November/December 2020 Food Program Survey

44 responses

What county is your organization located in?

(Did not receive a survey from an organization located in Armstrong, Hall, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Oldham, Roberts, or Sherman.)

Organization Location (Select all that apply)

- Is a ministry of the church: 5
- In a senior citizens center: 4
- In a hospital: 1
- In a church: 13
- Space in a building provided to the organization for free: 7
- Space in a building that the organization pays a fee to use: 4
- A building owned by the city or county: 1
- A building owned by a for-profit company: 2
- A building owned by another nonprofit: 3
- A building the organization owns but pays mortgage on: 1
- A building the organization owns outright (i.e. paid off): 24

*Organizations could select more than one location which is why there are 65 responses. For example, one organization could have selected 'is a ministry of the church', 'is located in a church', and 'space in a building provided to the organization for free'.

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What age are the individuals you serve? (Select all that apply)

- Babies (i.e., 0-4 years old)
- Children (i.e., 5-12 years old)
- Teenagers (i.e., 13-19...)
- Adults (i.e., 20-7 years old)
- Senior Citizens...
- Other (please specify)

Other included: guests of seniors and disabled individuals of any age
Seniors defined as: 50+, 55+, 60+, or 65+ years old.
What are the top three overall challenges that your organization faces related to the food and/or feeding program?

- Transportation: 3 mentions
- Strict funding guidelines: 2 mentions
- Limited volunteers or staff: 17 mentions
- Limited food availability: 14 mentions
- Limited food access through Food Bank: 3 mentions
- Lacking food storage or equipment: 11 mentions
- Lack of awareness: 5 mentions
- Cost of operations: 16 mentions
- Cost of food: 14 mentions

Items only listed one time throughout the responses are not included.

What are your current challenges specific to serving clients who are senior citizens with food and/or feeding programs?

- COVID: 12 mentions
- Cannot deliver: 7 mentions
- Lack of awareness: 3 mentions
- Lack of funding: 10 mentions
- Lack of resources: 2 mentions
- Lack of space: 2 mentions
- Lack of volunteers or staff: 7 mentions
- Low quality food: 3 mentions
- Outdated kitchen equipment: 5 mentions
- N/A: 1 mention
- Perpetual need: 1 mention
- Program limitations: 1 mention
- Strict funding guidelines: 2 mentions
- Varying client needs: 1 mention

Number of times the item or similar was mentioned throughout the answers.
What one thing would most help your organization overall related to the food and/or feeding program?

Number of times the item or similar was mentioned throughout the answers.

What one thing would most help your organization serve senior citizens with food and/or feeding programs?

Number of times the item or similar was mentioned throughout the answers.
What are other things that would help your organization related to food and/or feeding programs and hunger/food insecurity?

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Where do you purchase or get most of your food from?
42 answered. 2 skipped.

Food program providers obtained between 40% and 100% of their food from the above mentioned “Primary Food Provider.” The average amount of food purchased or gotten from the Primary Food Provider is 81.52%.
Where do you get the next largest amount of food from?
35 answered. 9 skipped.

Food program providers obtained between 2% and 40% of their food from the above mentioned “Secondary Food Provider.” The average amount of food purchased or gotten from the Secondary Food Provider is 17.514%.
Where else do you get your food from?

24 answered. 20 skipped.

- Local food drives or donations: 9 (38%)
- Local grocery store: 7 (29%)
- Sams Club, Ben E. Keith, or local grocery store: 2 (9%)
- Midwest Foodbank Texas Division: 1 (4%)
- Sams Club or local grocery store: 1 (4%)
- Donation from beef producer: 1 (4%)
- High Plains Food Bank: 1 (4%)
- Local grocery store or Ben E. Keith: 1 (4%)
- Sam's Club: 2 (9%)
- Sam's Club, Ben E. Keith, or local grocery store: 1 (4%)
13 did not answer or are able to get what they need. 31 provided answers. The above chart indicates the number of times an item was listed within those 31 organizations’ answers.
4 organizations did not answer the question, 3 stated that they were not sure, and 3 answers did not make sense based on the question (23% overall). 15 organizations (34% overall) stated they had no food supply issues. Some organizations stated they had no food supply issues in this question but answered the previous question in a way that indicates there are food items that they need that they cannot get consistently which would indicate a food supply issue exists.