

# HUNGER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

# HUNGERFACTS

THE FOOD BANK SERVES

**280,500**

INDIVIDUALS  
MONTHLY

THE FOOD BANK REACHES

**7.1** MILLION

INDIVIDUALS ANNUALLY

## HUNGER IMPACTS

**1 IN 6 PEOPLE**

**16%** OF THE COUNTY'S  
POPULATION

(Equivalent to the total population  
of the San Fernando Valley)

## AGE

**12%** of clients served are  
seniors age 65 or older

**24%** of clients served are children  
under the age of 18



## HEALTH

**31%**

of households have a  
member with diabetes

**52%** of households  
have a member  
with high blood  
pressure

**32%** of households lack  
health insurance of  
any kind (including  
Medicaid)

**92%**

of client households are residing in  
**NON-TEMPORARY HOUSING**

## HOUSING

**9%** of households do  
not have a stove  
or hot plate for  
cooking

**13%** do not have  
access to a place  
to preserve fresh  
food, such as a  
refrigerator

## HOUSEHOLD SIZE

**26%** 1 member

**38%** 2 to 3 members

**31%** 4 to 6 members

**5%** More than 6 members

## POVERTY

**66%**

of client households in  
Los Angeles County fall at or  
below **100% OF THE FEDERAL  
POVERTY LEVEL**

**49%**

of client households have  
incomes of **\$10,000 OR  
LESS PER YEAR**

## DIFFICULT CHOICES

**76%**

of households  
incorporate  
charitable food  
assistance into  
their monthly  
food budgets

## EVERY MONTH

L.A. households  
make choices between  
paying for food and: →

**63%** utilities

**62%** transportation

**55%** medicine & medical care

**56%** housing

**37%** education expenses

**59%**

of client households in L.A. report at least one  
employed person at some point in the last year

**14%**

currently have at least one adult household  
member in school, either full or part time

**5%**

of client households have at least one  
member currently serving in the military

**39%**

of individuals had attained a  
high school degree or General  
Equivalency Diplomacy (GED)

**25%**

of individuals have a  
post-high school education

## EMPLOYMENT

## AGENCIES RELY HEAVILY ON THE FOOD BANK

THE FOOD BANK PROVIDES NEARLY  
**70%** of all food distributed by its  
partner agencies' food programs

**43%** of L.A. County-based agencies reported the necessity of  
reductions – **CUTTING HOURS OF OPERATION,  
LAYING OFF STAFF AND/OR LIMITING SERVICE AREA**

**85%** of programs reported that no longer receiving food from  
the Food Bank **WOULD HAVE A MAJOR EFFECT ON  
THEIR PROGRAMS**

## DEMOGRAPHICS OF HUNGER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

**63%**

HISPANIC  
OR LATINO

**12%**

AFRICAN-  
AMERICAN

**11%**

CAUCASIAN

**14%**

OTHER

## MOST-DESIRED PRODUCTS

**51%** Fresh fruits  
& vegetables

Meats

**49%**

**40%** Dairy products such as  
milk, cheese or yogurt

