



Fighting Hunger ... Feeding Hope

SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK

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OUR MISSION

To fight hunger in Southwest Texas through food distribution, programs, education, and advocacy.

Facts about Hunger—2009

An estimated 36.2 million Americans are food insecure. Of those 36 million, almost 13 million are children and 2 million are seniors. Last year, over 25 million people used a Food Bank for emergency food assistance.

The average rate of poverty for the SAFB's 16 county area is 20.7%.

U.S. Census, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement 2005

In Bexar County, roughly one quarter of the population is potentially eligible to receive Food Stamp assistance, yet less than half actually participate in the program.

USDA Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Census, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement 2005

Texas is the most food insecure state in the nation. Defined, food insecurity is when you are so limited in resources to buy food that you are running out of food, reducing the quality of food that your family eats, feeding your children unbalanced diets, or skipping meals so your children can eat. 16.4 % of Texas' population is food insecure.

"Household Food Security in the United States, 2004", USDA/Economic Research Service

4.9% of Texas' population experience hunger on a regular basis - more than one million people.

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The rate of children living in poverty in Texas is 22.1%; the national rate is 17.0%. In Bexar County, that rate is 29.7% - that means that one in three children most likely struggle with food insecurity.

Child Food Insecurity Report 2005-2007, USDA

12% of Texas seniors are living in poverty. That is more than one-quarter of a million seniors!

U.S. Census, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement 2005

Texas has nearly the worst record in the nation for children participating in the free USDA Summer Feeding Program. For every 100 eligible kids, only 7 participate.

Food Research Action Center, "State of the States 2006"

Each week, approximately 25,000 people receive emergency food assistance from an agency in the San Antonio Food Bank network.

Hunger in America 2006 - SAFB Local Report

More than 40% of SAFB clients served report having to choose between paying for utilities or heating fuel and food; 29% had to choose between paying for rent or a mortgage and food; 36% report having to choose between paying for medical bills or food.

Hunger in America 2006 - SAFB Local Report