



Hunger in America 2014 – HPFB Summary

Unduplicated clients

10,600 unique clients served in a typical week

91,900 unique clients served annually

- 20,200 of this number were children (or 24%)
- 18,100 of this number were seniors (or 22%)

Key take-away: 1 in 5 individuals in the Texas Panhandle received assistance from HPFB in the past 12 months

Unduplicated households

3,100 times in a typical week

28,100 times annually

Duplicated clients

12,100 times in a typical week

630,900 times annually

Key take-away: clients are visiting our partner agencies for food assistance at least 7 times per year

Duplicated households

3,800 times in a typical week

200,400 times annually

Food Security/Insecurity (of those that HPFB serves)

Estimated 69% of households are food insecure in a given month

Estimated 31% of households are food secure

Income and Poverty (of those that HPFB serves)

Estimated 8% of households have no income

Estimated 75% have annual incomes \$1-\$20,000

Key take-away: estimated 79% of client households (those that we serve) fall at or below federal poverty level

Health (of those that HPFB serves)

Estimated 28% households have at least one member with diabetes

Estimated 46% households report having at least one member with high blood pressure

Estimated 41% of households report having no health insurance of any kind for any member

Key take-away: Estimated 72% of households report having to choose between paying for food and paying for medicine or medical care at least once in the past twelve months

Coping Strategies and Spending Trade-offs

Estimated 77% of households reported choosing between paying for food and paying for utilities in the past 12 months

Estimated 79% of households reported choosing between paying for food and paying for transportation in the past 12 months

Estimated 81% of households reported using multiple strategies for getting enough food in the past 12 months, including eating food past its expiration date, growing food in a garden, pawning or selling personal property, and watering down food or drinks

- 85% report 'Purchasing inexpensive, unhealthy food' as the most common strategy
- 55% report 'Eating food past expiration date' as the second most common strategy
- 42% report watering down food or drink
- 45% report receiving help from family or friends

40% wait to seek food assistance until they run out of food

Housing

An estimated 92 percent of households reside in non-temporary housing, such as a house or apartment

55 percent of households chose between paying for food and paying their rent or mortgage at least once in the past 12 months

An estimated 19 percent of respondents have experienced a foreclosure or eviction in the past five years

Employment

An estimated 59 percent of households have a household member who had worked for pay in the last 12 months

SNAP (food stamp) participation

An estimated 40 percent of client households currently receive SNAP benefits

Agency breakdown

73% - grocery (97% of clients served over past 12 months sought this type of food assistance)

27% - meals

66% are faith-based

61% of agencies reported seeing an increase in volume of clients compared to the previous year

93% of agencies report a major impact on operations if did not receive HPFB food/product

Client Households Reporting Top Three Desired Products Not Currently Receiving at Programs

35% wish to see fresh fruits and vegetables at agencies

33% wish to see protein food items like meats at agencies

Ethnicity

49% served were white or Caucasian

42% served were Hispanic or Latino

7% served were African American

Students

5% served are students (4% are full-time students and 1% are part-time students)