The Impact of Food & Nutrition Programs in Cambria County

**State Food Purchase Program**

A state funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. United Way Laurel Highlands, Inc. is the lead agency. Income eligibility: below 150% of poverty level.

$210,509.73 was allocated to the county in fiscal year 2013-14. These funds helped feed 24,877 households, including 23,659 children and 9,806 seniors.*

Cambria County was allocated $204,672.94 for fiscal year 2015-16.

**The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)**

A federally funded program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture. Food for Families is the lead agency. Income eligibility: below 150% of poverty level.

7,199 cases of TEFAP commodities were distributed throughout the county in fiscal year 2014-15.

The Numbers

- Food Insecure Population: 19,190
- Food Insecurity Rate: 13.6%
- Food Insecure Children: 6,180
- Child Food Insecurity Rate: 22.6%
- Population in Poverty: 19,846
- Poverty Rate: 14.9%
- Children under 18 in Poverty: 6,567
- Children under 18 Poverty Rate: 24.4%
- Seniors over 65 in Poverty: 2,151
- Seniors over 65 Poverty Rate: 8.2%
- Unemployment Rate (Feb. ‘16): 6.1%

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The Impact of Charitable Food Assistance in Cambria County

Food for Families is the Partner Distribution Organization (PDO) of Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank which serves Cambria County.

- 655,336 meals were distributed to individuals and families throughout the county in fiscal year 2014-2015.

- Food for Families, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and local partners served 6,547 individuals* throughout the county during January 2016.

- Out of those who received food assistance in January 2016, 519 individuals were first-time recipients, meaning they had never received emergency food assistance in the previous twelve months.
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.

23,526 individuals received SNAP benefits in March 2016.

In fiscal year 2014-15, $32,121,870 in SNAP benefits were redeemed at 126 SNAP-authorized stores in the county. 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 Food for Families, Inc. to distribute the boxes. Income eligibility: seniors below 130% of poverty level.

In 2015, approximately 548 seniors with low incomes throughout the county received a monthly box of nutritious food.

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

A federally funded program administered by the PA Department of Health. The Community Action Partnership of Cambria County administers the program in Cambria County. Income eligibility: women and children under age five below 185% of poverty level for seniors.

On average, 3,038 women, infants and children in the county participated in the WIC program each month during fiscal year 2013-14.

In the same year, $2,205,653.35 in WIC benefits were redeemed at 16 WIC-authorized stores in the county.

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.

9,635 children throughout the county 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.

42,067 meals and snacks were served to children over the course of the summer of 2015.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

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

37 sites served a total of 442,758 meals and snacks throughout the county in fiscal year 2013-14.

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