

Allegheny County



The Impact of Charitable Food Assistance in Allegheny County

Together with partner agencies, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank serves Allegheny and 10 other southwestern Pennsylvania counties.

- ❖ 12,881,530 meals were distributed to individuals and families throughout Allegheny County in fiscal year 2014-15.
- ❖ Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and its partners served 68,365* individuals throughout the county in January 2016.
- ❖ 21 percent of people served by the Food Bank are children, 26 percent are senior citizens, and 27 percent of households served include an active military member or a veteran.

The Impact of Food & Nutrition Programs in Allegheny County

State Food Purchase Program

A state funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is the lead agency. Income eligibility: below 150% of poverty level.

\$1,558,651.72 was allocated to the county in fiscal year 2013-14. This helped feed 209,841 households, which included 133,300 children and 87,433 seniors.*

Allegheny County was allocated \$1,474,981.13 for fiscal year 2015-16.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

A federally funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Allegheny County Department of Human Services is the lead agency. Income eligibility: below 150% of poverty level.

The Food Bank distributed 37,365 cases of TEFAP commodities in fiscal year 2014-15.

The Numbers

Food Insecure Population:
174,110

Food Insecurity Rate:
14.2%

Food Insecure Children:
42,170

Child Food Insecurity Rate:
17.8%

Population in Poverty:
154,639

Poverty Rate:
12.9%

Children under 18 in Poverty:
41,455

Children under 18 Poverty Rate:
17.7%

Seniors over 65 in Poverty:
17,128

Seniors over 65 Poverty Rate:
8.5%

Unemployment Rate (Feb. '16):
4.7%

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP / Food Stamps)

A federally funded entitlement program administered by the PA Department of Human Services. Income eligibility: below 160% of poverty level or below 200% of poverty level for households with individuals over age 60 or with a disability.

161,202 individuals received SNAP benefits in March 2016.

In fiscal year 2014-15, \$243,543,597 in SNAP benefits were redeemed at 870 SNAP-authorized stores. For every \$5.00 in new SNAP benefits distributed, as much as \$9.00 in local economic activity is generated.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

A federally funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Hunger-Free Pennsylvania partners with Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to distribute the boxes. Income eligibility: seniors below 130% of poverty level.

During 2015, approximately 4,188 low-income seniors received a monthly box of nutritious food.

**Duplication may be possible.*

National School Lunch & Breakfast Programs

A federally funded entitlement program administered by the PA Department of Education. Income eligibility: below 130% of poverty level for free meals and 185% for reduced price meals.

72,507 children received free or reduced-price school meals during the 2014-15 school year.

Summer Food Service Program

A federally funded entitlement program administered by the PA Department of Education. Income eligibility depends on type of site.

719,128 meals and snacks were served to children over the course of the summer of 2015.

Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

A federally funded entitlement program administered by the PA Department of Education. Income eligibility depends on type of site.

390 sites served a total of 6,445,175 meals and snacks during fiscal year 2013-14.

Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

A federally funded program administered by the PA Department of Health. Income eligibility: women and children under age five below 185% of poverty level.

On average, 15,495 women, infants and children participated in the WIC program each month in fiscal year 2013-14.

In the same year, \$12,451,776.52 in WIC benefits were redeemed at 118 WIC-authorized stores.

Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

A federal and state funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Income eligibility: WIC participants or seniors below 185% of poverty level.

In 2014, vouchers worth \$20 were used by approximately 5,400 WIC participants and 18,700 seniors at authorized farm stands and markets.

Congregate & Home-Delivered Meals

Federal and state funded programs administered by the PA Department of Aging. Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) administers these programs. Eligibility based on age or in-home assessments by AAA.

A total of 685,144 meals were served or delivered to 10,819 seniors* during fiscal year 2013-14.

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