



National Report Prepared for Feeding America

January 2010



**Chapter 14.2 – Agencies and Programs:
Impact of Elimination of Food Bank
(Excerpted from Hunger in America 2010)
www.feedingamerica.org**

Prepared by Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

Mathematica Reference No.: 06251-600

14.2 IMPACT OF ELIMINATION OF FOOD BANK

Agencies were asked how much impact the elimination of their food bank would have on their programs. Table 14.2.1 shows the results.

TABLE 14.2.1
IMPACT OF ELIMINATION OF FOOD BANK

<i>If the Food Supply You (i.e., Agency) Receive from Your Food Bank Was Eliminated, How Much of an Impact Would This Have on Your Program?</i>	Pantry Programs	Kitchen Programs	Shelter Programs
No impact at all	1.3%	4.9%	5.4%
Minimal impact	5.7%	14.0%	15.9%
Significant impact	27.5%	34.5%	39.8%
Devastating impact	63.1%	42.1%	33.5%
Unsure	2.4%	4.5%	5.5%
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
SAMPLE SIZE (N)	23,842	6,064	3,728

SOURCE: This table was constructed based on usable responses to Question 24 of the agency survey.

NOTES: The percentages presented in this table are based only on usable responses, excluding missing, don't know, and refusal responses. All usable responses were weighted as described in Chapter 3 and in the Technical Appendix volume to represent all emergency food programs of the FA National Network. The sample sizes (N) also include missing data.

Missing, don't know, and refusal responses combined are 7.7% for pantry programs, 15.5% for kitchen programs, and 21.4% for shelter programs.

Due to possible nonresponse bias, estimates with missing, don't know, and refusal responses greater than 10% should be interpreted with caution.

The results show that 90.6% of the pantries, 76.6% of the kitchens, and 73.2% of the shelters said that the elimination of support from their food banks would have a significant or devastating impact on their operation. Details include:

- 63.1% of the pantries, 42.1% of the kitchens, and 33.5% of the shelters believed that the elimination of the food bank would have a devastating impact on their programs.

- Another 27.5% of the pantries, 34.5% of the kitchens, and 39.8% of the shelters believed that the elimination of the food bank would have a significant impact on their programs.

