



Hunger in America 2014

Report for Vermont Foodbank

Orange 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	6	27.3%	16.0%
Not faith-based	16	72.7%	16.0%
Total excluding nonresponse	22	100.0%	.
Number of Programs by Type			
Meal	10	19.2%	9.2%
Grocery	18	34.6%	11.2%
Food-related benefits	2	3.8%	4.5%
Non-food	22	42.3%	11.6%
Total excluding nonresponse	52	100.0%	.

	Median	Sum	Margin of Error(+/-)
Agency Staffing			
Agency full-time equivalent staff at time of survey	4	84	52

	Count	Estimate	Margin Of Error(+/-)
Number of agencies with no full-time equivalent staff at time of survey	13	59.1%	17.7%

	Median	Sum	Margin of Error(+/-)
Program Volunteers			
Number of program volunteers (weekly)	3	628	446

	Min	Max	Median
Total volunteer hours per week per program	0	460	15

Average Percentage of Program Volunteers by Age			
18 and younger		8.3%	
19-59		44.6%	
60 and older		47.1%	
Total excluding nonresponse		100%	

	Count	Estimate	Percentage Margin of Error(+/-)
Program Challenges			
Difficulty obtaining volunteers (some or a lot of difficulty)	4	19.0%	15.1%
Difficulty retaining volunteers (some or a lot of difficulty)	4	19.0%	15.1%

Areas of volunteer/staff training needs

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Accessing local food resources	7	26.9%	15.2%
Food safety and sanitation	12	46.2%	17.0%
Advocacy training	2	7.7%	9.1%
Client choice	2	8.3%	9.9%
Food Stamp (SNAP) application assistance and outreach	1	3.8%	6.6%
Fundraising/grant writing	4	16.0%	12.8%
Nonprofit management / board governance	4	16.0%	12.8%
Nutrition education	10	37.0%	16.2%
Social media	4	16.0%	12.8%
Summer feeding	2	8.0%	9.5%
Technology assistance	5	20.0%	14.0%
Volunteer recruitment/retention/staff succession planning	5	20.8%	14.5%

	Count		
	No Volunteers	Half of total volunteers or less	More than half of total volunteers
Source of Program Volunteers			
Connected to Agency	2	7	6
Religious groups	7	5	7
United Way	11	0	0
Other Civic/Nonprofit	9	2	0
Companies or business groups	8	3	0
Kindergarten through 12th grade school programs	10	3	0
Colleges/Universities	8	3	0
Court-ordered community service	7	4	0
Clients	8	5	0
Volunteers connected to food bank	10	0	0
Some Other Source	5	5	0

Average Percentage of Total Program Food Distributed

Orange	62.9%
Other	0.3%
Donations	8.2%
Purchased	28.6%
Total excluding nonresponse	100.0%

Characteristic	Count	Percentage	
		Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)
Program Access to Vehicles			
Owens truck(s), van(s), or car(s) for pickups	2	13.3%	16.0%
Rents/leases truck(s), van(s), or car(s) for pickups	0	0%	0%
Depends on personal truck(s), van(s), or car(s) of staff or volunteers for pickups	14	77.8%	17.5%
Works with other programs to share the responsibility for pickups	2	14.3%	17.2%
Food and groceries are delivered to program	14	66.7%	18.2%

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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	13	50.0%	17.1%
About the same	9	34.6%	16.3%
Saw any decrease	4	15.4%	12.3%
Total excluding nonresponse	26	100.0%	.
Food available to meet needs of clients			
More food than needed	3	12.0%	11.3%
Enough food to meet needs	18	72.0%	15.7%
Less food than needed	4	16.0%	12.8%
Total excluding nonresponse	25	100.0%	.
Programs Turning Clients Away in the Past 12 Months			
Programs turning clients away for any reason	3	11.5%	10.9%
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	2	66.7%	33.3%
Client lived outside the program's service area	2	66.7%	33.3%
No ID	0	0%	0%
Income too high	0	0%	0%
Other	0	0%	0%
Program Restrictions			
Any Type Of Service Restriction	9	32.1%	15.3%
Daily	1	3.6%	6.1%
Weekly	4	14.3%	11.5%
Monthly	4	14.3%	11.5%
Quarterly/Seasonally	0	0%	0%
Annually	0	0%	0%
Agency Nutrition and Health Services			
Agencies that provide any type of nutrition services	13	59.1%	17.7%
Fliers or written materials	11	50.0%	18.0%
Cooking classes or demonstrations	7	31.8%	16.7%
Nutrition workshops or classes or meetings with dietitians	7	31.8%	16.7%
Referrals	10	45.5%	17.9%
Other	5	22.7%	15.1%
Agencies that do not provide any type of nutrition services	9	40.9%	17.7%
Total excluding nonresponse	22	100.0%	.
For those offering nutrition services how many led by:			
Agency Staff	9	69.2%	23.1%
Agency volunteers	9	75.0%	22.9%
Local nutritionists or other health professionals in partnership	4	36.4%	27.0%

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with agency			
Staff from food bank	0	0%	0%
Staff from Farm Bureau or Cooperative extension	0	0%	0%
Staff from local colleges/universities	0	0%	0%
Someone else	4	33.3%	24.9%
Agency Obstacles to Distribution of Healthier Foods			
Client reasons (unwillingness to eat, inability to store, etc.)	10	47.6%	18.5%
Too expensive to purchase healthier foods	10	47.6%	18.5%
Inability to store/handle healthier foods	6	30.0%	17.5%
Lack of knowledge about healthier foods	0	0%	0%
Healthier food not a priority	2	10.0%	11.4%
Inability to obtain healthier foods from other donors/food sources	6	27.3%	16.0%
Agency Services Related to Government Programs			
Agencies that provided any SNAP-related services	11	50.0%	18.0%
Screening for eligibility	4	18.2%	13.9%
Application assistance	8	36.4%	17.3%
Education about the program	10	45.5%	17.9%
Recertification for the program	5	22.7%	15.1%
Agencies that did not provide any SNAP-related services	11	50.0%	18.0%
Total excluding nonresponse	22	100.0%	.
Agency Reasons for Not Offering SNAP Services, Among Agencies Reporting Not Offering Them			
Staff-related issues	3	37.5%	34.1%
Not enough time	2	28.6%	35.4%
Lacking physical space or equipment	2	28.6%	35.4%
SNAP is not part of what this agency does	8	72.7%	25.0%
Other reason	2	28.6%	35.4%
Agency Services Related to Other Non-SNAP Programs			
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC)	7	31.8%	16.7%
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program	4	18.2%	13.9%
Medicaid or other health care programs	9	40.9%	17.7%
Supplemental Security income (SSI)	6	27.3%	16.0%
Tax preparation or Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) assistance	4	18.2%	13.9%
Housing assistance like Section 8	7	31.8%	16.7%
Agencies Providing Combinations of Other non-SNAP Program Services			
One non-food service	2	9.1%	10.3%
Two non-food services	1	4.5%	7.5%

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Three non-food services	0	0%	0%
Four or more non-food services	5	22.7%	15.1%
Agency Reductions in the past 12 Months			
Experienced Cutbacks	3	13.6%	12.3%
Cut hours of operation	2	9.1%	10.3%
Lay off staff	0	0%	0%
Limit the area served	1	4.8%	7.9%
Did not Experience Cutbacks	19	86.4%	12.3%
Total excluding nonresponse	22	100.0%	.
Agencies reporting challenges associated with continuing to provide services			
Not enough money	0	0%	0%
Not enough food supplies	0	0%	0%
Not enough paid staff or personnel	0	0%	0%
Not enough volunteers	0	0%	0%
Not enough money for transportation	0	0%	0%
Building or location problems	0	0%	0%
Not enough leadership	0	0%	0%
Not enough community support	0	0%	0%
Community doesn't need this program	0	0%	0%
Count			
	No Funding	Half of total	More than half
		funding or less	of total funding
Agency funding			
Government	12	4	4
Individuals	0	8	11
Corporations	11	5	0
Foundations	9	7	0
Religious institutions	8	10	0
Client fees	11	4	1
Other	8	7	0
		Percentage	
	Count	Estimate	Margin of Error(+/-)
Program Reliance on Food Bank: Effect if program no longer received food from food bank			
Major effect	19	76.0%	14.9%
Minor effect	6	24.0%	14.9%
No effect at all	0	0%	0%
Total excluding nonresponse	25	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	2,200 (+/-2,700)	2,100 (+/-2,500)	9,700 (+/-11,800)	8,200 (+/-10,400)	116,100 (+/-142,000)	22,700 (+/-28,800)
Total number of client households, all programs	800 (+/-1,000)	700 (+/-900)	3,400 (+/-4,300)	2,700 (+/-3,500)	40,900 (+/-51,000)	7,500 (+/-9,700)
Total number of individual clients by meal and grocery programs						
Meal programs	0 (+/-100)	0 (+/-0)	200 (+/-300)	0 (+/-100)	2,300 (+/-3,900)	100 (+/-100)
Grocery Programs	2,200 (+/-2,700)	2,100 (+/-2,500)	9,500 (+/-11,800)	8,200 (+/-10,400)	113,800 (+/-141,900)	22,700 (+/-28,900)
Total number of individual clients by selected program subtypes (not mutually exclusive)						
Pantry	2,200	2,100	9,500	8,200	113,800	22,700

Table A3 Characteristics of Clients and their Households

Characteristic	Count	Estimate	Percentage Margin of Error (+/-)
Client Age			
0-5	2,133	9.6%	3.2%
6-17	4,836	21.7%	10.4%
18-29	4,415	19.8%	0.8%
30-49	6,041	27.1%	2.5%
50-59	1,507	6.7%	0.8%
60-64	1,921	8.6%	2.8%
65 or older	1,475	6.6%	1.7%
Total excluding nonresponse	22,327	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	473	17.6%	8.1%
Apartment	1,323	49.3%	1.9%
Mobile home or house trailer	886	33.0%	9.9%
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	811	30.0%	11.5%
Respondents started living with another person or family	++	++	++
Respondents experienced foreclosure or eviction in the past five years	++	++	++
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	1,406	52.1%	0.9%
Worked for pay in the last 12 months	1,697	62.9%	3.7%
Currently out of work	1,291	47.9%	0.9%
Currently out of work, but actively looking in the last 4 weeks	++	++	++

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	++	++	++
Disabled/poor health; caretaker for another person	++	++	++
Other	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++
Potential Barriers and Bridges to Employment			
Respondent responsible for grandchildren in household	++	++	++
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	803	33.0%	2.6%
Household member with diabetes	502	18.6%	4.8%
Household member with high blood pressure	1,008	41.2%	5.2%
Household: no member has health insurance	++	++	++
Household with unpaid medical bills	1,412	52.4%	11.5%

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	1,148	50.8%	9.0%

Table A4 Clients Use of Food Assistance

Characteristic	Count	Percentage	
		Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)
Food Security			
Food secure	274	11.6%	3.1%
Food insecure	2,092	88.4%	3.1%
Total excluding nonresponse	2,366	100.0%	.
Spending Tradeoffs			
Choose between paying for food and paying for other expenses (ever in the past 12 months)			
Medicine/medical care	2,060	76.4%	17.2%
Utilities	1,887	75.2%	16.6%
Housing	1,502	64.7%	1.3%
Transportation	2,154	79.9%	2.4%
Education	825	30.6%	9.2%
Choice of food versus medical care			
Every month	583	21.6%	7.1%
Sometimes	1,476	54.7%	10.2%
Never	637	23.6%	17.2%
Total excluding nonresponse	2,697	100.0%	.
Choice of food versus utilities			
Every month	619	24.7%	1.7%
Sometimes	1,267	50.5%	17.8%
Never	621	24.8%	16.6%
Total excluding nonresponse	2,507	100.0%	.
Choice of food versus housing			
Every month	++	++	++
Sometimes	++	++	++
Never	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++
Choice of food versus transportation			
Every month	860	31.9%	2.7%
Sometimes	1,293	48.0%	4.8%
Never	543	20.1%	2.4%
Total excluding nonresponse	2,697	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	1,472	54.6%	13.2%
Not currently receiving SNAP	1,225	45.4%	13.2%
Never Applied	++	++	++
Have Applied	++	++	++
Unknown	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	2,697	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	249	20.3%	2.2%
Potentially income-eligible	974	79.7%	2.2%
At 130% threshold	816	66.7%	7.1%
At higher broad-based categorical eligibility (BBCE) threshold	158	12.9%	7.5%
Total excluding nonresponse	1,222	100.0%	.
Reasons for not Applying for SNAP, among households that have never applied			
Didn't think eligible	379	42.9%	0.6%
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	550	100.0%	0.0%
Free or reduced-price school breakfast programs	++	++	++
Afterschool snack or meal programs	++	++	++
BackPack weekend food programs	++	++	++
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (among all households)	++	++	++

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Characteristic	Count	Percentage	
		Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)
Households participating in at least one child nutrition program			
One program	936	34.7%	12.2%
Two or more programs	794	29.5%	2.2%
Strategies for Food Assistance			
I usually wait to come to this program until I run out of food	584	22.4%	3.5%
I plan to get food here on a regular basis	2,026	77.6%	3.5%
Total excluding nonresponse	2,610	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	1,145	43.8%	5.2%
Fresh fruits and vegetables	1,622	62.0%	5.3%
Grains such as bread or pasta	++	++	++
Non-food items like shampoo, soap, or diapers	563	21.5%	6.5%
Nothing	++	++	++
Other foods or products	++	++	++
Protein food items like meats	1,387	53.0%	4.7%
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	1,966	75.2%	2.8%
Grew food in garden	499	19.1%	5.0%
Sold or pawned personal property	1,221	51.6%	4.5%
Purchased food in dented or damaged packages	1,736	73.4%	5.2%
Purchased inexpensive, unhealthy food	2,075	87.7%	6.8%
Received help from family or friends	1,361	52.0%	3.4%
Watered down food or drinks	1,032	39.4%	5.1%
Number of household coping strategies used			
None	++	++	++
1	++	++	++
2	++	++	++
3 or more	++	++	++
Total excluding nonresponse	++	++	++