

FACTS ABOUT HUNGER AND FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA

Hunger in South Dakota:

- **13.7 percent** of individuals in South Dakota live at or below the poverty line (\$24,003 is the income threshold for a family of four).ⁱ
- **One out of every eight** individuals in South Dakota is food insecure.ⁱⁱ
- **One in every six** children under the age of 18 is at risk of going hungry in South Dakota (estimated 39,030 children).ⁱⁱⁱ
- More than **40 percent** of residents living in the counties of Corson, Ziebach, Oglala, and Lakota are considered persons in poverty (Corson Co. 47.4 percent, Ziebach Co. 47.1 percent, Oglala Lakota Co. 44.2 percent, Todd Co. 44 percent)^{iv}
- **43 percent** of South Dakota school-aged children qualify for free and reduced meals.^v

Those Feeding South Dakota Serves:

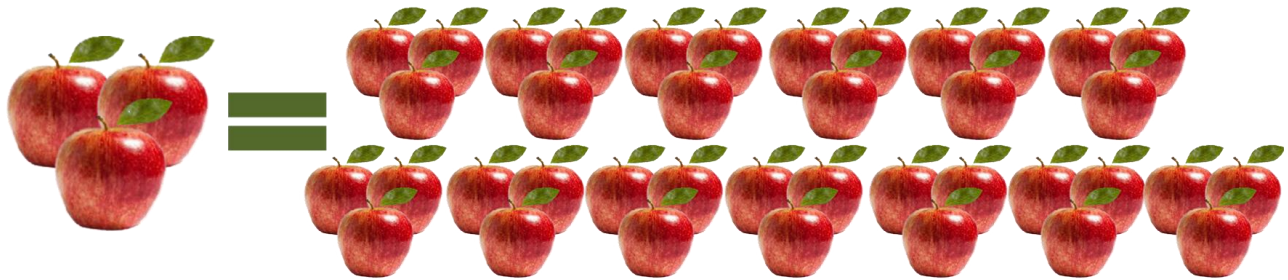
- Nearly **40 percent** of those served by Feeding South Dakota are considered to be working poor families.^{vi}
- **Almost half** of the individuals served by the Feeding South Dakota Food Pantry are children and infants.^{vii}
- Feeding South Dakota continues to expand our Childhood Hunger Initiatives by providing food to after school programs, school pantries, summer snack programs and, as always, weekend food packages through our Backpack Program.
- **63 percent** of the food that Feeding South Dakota distributes is given to member agencies across South Dakota.^{viii} **Sixty-six percent** of these member agencies reported that no longer receiving food from Feeding South Dakota's Food Bank would have a major effect on their programs.^{ix}
- More than **5,200 packages** of food are distributed weekly to hungry children across South Dakota through the Backpack Program.^x
- **2.2 million** emergency meals are supplied by the Sioux Falls and Rapid City Food Pantries each year. Together they serve more than **90,000 people** each year.^{xi}
- More than **2,700 food boxes** are provided across South Dakota each month to hungry seniors in need.^{xii}
- **550,000 meals** are distributed to **12,700 families** through **15** Mobile Food Pantry distributions sites from our Pierre and Rapid City Food Banks.^{xiii}

Impact of Feeding South Dakota:

- Feeding South Dakota serves all **66** counties of South Dakota.
- Feeding South Dakota maintains a network of **350** partnering agencies statewide.^{xiv}
- Feeding South Dakota provides food for an estimated **190,000** people every year.^{xv}
- Feeding South Dakota distributes **13.5 million** pounds of food to individuals in need, providing **11.3 million** meals to hungry individuals across South Dakota.^{xvi}
- Feeding South Dakota is helping people in need access healthy foods by sourcing and distributing more *Foods to Encourage*—foods that promote good health, such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy and lean proteins.
- The value of donated food annually to Feeding South Dakota is more than **\$21.1 million**.^{xvii}

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- **\$1** donated to Feeding South Dakota can provide one meal for a family of four. Purchasing those same four meals would cost an individual more than **\$8.00**.^{xviii}
- Of every dollar donated to Feeding South Dakota, **96 percent** is spent on food distribution.
- Below is an example of Feeding South Dakota's purchasing power. If an individual were to donate a pound of produce, Feeding South Dakota would use that to provide **one pound** of produce to one family. But, if the individual donated the \$1.50 it cost to buy that one pound of produce at the store, Feeding South Dakota could use its purchasing power to buy **13 pounds** of produce to feed 13 families.



Hunger in the United States:

- Food insecurity is present in every county in America; food insecurity exists when individuals' access to enough food is limited by a lack of money and other resources.
- An estimated **42.2 million** people lived in food-insecure households in the United States,^{xix} while more than **60 billion** pounds of food go to waste in our country every year.^{xx}
- More than **13.1 million** children live in food insecure households in the United States.^{xxi}
- **15 percent** of rural households in the United States are food insecure (an estimated 2.8 million households).^{xxii}
- **43.1 million Americans** live in poverty (\$24,003 is the income threshold for a family of four).^{xxiii}

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