

HUNGER

in Fayette County



SPECIAL REPORT

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Emergency Food Program

Our Mission

The mission of God's Pantry Food Bank is to reduce hunger in Kentucky through community cooperation making the best possible use of all available resources.

About the Survey

From March 21-31, 2011, a team of board members, volunteers, and staff interviewed more than 450 clients visiting our six pantry locations. This fifth survey gathered important data on Fayette County emergency food box recipients. Thank you to the survey team, pantry volunteers, and most importantly, the clients who made this study possible. This study is our attempt to gather more accurate information on those we serve. Please recognize that information was compiled by volunteers and staff and could reflect inaccuracies due to human error.

Pantry Locations

Broadway Christian Church
187 N. Broadway, 40508

Open Monday - Friday; 1-2:30 p.m.; 6-7:30 p.m.
and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - Noon.

Central Christian Church
219 E. Short Street, 40507
Open Monday-Friday; 2-4 p.m.

Gardenside Baptist Church
1667 Alexandria Drive, 40504
Open Monday-Friday; 6-7:30 p.m.

Pilgrim Baptist Church
541 Jefferson Street, 40508
Open Monday - Friday; 1-3 p.m.

St. Luke United Methodist Church
2351 Alumni Drive, 40517
Open Monday-Friday; 2-4 p.m.

Referring Agencies

There are 220 social service agencies in Fayette County that refer clients to God's Pantry for emergency food assistance. The following are the top referring agencies:

Community Action Council
Hopemobile/Hope Ctr.
God's Pantry Food Bank
The Center for Women,
Children & Families
Cardinal Valley Center
Adult & Tenant Services

Cabinet for Health
& Family Services
United Way's 211
Fayette County Schools Family
& Youth Service Centers
Salvation Army
CompCare

What does a client family receive?

- 4 packages of meat (beef, chicken, fish, or pork)
- 12 cans of vegetables, fruit & soup
- 8 units of pasta, cereal, rice, milk, flour etc.
- 3 units peanut butter, dry or canned beans
- 7 extras (condiments, coffee/tea, cookies, etc.)
- 2 cans of meat
- 1 dozen eggs
- 3 pkgs. bread
- Fresh produce (vegetables and fruit)
- Baby formula (2 cans), baby cereal (2 boxes), and baby food in jars (15) – as needed
- USDA commodities (juice, canned vegetables and fruit, meat, rice, beans, soup, cereal, cheese, pasta, potatoes, etc.)

Total estimated value of a food referral and USDA commodities for a family of four: \$179



161,000

pounds of food is needed
monthly to stock our five
Fayette County pantries

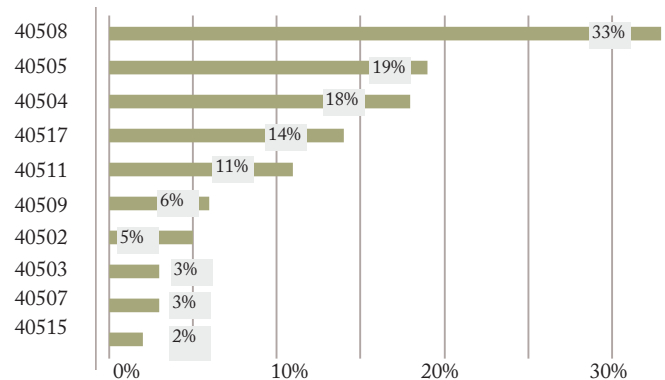
Clients say their food box
lasts an average of 11 days.

Who is Hungry in Fayette County?

The typical person visiting a pantry is a white female in her 40's with a family of three. She may have finished high school and if she is working is likely earning minimum wage. She doesn't own a car so she must walk, ride a bus or arrange for a ride to the pantry with family or friends.



Client Zip Codes



Income

Average yearly household income is **\$8,760**. The average monthly household income for a client family is only **\$730**.

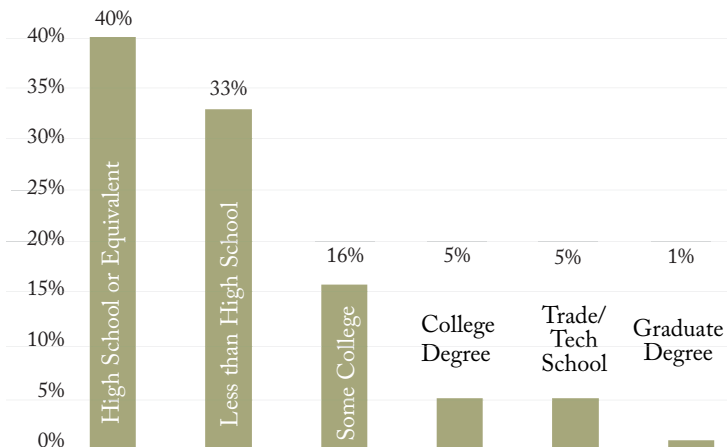
Health Status

When clients were asked about their health status, **41%** of the adults needing assistance identified themselves as disabled or in poor health.

	Adults	Children
Good health	59%	96%
Poor health	16%	3%
Disabled	25%	1%

In addition, **29%** of clients surveyed had no health insurance.

Education



Employment

23% percent of adults needing assistance are working full or part time.

Ethnicity

White/Non Hispanic	49%
Black/Non Hispanic	34%
Hispanic	10%
Bi-Racial	5%
American Indian	1%
Other	1%





Other Forms of Assistance

- 60% of households surveyed receive food stamps.
- 24% of those receive less than \$99 a month.
- 23% receive between \$100-\$199.
- Food stamps typically last clients 2-3 weeks.
- 67% of those surveyed said their children were receiving free or reduced-price school breakfasts and lunches.

Other Findings:

- 63 % of those surveyed are registered voters.
- 51% of those surveyed said they came to God's Pantry Food Bank for the first time last year.

Tough Choices

- 50% had to choose between paying for food and paying their rent or mortgage in the last year.
- 50% had to choose between paying for food and paying for heat or utilities.
- 43% of clients had to choose between paying for food and paying for medicine or medical care.

50% of parents needing assistance skip meals so that their children can eat

1 out of 6 report skipping meals daily.

Transportation

- 43% of clients rely on family, friends or public transportation to get to a pantry.
- More than 18% of clients either walk or ride their bike as their primary source of transportation.
- 36% of clients own their own car
- 69% of clients have had to choose between paying for food and paying for gasoline in the past twelve months.



You Can Help!

For every \$10 donation, God's Pantry Food Bank can distribute 45 meals to a family in need. A donation of \$19 can provide a family of four with a week's supply of food.

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