HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS IN PHILADELPHIA

Poverty and Food Insecurity

SNAP Participation in Philadelphia by Household

Homelessness

Homeless as Share of All Households

Share of Homeless Population with Given Characteristics

Households in Poverty Not Receiving SNAP

Median Household Income in US Dollars

Philly Food Access Collaborative Dashboard

March 2020
1 IN 5 PHILADELPHIANS ARE FOOD INSECURE.

In 2019, surveyed meal providers served an estimated **1,330,835 EMERGENCY MEALS** at **51** sites in Philadelphia.

**WEEKLY MEAL TIMES** of surveyed providers

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An additional 2 snack meal times were reported.

**HUB OF HOPE**

**PARTNER MEAL PROGRAM**

Between July 2018 and June 2019, **7** Hunger Relief Organizations served approximately **26,935** meals at the Hub of Hope.

**MAIN SOURCES OF FUNDING**

- individual and private donations (45%)
- congregations (16%)
- grants (16%)
- out of pocket (8%)
- foundations/philanthropies (6%)

**OBSTACLES FOR FUNDRAISING INCLUDE**

- writing and submitting grant applications (47%)
- not being sure where to find potential donors (32%)
- not having enough staff or volunteer time to coordinate events (21%)

**BARRIERS TO NUTRITIOUS MEALS**

68% of the surveyed meal providers are interested in increasing the nutrition of meals.

Meal providers indicated that barriers to serving nutritious meals include:

- higher cost of nutritious food (41%)
- relying on donated items which they cannot control (35%)

**MEAL SITE SERVICES**

37 (74%) of the surveyed meal providers have additional on-site services, such as clothing, health screenings/clinics, toiletries, shower/laundry, religious services, and pantries.

36 (72%) of the surveyed meal providers partnered with other organizations to be able to offer services such as medical (28%), benefits (24%), housing (20%), substance abuse assistance (15%), job placement (13%), etc.

78% of the surveyed meal providers have staff/volunteers trained to meet the social services needs of guests.

**SERVICES MOST REQUESTED BY GUESTS ARE BASIC NEEDS.**

- toiletries (11%), clothing (10%), and housing assistance (9%), followed by employment (8%) and ID (7%) services.

Providers would like to be able to add additional services, such as housing (28%), substance use disorder assistance (18%), and job placement (22%).

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

536 participants from 180 different organizations attended one or more of 75 Food Access Collaborative training sessions from 2014-2019.

Providers have requested additional training on fundraising and grant writing (13%), non-profit financial management (12%), and homeless outreach (11%).