State-By-State Statistics on Hunger and Poverty in America

Connecticut
State and national statistics
Comparative dashboard

**Total estimated population, 2008**
3,501,252

- **Percent of population under age 5, 2008**
  6.0%

- **Percent of population under age 18, 2008**
  23.2%

- **Percent of population age 65 and over, 2008**
  13.6%

- **Per capita personal income, 2008**
  $56,272

- **Three-year average median household income, 2006-2008**
  $65,076

- **Unemployment rate, 2008**
  5.7%

- **Unemployment/underemployment annual average rate, 2008**
  10.3%

- **Percent of grandparents living with and responsible for own grandchildren, 2008**
  33.9%

- **Percent of single parents with children under 18, 2008**
  8.9%

- **Percent of people 65 years and over with a disability, 2007**
  35.9%

- **Number of active duty military, FY 2008**
  1,386

- **Average household size, 2008**
  2.55

**Poverty**

- **Percent of persons in poverty (3-year average), 2006-2008**
  8.3%

- **Number (percent) of persons in poverty below 100% of poverty, 2008**
  8.1%

- **Number (percent) of persons in poverty below 135% of poverty, 2008**
  13.5%

- **Number (percent) of persons in poverty below 150% of poverty, 2008**
  15.6%

- **Number (percent) of persons in poverty below 185% of poverty, 2008**
  20.2%

- **Number (percent) of children < age 18 below 100% of poverty, 2008**
  10.2%

- **Number (percent) of elderly ≥ age 65 below 100% of poverty, 2008**
  11.1%

**Food Insecurity**

- **Food insecurity rate (low and very low food security), 2006-2008**
  11.0%

- **Food insecurity rate (low and very low food security), 2005-2007**
  8.8%

- **Very low food security rate (food insecure with hunger), 2006-2008**
  4.1%

- **Very low food security rate (food insecure with hunger), 2005-2007**
  3.2%

- **Food insecurity rate of children under age 18, 2005-2007**
  13.0%

- **Food insecurity rate of children under age 5, 2005-2007**
  14.1%

(B) denotes data less than 75,000.

Note: All data is the most current at the time of press.
## Federal Program Participation

### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

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<td>305,078</td>
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### The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

| USDA TEFAP deliveries to state in pounds, FY 2008 32 | 4,019,447 |
| Federal allocation for storage and distribution, FY 2008 32 | $454,198 |
| Federal allocation for entitlement purchases, FY 2008 32 | $1,596,633 |
| Total value of bonus commodities delivered, FY 2008 32 | $1,021,577 |
| TEFAP household income eligibility criteria as a percentage of poverty, FY 2009 34 | 235% |

### Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

| Number of persons participating in CSFP, FY 2009 (preliminary) 33 | Non-participant |
| Number of persons participating in CSFP, FY 2008 34 | Non-participant |
| Number of elderly persons participating in CSFP, FY 2008 34 | Non-participant |
| Total federal spending on CSFP, FY 2008 34 | Non-participant |

### Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

| Total number of persons participating in TANF, FY 2009 (preliminary) 35 | 33,204 |
| Total number of persons participating in TANF, FY 2008 36 | 32,402 |
| Percent change in TANF participation, FY 2008-2009 37 | -6% |
| Maximum monthly benefit for a family of three (no income), FY 2008 38 | $560 |

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## National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

| Number of persons participating in NSLP, October 2009 (preliminary) 39 | 311,602 |
| NSLP average 9 month participation, FY 2009 (preliminary) 40 | 308,263 |
| NSLP average 9 month participation, FY 2008 40 | 316,596 |
| Percentage of free and reduced price lunches, FY 2008 40 | 45.4% |
| Percentage of eligible individuals participating in free lunch, FY 2008 40 | 37.27% |
| Total number of students participating in NSLP, FY 2008 40 | 120,911 |

### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

| Number of persons participating in WIC, October 2009 (preliminary) 46 | 60,199 |
| WIC participation, FY 2009 (preliminary) 47 | 60,155 |
| WIC participation, FY 2008 47 | 56,328 |
| Average monthly number of women participating, FY 2008 48 | 12,653 |
| Average monthly number of infants participating, FY 2008 48 | 14,376 |
| Average monthly number of children participating, FY 2008 48 | 28,245 |
| WIC average monthly benefit per person, FY 2009 (preliminary) 49 | $49.25 |

### Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

| CACFP average daily attendance, FY 2009 (preliminary) 50 | 18,354 |
| CACFP average daily attendance, FY 2008 50 | 17,949 |
| CACFP average daily attendance, FY 2007 50 | 17,941 |
| Number of participating child care centers, FY 2008 51 | 282 |
| Number of participating homes, FY 2008 51 | 951 |
| Total federal spending on CACFP, FY 2008 51 | $12,764,292 |

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STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM

State food purchase program

Yes

OTHER STATE INFORMATION

HEALTH INSURANCE

Percentage of persons covered by some type of health insurance, 2008
90.0%
Percentage of elderly with Medicare coverage, 2008
96.4%
Percentage of children < age 18 covered by government health insurance, 2008
26.9%

ECONOMIC POLICIES

State minimum wage rate, 2009
$8.00
State earned income tax credit (EITC)
No
State food sales tax rate, 2010
Exempt from tax

COST OF LIVING INDICATORS

Average monthly owner costs, housing unit with a mortgage, 2008
$2,508
Average monthly owner costs, housing unit without a mortgage, 2008
$769
Average monthly electricity bill, 2007
$145.95
Average health expenditures per capita, 2004
$6,544
Average annual fees for full-time child care for before and after school care in child care center for a school age child, 2008
$5,080
Average annual fees for full-time child care for before and after school care in family child care home for a school age child, 2008
$4,120

HUNGER IN AMERICA 2010 STATE FINDINGS

Annual estimated number of clients served
not applicable
Weekly estimated number of clients served
not applicable
Percentage of client households with children under age 18
not applicable
Percentage of client households with children under age 5
not applicable
Percentage of client households with adults age 65 and over
not applicable
Percentage of client households at or below 100% of poverty level during previous month
not applicable
Percentage of client households at or below 130% of poverty level during previous month
not applicable
Percentage of client households at or below 185% of poverty level during previous month
not applicable
Percentage of client households that are homeless
not applicable
Percentage of client households that receive SNAP
not applicable
Percentage of households with at least one or more employed adults
not applicable
Median monthly income of client households
not applicable
Percentage of client households that made the choice between food and utilities
not applicable
Percentage of client households that made the choice between food and housing
not applicable
Percentage of client households that made the choice between food and health care
not applicable
Percentage of client households that made the choice between food and transportation
not applicable
Percentage of client households that made the choice between food and gas for a car
not applicable

NETWORK MEMBERS SERVING STATE

Number of member food banks, 2009
2
Number of partnership distribution organizations, 2009
1
Pounds of donated product distributed by members, FY 2009
16,104,441
Pounds of product purchased by members, FY 2009
2,588,874
Number of pounds of fresh produce received by members, FY 2009
5,799,790

State association name
None
State association contact
None
Number of counties in member service area, by state
CT 6
Congressional districts in service area
CT1, CT2, CT3, CT4, CT5

Population in service area, 2008
2,475,534
Population in 100% of poverty and below in service area, 2008
211,088
Pounds per person in poverty, CY 2009
71.34
Unemployment in service area, December 2009
10,093

Size of total facility including branches (sq. ft.)
52,000
Cold storage capacity (refrigeration and freezers sq. ft.)
4,054
Annual volunteer hours
1,505
Total number of vehicles
8
Total government grants received (member fiscal year)
$1,219,514.00

Annual estimated number of clients served
non-participant
Weekly estimated number of clients served
non-participant
Percentage of client households with children under age 18
non-participant
Percentage of client households with children under age 5
non-participant
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non-participant

FOOD DISTRIBUTION OUTREACH
0 Total Number Deliveries
0 Retail Store Pickups

CLIENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS
0 Nutrition Education
0 Non-Food Distribution
0 Legal Assistance
0 Eligibility Counseling
0 Job Training
0 Short-Term Financial Assistance
0 SNAP Outreach
0 Other

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS
0 Kids Cafe®
0 BackPack Program®
0 After School
0 Summer Food
0 Other Initiatives

POUNDAGE
Total number of pounds distributed by member, FY 2009
17,209,331
Pounds of donated product received by member, FY 2009
8,586,381
Pounds of product purchased by member, FY 2009
1,769,705
Pounds of fresh produce received by member, FY 2009
1,378,544
Pounds of TEFAP commodities received by member, FY 2009
4,950,806
Pounds of CSFP commodities received by member, FY 2009
0
Number of local food donors
146

NOTE: All data is the most current at the time of press.
NOTE: Receipts do not include member transfers.
**DEMOGRAPHICS**

Number of counties in member service area, by state
- CT 2
- CT1, CT2, CT5

Population in service area, 2008
- 1,025,718

Population in 100% of poverty and below in service area, 2008
- 97,390

Pounds per person in poverty, CY 2009
- 124.39

Unemployment in service area, December 2009
- 124.39

**OPERATIONS**

Size of total facility including branches (sq. ft.)
- 33,041

Cold storage capacity (refrigeration and freezers sq. ft.)
- 3,876

Annual volunteer hours
- 3,096

Total number of vehicles
- 5

Total government grants received (member fiscal year)
- $2,888,584.00

**HUNGER IN AMERICA 2010 LOCAL FINDINGS**

Annual estimated number of clients served by age
- non-participant

Weekly estimated number of clients served by age
- non-participant

Percentage of client households with children under age 18
- non-participant

Percentage of client households with children under age 5
- non-participant

Percentage of client households with adults age 65 and over
- non-participant

Percentage of client households at or below 100% of poverty during previous month
- non-participant

Percentage of client households that are homeless
- non-participant

Percentage of client households that receive SNAP
- non-participant

Percentage of client households with at least one or more employed adult
- non-participant

Median monthly income of client households
- non-participant

Percentage of client households that made the choice between food and utilities
- non-participant

Percentage of client households that made the choice between food and housing
- non-participant

Percentage of client households that made the choice between food and health care
- non-participant

Percentage of client households that made the choice between food and transportation
- non-participant

Percentage of client households that made the choice between food and gas for a car
- non-participant

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION OUTREACH**

1,325 Total Number Deliveries
- Retail Store Pickups
- 0

CLIENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- Nutrition Education
- Non-Food Distribution
- Legal Assistance
- Eligibility Counseling
- Job Training
- Short-Term Financial Assistance
- SNAP Outreach
- Other

**CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

- Kids Cafe®
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- After-School
- Summer Food
- Other Initiatives

**POUNDAGE**

Total number of pounds distributed by member, FY 2009
- 12,752,581

Pounds of donated product received by member, FY 2009
- 9,484,956

Pounds of product purchased by member, FY 2009
- 819,969

Pounds of fresh produce received by member, FY 2009
- 4,421,246

Pounds of TEFAP commodities received by member, FY 2009
- 1,982,431

Pounds of CFSP commodities received by member, FY 2009
- 0

Number of local food donors
- 195


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