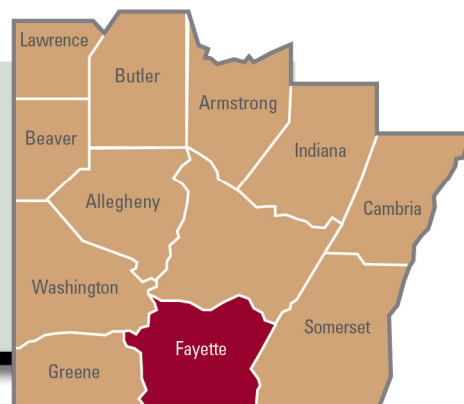


# Fayette County



## The Impact of Charitable Food Assistance in Fayette County

*Fayette County Community Action Food Bank is the Partner Distribution Organization (PDO) of Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank which serves Fayette County.*

- ❖ 865,090 meals were distributed to individuals and families throughout the county in fiscal year 2014-15.
- ❖ Fayette County Community Action Food Bank, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and local partners served 5,449 individuals\* throughout the county during January 2016.
- ❖ Out of those who received food assistance in January 2016, 284 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 Fayette County

### State Food Purchase Program

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

\$277,519.43 was allocated to the county in fiscal year 2013-14. These funds helped feed 5,210 households, which included 2,408 children and 854 seniors.\*

Fayette County was allocated \$267,866.49 for fiscal year 2014-15.

### The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

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

8,235 cases of TEFAP commodities were distributed throughout the county in fiscal year 2014-15.

## The Numbers

Food Insecure Population:  
20,930

Food Insecurity Rate:  
15.4%

Food Insecure Children:  
7,020

Child Food Insecurity Rate:  
25.8%

Population in Poverty:  
25,018

Poverty Rate:  
19.0%

Children under 18 in Poverty:  
8,022

Children under 18 Poverty Rate:  
30.7%

Seniors over 65 in Poverty:  
2,519

Seniors over 65 Poverty Rate:  
10.4%

Unemployment Rate (Feb. '16):  
7.2%

## 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.*

31,829 individuals in Fayette County received SNAP benefits in March 2016.

In fiscal year 2014-15, \$50,646,408 in SNAP benefits were redeemed at 137 SNAP-authorized stores in the county. For every \$5.00 in new SNAP benefits, \$9.00 in 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 Fayette County Community Action Agency to distribute the boxes. Income eligibility: seniors below 130% of poverty level.*

In 2015, approximately 916 low-income seniors throughout the county 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.*

10,144 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.*

85,612 meals 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.*

17 sites served a total of 202,713 meals and snacks throughout the county in fiscal year 2013-14.

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

*A federally funded program administered by the PA Department of Health. Fayette County Community Action Agency administers the program. Income eligibility: women and children under age five below 185% of poverty level.*

On average, 2,636 women, infants and children in the county participated in the WIC program each month during fiscal year 2013-14.

In the same year, \$2,012,899.04 in WIC benefits were redeemed at 18 WIC-authorized stores in the county.

## 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 1,300 WIC participants and 2,400 seniors at authorized farm stands and markets.

## Congregate & Home-Delivered Meals

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

A total of 250,067 meals were served or delivered to 2,541 seniors\* during fiscal year 2013-14.

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