

Hunger Study 2010



How Many Clients Receive Emergency Food From Northern Illinois Food Bank?

- The Hunger Study 2010 reports that NIFB provides food for an estimated 502,400 different people annually.
 - Increase of 168% from 2006
- Approximately 61,600 different people receive assistance in any given week.
 - Increase of 65% from 2006

Key Characteristics of people receiving food assistance from Northern Illinois Food Bank.

BY AGE CLASSIFICATION

- 48% of the members of households served by NIFB are children under 18 years of age.
- 8% of the members of households are children age 0 to 5 years.
- 6% of the members of households are elderly.

BY ETHNICITY

- 52% are non-Hispanic White, 27% are non-Hispanic black, 15% are Hispanic, and the rest are from other racial or ethnic groups.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

- 43% of households include at least one employed adult.
- 66% have incomes below the official federal poverty level during the previous month.

CHOICES

Making Choices between Food and other Necessities

- 54% of clients served by NIFB report having to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities or heating fuel.
- 49% had to choose between paying for food and paying their rent or mortgage.
- 44% had to choose between paying for food and paying for medicine or medical care.

PARTICIPATION IN OTHER PROGRAMS

- 33% of clients served by NIFB receive SNAP (Food Stamp) benefits
- 47% of households with children ages 0-3 receive Special SNAP for Women Infants Children
- 53% and 35% respectively of households with school-age children participate in federal school lunch and school breakfast programs
- 1% of households with school-age children participate in the summer food service program

Hunger Grows with the Suburbanization of Poverty



Northern Illinois Food Bank Hunger Indicators:

Population

- Population 2000 – 3,420,293
- Population 2007 – 3,942,253
- Population Change – 15.3%

Poverty

- Poverty (All Ages – 2000) – 189,246
- Poverty (All Ages - 2007) – 269,280
 - Increase in Poverty of 42%
- Children in Poverty (2000) – 66,613
- Children in Poverty (2007) – 95,603
 - Increase in Child Poverty of 44%

Unemployment

- Unemployment December 2000 – 75,823
- Unemployment December 2009 – 235,328
 - Increase in number of unemployed – 210%