



Press Sheet



HUNGERSTUDY

National Report

- 49 million Americans at risk of hunger
- Feeding America network provides food assistance to 37 million people each year
 - ✓ 14 million children
 - ✓ 3 million senior citizens

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50% INCREASE
IN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED
THROUGH THE FEEDING AMERICA NETWORK.

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Feeding America food banks provide

- 76% of the food served through food pantries
- 50% of the food provided at soup kitchens
- 41% of food provided at emergency shelters

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Idaho Report

- How many people we serve
- Who receives emergency food assistance
- What choices people make
- Partner agency reports on increases
- Where our partner agencies get their food

Idaho Report

41% of food bank recipients' households
included children under age 18

Idaho Report

HOUSEHOLD DEMOGRAPHICS

- 80% Non-Hispanic white
- 2% Non-Hispanic black
- 12% Hispanic

Idaho Report

142,200 different Idahoans received emergency food in 2009.

83% of pantries

60% of kitchens

64% of shelters

Saw an increase in number of people served

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Food bank recipients who say they must choose between paying for food and paying for

Utilities or heating fuel: 47%

Rent or mortgage: 34%

Medicine or medical care: 34%

Transportation: 37%

Gas for car: 49%

Idaho Report

The Idaho Foodbank network provides

- 71% of the food distributed by pantries
- 42% of the food distributed by kitchens
- 47% of the food distributed by shelters

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VOLUNTEERS ARE CRUCIAL

96% of pantries

91% of kitchens

69% of shelters

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Just 36% of food bank recipient households receive food stamps.

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Regional Partner Agencies
31 – Northern Central Idaho
144 – Southwestern Idaho
52 – Southeastern Idaho

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6.3 million pounds distributed in 2008
7.87 million pounds distributed in 2009

4.9 million meals in 2008
6.15 million meals in 2009

18,400 holiday meats in 2008
30,000+ holiday meats in 2009

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Mobile Pantry distribution increased 43%
1.86 million pounds in 2008
2.66 million pounds in 2009

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Backpack Program increased 43%
1,100 per week in 2008
1,580 per week in 2009
The need is 7,000 backpacks per week.

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The Idaho Foodbank partner agencies provide free emergency food an average of 116,800 times per month.

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Increased Need

UNEMPLOYMENT 9.1%
2ND FASTEST FOOD STAMP CASE LOAD INCREASE IN THE NATION
33% NEW FOOD STAMP APPLICANTS

CONCLUSION

2009 compared to 2008

- Total pounds distributed increased 20%
- Mobile pantry pounds distributed up 53%
- Backpack program increased 140%

Emergency food provided
82,000 times/month

CALL TO ACTION

- EXAMINE POVERTY ISSUES AND ESTABLISH NEW PUBLIC POLICY
- DONATE TIME, FOOD AND FUNDS
- BE INFORMED ABOUT COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND INFORM OTHERS

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