

The Capital Area Food Bank in Prince George's County

What is the Capital Area Food Bank?

The Capital Area Food Bank is the hub for food sourcing, food distribution and nutrition education in the Washington metro area, serving those struggling with hunger. In Washington, DC and its six surrounding counties, there are nearly 700,000* individuals at risk of hunger, of which nearly 150,000 are children. Last year, the CAFB distributed 45 million pounds of food – equivalent to 37.5 million meals – to 478,100 people through direct service and a network of more than 500 partner agencies. The CAFB service area includes: Washington DC; Montgomery County, MD; Prince George's County, MD; Fairfax County, VA; Prince William County, VA; Arlington County, VA; and The City of Alexandria, VA.



Hunger in Prince George's County

- In Prince George's County, 15.6 percent of residents (134,040 out of 858,539 individuals) are food insecure. **
- 11.4 percent of children (23,810 out of 208,106 children) in Prince George's County are food insecure. ***
- In 2012, the CAFB served 7,650,986 meals to individuals in Prince George's County through 229 Food Assistance Partners:
 - 124 Partner Agencies
 - 35 Mobile Pantry Sites
 - 18 Weekend Bag Sites
 - 17 Senior Brown Bag Sites
 - 19 Kid's Afterschool Feeding Programs
 - 15 Kid's Summer Feeding Programs
 - 1 Family Market

- Through Direct Service Programs, the CAFB reaches families and individuals:
 - o An average of 6600 households served at 33 sites
 - o Weekend Bag 979 children served each weekend
 - o Senior Brown Bag 848 Seniors served each month
 - o Kid's Afterschool Feeding Programs 736 children fed daily
 - o Kid's Summer Feeding Programs 703 children fed daily
 - o Family Market approx. 200 individuals/month served

Health Outcomes****	Prince George's County	National Benchmark	
Mortality			
Premature Death (Years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population)	7,720	5,317	
Morbidity			
Poor or fair health	12%	10%	
Low birth weight	10.4%	6%	

Health Factors****	Prince George's County	National Benchmark	
Health Behaviors			
Adult obesity	34%	25%	
Physical inactivity	25%	21%	
Diabetes	11%	N/A	
Clinical Care			
Uninsured	17%	11%	
Primary care physicians	1,837:1	1067:1	
Preventable hospital stays (Hospitalization rate for ambulatory- care sensitive conditions per 1,000 Medicare enrollees)	54	47	
Could not see doctor due to cost	14%	N/A	
Social and Economic Factors			
Median household income	\$70,114	N/A	

Some college	59%	70%
Children in poverty	12%	14%
Inadequate social support (Percent of adults without social/emotional support)	23%	14%
Children in single-parent households	43%	20%

Demographics****

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Population	871,233
% below 18 years of age	24%
% 65 and older	10%
% Non-Hispanic African American	63%
% American Indian and Alaskan Native	1%
% Asian	4%
% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%
% Hispanic	15%
% Non-Hispanic white	15%
% not proficient in English	5%
% Females	52%
% Rural	2%

Definitions

- * **Definition of Poverty**: The Capital Area Food Bank serves a region that has a higher cost of living than many other regions in the U.S. Therefore, the food bank defines hunger/poverty based upon 185% of the federal poverty guidelines. This means that a household may earn up to 185% of the U.S. government's standard of poverty and still be considered "in poverty." This measure (and other multiples such as 125%, 150% and even 200% of poverty) is utilized to determine eligibility for many government programs.
- ** Data comes from Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap: Feeding America first published the Map the Meal Gap project in early 2011, with the generous support of the Howard G. Buffett Foundation and The Nielsen Company, to learn more about the face of hunger at the local community level. The project helps food banks better identify strategies for reaching the people who most need food assistance. In August, 2011, with the support of the ConAgra Foods Foundation, child food insecurity data was added to the project. The 2013 Map the Meal Gap project reflects 2009-2011 data and will be updated every year with new data.

- *** Food Insecurity: Limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods or limited or uncertain ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways.
- **** Data comes from County Health Rankings: The County Health Rankings measure the health of nearly all counties in the nation and rank them within states. The Rankings are compiled using county-level measures from a variety of national and state data sources. These measures are standardized and combined using scientifically-informed weights.