HUNGER PROFILE

Butler County

The Impact of Charitable Food Assistance in Butler County

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, with the help of community partners, serves Butler County and ten other southwestern Pennsylvania counties.

- 1,206,384 meals were distributed to individuals and families throughout the county in fiscal year 2014-15.

- Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and its partners served 7,734 individuals* throughout the county during January 2016.

- Out of those who received food assistance in January 2016, 436 individuals were first-time recipients, meaning they had never received emergency food assistance during the previous twelve months.

The Impact of Food & Nutrition Programs in Butler County

State Food Purchase Program

A state funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Butler County Community Action & Development is the lead agency. Income eligibility: below 150% of poverty level.

$167,245.65 was allocated to the county in fiscal year 2013-14. These funds helped feed 2,281 households, including 1,662 children and 1,056 seniors.*

Butler County was allocated $156,340.43 for fiscal year 2015-16.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

A federally funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Butler County Community Action & Development is the lead agency. Income eligibility: below 150% of poverty level.

6,476 cases of TEFAP commodities were distributed throughout the county in fiscal year 2014-15.

The Numbers

Food Insecure Population: 19,280

Food Insecurity Rate: 10.4%

Food Insecure Children: 6,500

Child Food Insecurity Rate: 16.3%

Population in Poverty: 16,050

Poverty Rate: 8.9%

Children under 18 in Poverty: 4,010

Children under 18 Poverty Rate: 10.2%

Seniors over 65 in Poverty: 1,626

Seniors over 65 Poverty Rate: 5.7%

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% for households with an individual over age 60 or with a disability.

16,141 individuals received SNAP benefits in March 2016.

In fiscal year 2014-15, $22,703,137 in SNAP benefits were redeemed at 118 SNAP-authorized stores. For every $5.00 in SNAP benefits distributed, $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 Butler County Community Action & Development to distribute the boxes. Income eligibility: seniors below 130% of poverty level.

In 2015, approximately 366 low-income seniors received a monthly box of nutritious food.

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 below 185% of poverty level for reduced-price meals.

7,483 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.

7,873 meals and snacks were served to children over the course of the summer of 2015.

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

A federally funded program administered by the PA Department of Health. Adagio Health administers the program in Butler County and 5 surrounding counties. Income eligibility: women and children under age 5 below 185% of poverty level.

On average, 2,419 women, infants and children participated in the WIC program each month in fiscal year 2013-14.

In the same year, $1,706,670.56 in WIC benefits were redeemed at 20 WIC-authorized stores.

Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program

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

In 2014, vouchers worth $20 were used by approximately 800 WIC participants and 1,600 seniors at authorized farm stands and markets.

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.

26 sites served a total of 306,722 meals and snacks in fiscal year 2013-14.

Congregate & Home-Delivered Meals

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

A total of 62,730 meals were served or delivered to 1,225 seniors* during fiscal year 2013-14.

*Duplication may be possible.

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