++	++	++
Housing			
Non-temporary housing	++	++	++
House or townhouse	337	36.1%	13.4%
Apartment	458	49.1%	10.4%
Mobile home or house trailer	119	12.8%	10.8%
Other	++	++	++
Temporary housing	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++
Households without access to stove, microwave or hot plate	++	++	++
Households without access to refrigeration	++	++	++
Housing payment arrangements (non-temporary housing)			
Own with Mortgage	++	++	++

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Characteristic	Count	Estimate	Percentage Margin of Error (+/-)
Own free and clear	++	++	++
Rent or Lease	++	++	++
Do not have to pay rent	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++
Respondents lived at least two places in the past 12 months	173	18.4%	21.8%
Respondents started living with another person or family	188	20.5%	17.2%
Respondents experienced foreclosure or eviction in the past five years	102	11.3%	11.1%
Education			
Household Highest Education Level			
Less than high school	++	++	++
High school diploma	++	++	++
General equivalency diploma or GED	++	++	++
Business, trade, or technical license, certificate, or degree beyond high school	++	++	++
Some college beyond high school or a 2-year college degree	++	++	++
Four-year college degree or higher	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++
Client Education level			
Less than high school	++	++	++
High school diploma	++	++	++
General equivalency diploma or GED	++	++	++
Business, trade, or technical license, certificate, or degree beyond high school	++	++	++
Some college beyond high school or a 2-year college degree	++	++	++
Four-year college degree or higher	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++
Military Service			
No household member has ever served	++	++	++
At least one household member has served	++	++	++
Not currently serving	++	++	++
Household member currently serving	++	++	++
Unknown if currently serving	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++
Household Employment (of the person who worked the most in the past 12 months; in some households, this person may not be working)			
Work Status			
Worked for pay in the last 4 weeks	181	19.4%	13.1%
Worked for pay in the last 12 months	359	38.6%	24.4%
Currently out of work	749	80.6%	13.1%
Currently out of work, but actively looking in the last 4 weeks	292	31.0%	12.2%

Table A3 Characteristics of Clients and their Households

Characteristic	Count	Estimate	Percentage Margin of Error (+/-)
Hours worked per week, among persons who worked the most in the household			
1-10 hours per week	++	++	++
11-20 hours per week	++	++	++
21-30 hours per week	++	++	++
31-40 hours per week	++	++	++
Over 40 hours per week	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++
Time out of work, among households where previously most employed person is not working			
Less than 1 month	++	++	++
1-6 months	++	++	++
7-12 months	++	++	++
More than 1 year	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++
Out of the workforce, in the past 4 weeks, and not looking for work because			
Retired	148	32.3%	20.7%
Disabled/poor health; caretaker for another person	224	49.1%	25.2%
Other	85	18.6%	19.6%
Total excluding nonresponse	457	100.0%	.
Potential Barriers and Bridges to Employment			
Respondent responsible for grandchildren in household	67	7.4%	8.6%
Household member(s) released from prison in the past 12 months	++	++	++
Adult client student status			
Full-time student(s)	++	++	++
Part-time student(s)	++	++	++
Health, Health Insurance, and Medical Bills			
Household: Health status of respondent			
Excellent	++	++	++
Very good	++	++	++
Good	++	++	++
Fair	++	++	++
Poor	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++
Household member in poor health	114	13.6%	13.1%
Household member with diabetes	281	31.9%	15.8%
Household member with high blood pressure	479	52.9%	26.6%
Household: no member has health insurance	65	7.1%	6.7%
Household with unpaid medical bills	296	32.7%	12.3%

Table A3 Characteristics of Clients and their Households

Characteristic	Count	Estimate	Percentage Margin of Error (+/-)
Income			
Household Annual Income			
\$0	++	++	++
\$1 - \$10,000	++	++	++
\$10,001 - \$20,000	++	++	++
\$20,001 - \$30,000	++	++	++
More than \$30,000	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++
Household Annual Income as % of Poverty Level			
0% (no income)	++	++	++
1% - 50%	++	++	++
51% - 75%	++	++	++
76% - 100%	++	++	++
101% - 130%	++	++	++
131% - 150%	++	++	++
151% - 185%	++	++	++
186% or higher	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++
Household Monthly Income			
\$0	++	++	++
\$1 - \$1,000	++	++	++
\$1,001 - \$2,000	++	++	++
\$2,001 - \$3,000	++	++	++
More than \$3,000	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++
Households living in poverty	586	72.5%	11.7%

Table A4 Clients Use of Food Assistance

Characteristic	Count	Percentage	
		Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)
Food Security			
Food secure	111	11.8%	7.4%
Food insecure	829	88.2%	7.4%
Total excluding nonresponse	940	100.0%	.
Spending Tradeoffs			
Choose between paying for food and paying for other expenses (ever in the past 12 months)			
Medicine/medical care	546	58.1%	14.8%
Utilities	568	63.2%	10.9%
Housing	518	56.9%	11.9%
Transportation	776	82.7%	10.4%
Education	154	17.5%	8.2%
Choice of food versus medical care			
Every month	151	16.1%	5.9%
Sometimes	395	42.0%	19.4%
Never	394	41.9%	14.8%
Total excluding nonresponse	940	100.0%	.
Choice of food versus utilities			
Every month	113	12.6%	6.9%
Sometimes	456	50.7%	12.9%
Never	330	36.8%	10.9%
Total excluding nonresponse	899	100.0%	.
Choice of food versus housing			
Every month	88	9.7%	9.1%
Sometimes	429	47.2%	13.0%
Never	391	43.1%	11.9%
Total excluding nonresponse	909	100.0%	.
Choice of food versus transportation			
Every month	343	36.6%	10.9%
Sometimes	433	46.2%	12.3%
Never	162	17.3%	10.4%
Total excluding nonresponse	938	100.0%	.
Choice of food versus education			
Every month	++	++	++
Sometimes	++	++	++
Never	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++

Table A4 Clients Use of Food Assistance

Characteristic	Count	Percentage	
		Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)
Household SNAP Participation			
Currently receiving SNAP	645	68.7%	16.1%
Not currently receiving SNAP	295	31.3%	16.1%
Never Applied	++	++	++
Have Applied	++	++	++
Unknown	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	940	100.0%	.
Time to exhaustion of benefits for households receiving SNAP			
1 Week or less	++	++	++
2 Weeks	++	++	++
3 Weeks	++	++	++
4 Weeks	++	++	++
More than 4 Weeks	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++
Potential SNAP income eligibility among client households not receiving SNAP			
Not income-eligible	++	++	++
Potentially income-eligible	201	73.3%	26.7%
At 130% threshold	157	57.3%	40.9%
At higher broad-based categorical eligibility (BBCE) threshold	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	274	100.0%	.
Reasons for not Applying for SNAP, among households that have never applied			
Didn't think eligible	81	100.0%	0.0%
Personal reasons	++	++	++
Too difficult to apply	++	++	++
Never Heard of Program	++	++	++
Other	++	++	++
Other Program Participation			
Household participation in programs targeted at school-aged children (ages 5-18)			
Free or reduced-price school lunch programs	165	91.6%	8.4%
Free or reduced-price school breakfast programs	123	68.1%	23.5%
Afterschool snack or meal programs	++	++	++
BackPack weekend food programs	++	++	++
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (among all households)	174	19.2%	7.1%

Table A4 Clients Use of Food Assistance

Characteristic	Count	Percentage	
		Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)
Households participating in at least one child nutrition program			
One program	459	48.9%	13.9%
Two or more programs	263	28.0%	14.1%
Strategies for Food Assistance			
I usually wait to come to this program until I run out of food	406	46.9%	25.6%
I plan to get food here on a regular basis	461	53.1%	25.6%
Total excluding nonresponse	867	100.0%	.
Top Products Desired by Clients but Not Currently Receiving at Program			
Beverages such as water or juice	++	++	++
Dairy products such as milk, cheese or yogurt	465	51.9%	14.0%
Fresh fruits and vegetables	515	57.5%	9.6%
Grains such as bread or pasta	201	22.4%	12.7%
Non-food items like shampoo, soap, or diapers	225	25.1%	12.6%
Nothing	++	++	++
Other foods or products	++	++	++
Protein food items like meats	521	58.2%	15.9%
This is my first time coming to this program	++	++	++
Coping Strategies			
Types of household coping strategies used in the past 12 months			
Eaten food past expiration date	451	48.0%	12.2%
Grew food in garden	289	31.3%	4.6%
Sold or pawned personal property	237	26.0%	15.6%
Purchased food in dented or damaged packages	557	59.4%	11.0%
Purchased inexpensive, unhealthy food	874	94.0%	3.2%
Received help from family or friends	579	61.7%	10.6%
Watered down food or drinks	466	49.7%	15.7%
Number of household coping strategies used			
None	++	++	++
1	++	++	++
2	++	++	++
3 or more	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++