



Catholic Charities USA®

Working to Reduce Poverty in America.

HUNGER

OVERVIEW

Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) believes having access to adequate food is a basic human right. It is from this perspective that Catholic Charities agencies across the country work to provide programs and services to families, children, and single adults struggling to afford food to eat.

WHY OUR NETWORK SERVES

49.1 million

Americans lived in food insecure households.

8.6 million

children missed a meal due to lack of resources.

38%

of food-insecure households did not participate in the major federal nutrition assistance programs.

Source: United States Department of Agriculture.

The information provided in this report comes from the *Catholic Charities USA 2014 Annual Survey*. In 2014, 150 of 177 Catholic Charities agencies and affiliates responded to the survey. The survey is conducted and compiled by researchers at the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University. Full citations for national statistics available upon request; please contact Advocacy@CatholicCharitiesUSA.org.

HOW OUR NETWORK SERVES



10,424,715

food security services provided by 131 Catholic Charities agencies across the country.



3,676

programs offered services from food distribution in pantries and banks to prepared meals in congregate dining and soup kitchen facilities.



3,276,498

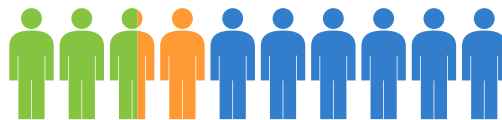
meals home-delivered to clients physically unable to receive food at soup kitchens and congregate dining sites through programs such as "Meals on Wheels".



114

agencies provided other services including community gardens, summer lunch programs, legislative advocacy, health eating initiatives, and SNAP assistance programs.

WHO OUR NETWORK SERVES



26%
CHILDREN

14%
SENIORS

60%
ADULTS

Reflects clients for whom age is identified.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

Primarily, agencies deliver these services through food banks, food pantries, or food cupboards; however, some agencies offer additional types of food distribution services including government bulk food distribution, donated food, “SHARE,” “Second Harvest,” food cooperatives, and food voucher services.

	AGENCIES	SITES	SERVICES
Food Banks/ Pantries/Cupboards	108	1,380	6,597,164
Other Food Distributions	60	1,216	756,915

PREPARED FOOD SERVICES

Prepared food services include soup kitchens, congregate dining services, and home delivered meals. Congregate dining facilities include meals served at emergency and transitional housing facilities, and senior citizen centers.

	AGENCIES	SITES	SERVICES
Soup Kitchens	39	101	1,329,021
Congregate Dining	71	620	1,633,612

CHILD NUTRITION

Additionally, many agencies operate specialized food programs to reach children during out-of-school time when they are most likely to be food insecure. These include daycare and afterschool meals provided through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and summer meals provided through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

30 agencies

provided summer lunch programs at 286 sites.

51 agencies

participated in CACFP with after-school meals offered at 73 sites.

OTHER FOOD SERVICES

Local Agriculture



45 agencies

sponsored community gardens.

Nutrition Education



81 agencies

taught healthy eating education.

SNAP Enrollment



54 agencies

assisted 60,430 adults with enrollment in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Emergency Food



128 agencies

participated on their local Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Board to distribute funds to the areas of greatest local need.



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