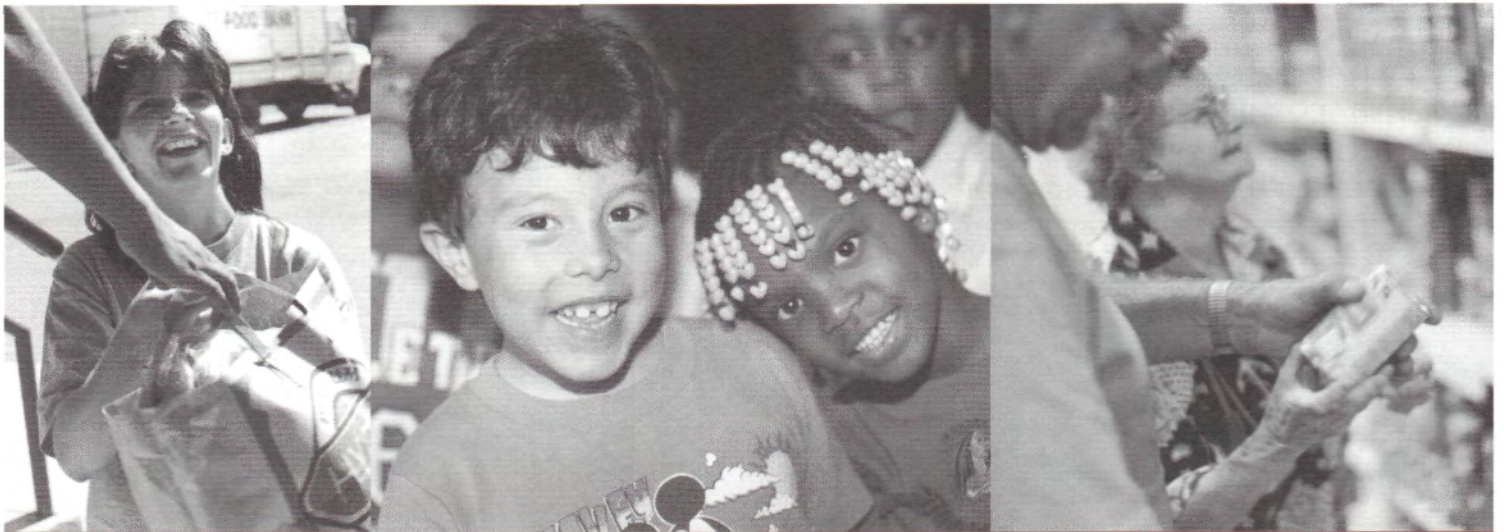


HUNGER

The face of hunger in Fayette County may surprise you . . .



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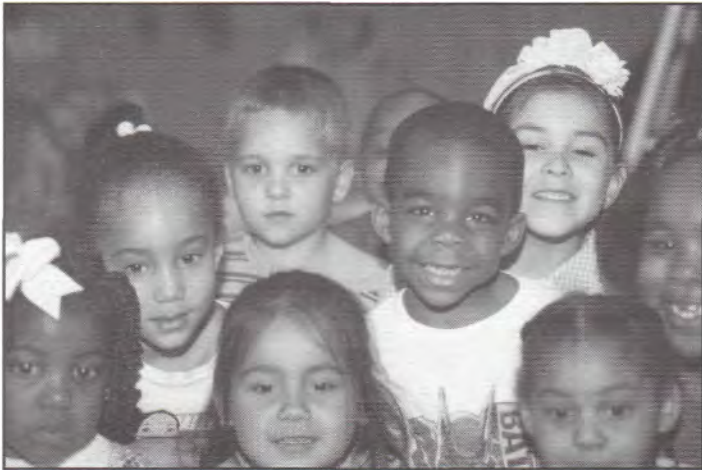


God's Pantry Food Bank is dedicated to reducing hunger in Kentucky through community cooperation making the best possible use of all available resources. God's Pantry works with 350 programs in 49 counties of central and eastern Kentucky as a member of America's Second Harvest national food banking network. Since 1955, God's Pantry has been serving Fayette County families in need through the Emergency Food Box Program.

Fayette County Emergency Food Box Program

About the study:

From January 22 to February 4, 2003, a team of board members, volunteers, and staff interviewed more than 400 clients visiting our five pantry locations. This second annual 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.



46% of Fayette County emergency food box recipients are children

Over 100 social service agencies refer clients to God's Pantry for service. Individuals may receive a food box up to 3 times within a 6-month period. By requiring a referral, this process eliminates duplication of service and enables clients to get aid other than food. The following are a few of these referring agencies:

- Cabinet for Families & Children
- Cardinal Valley Center
- Catholic Action Center
- Community Action
- CompCare
- Family Resource & Youth Service Centers - (Fayette County Schools)
- Hope Center/Hopemobile
- Salvation Army

Transportation

Only 32% of clients own their own car. 68% of clients walk to a pantry, rely on family and friends, or use public transportation to get them there. That's why it's so important that pantries be located near client residences.

Service Hours

Pantries are open Monday - Friday. Four sites operate during the afternoon and one during the evening to accommodate working clients.

Where are clients served?



Broadway Christian Church
187 N. Broadway
40507



Nathaniel Mission
616 DeRoode St.
40508



Pilgrim Baptist Church
541 N. Jefferson St.
40508



Shiloh Baptist Church
237 East 5th St.
40508

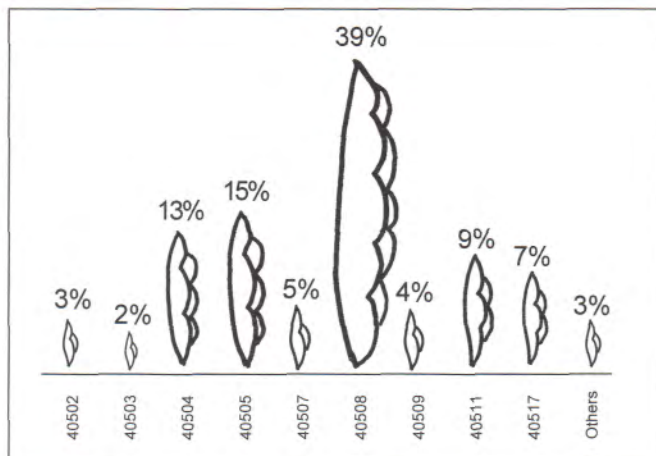


St. Luke's United Methodist Church
2351 Alumni Dr.
40517

Who is hungry in Fayette County?

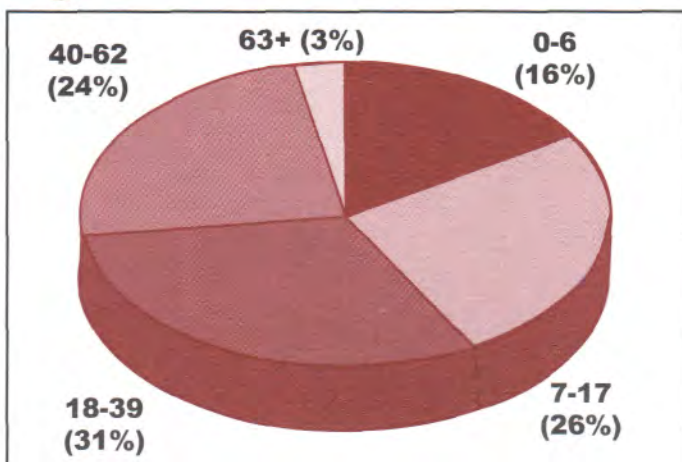
Snapshot of a typical client:

The typical client served is a single, white female with children. Her average monthly income is \$638. She faces financial, health, employment, and/or emotional challenges such as a lack of child support, the high cost of medicine, few jobs with living wages, family injury or illnesses, difficulty finding employment, or death of a family member. She frequently cannot afford food because of utility, medical, and housing expenses.



Our Neighbors - clients come from all zip codes in Fayette County.

Age



Ethnicity

Of all members of recipient households:

- 52% are White
- 30% are African American
- 14% are Hispanic
- 3% are Multi-Racial
- 1% are Native American

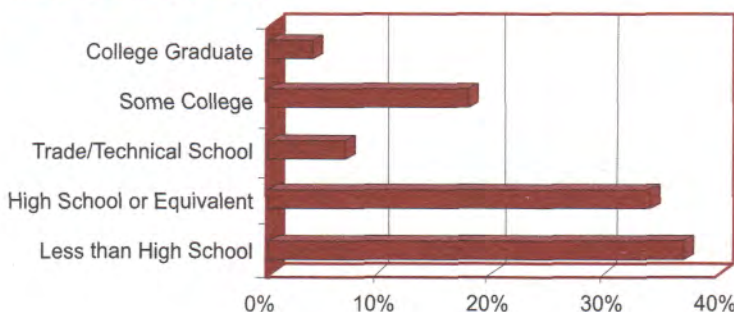
What's in a food box?

2 packages meat (ground beef, hot dogs, etc.)
 1 dozen eggs
 21 cans of vegetables, fruit, and soup
 11 units of pasta, cereal, rice, flour, and dry beans
 2 each of available USDA commodities (juice; vegetables; canned fruit; peanut butter; canned pork, chicken, salmon or beef stew; rice; instant potatoes; dry beans)
 5 packages dry or canned milk
 1 pound margarine
 6 extras (jello, pudding, coffee/tea, cookies, etc.)
 bread (as needed)
 baby food (jars, cereal, formula) (as needed)

Food Box for a Family of Four
 (total estimated value = \$92)

Clients say their food box lasts an average of 12 days.

Education



Key Changes

The number of people not working but looking for work increased 28% since the 2002 study. Unemployment is one of the main reasons people need help. In fact, 29% of those seeking assistance have some college or technical school experience, a significant increase above the 22% last year.

The number of households seeking assistance for the first time increased 28% over the last year. Over half of all families served sought emergency food assistance from God's Pantry for the first time in 2002.



One-fourth of adults needing assistance are working at least part-time.

79% of the children receiving food boxes rely on free and reduced price meals at school.

76% of client households have annual incomes below \$10,000.

99% of clients reported that they are treated with respect by the volunteers at the food pantry.

Client's Choice allows clients to choose foods that are appropriate and appealing to their families while providing greater dignity and independence.

Big Sacrifices -

63% of parents needing assistance go without food so that their children can eat.



Many families in Fayette County face tough choices:

51% of emergency food recipients had to choose between paying for food and paying their rent or mortgage in the last year.

49% had to choose between paying for food and paying for heat or utilities.

41% had to choose between paying for food and paying for medicine or medical care.

For information on how you can help:

God's Pantry Food Bank
1685 Jaggie Fox Way
Lexington, KY 40511-1084
(859) 255-6592
www.godspantry.org

*Just \$9.20 can provide a 12-day supply of food to a hungry family in Fayette County.
Lend your support today!*