Emergency Food Box 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 January 18 -30, 2007, 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
- Central Christian Church
  219 E. Short Street, 40507
- Brenda D. Cowan Center
  1364 Devonport Drive, 40504
- Nathaniel Mission
  616 DeRoode Street, 40508
- Pilgrim Baptist Church
  541 Jefferson Street, 40508
- St. Luke United Methodist Church
  2351 Alumni Drive, 40517

Pantries are open Monday - Friday. Four sites operate during the afternoon and two during the evening.

What’s in an Emergency Food Box?

- 2 pkgs. Meat (ground beef, hot dogs, bologna, etc.)
- 1 dozen eggs
- 23 cans of vegetables, fruit & soup
- 11 units of pasta, cereal, rice, flour, & dry beans
- 1 jar peanut butter
- 6 extras (condiments, coffee/tea, cookies, etc.)
- 2 containers of shelf-stable milk
- 1 pound margarine
- Bread (as needed)
- USDA commodities (2 each): juice, vegetables, fruit, can meat, rice, dry beans, etc.
- Fresh produce (vegetables and fruit)
- Baby cereal (2 boxes), baby food in jars (15), baby formula (2 large cans) (as needed)

Total estimated value for a food box for a family of four: $128

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

60,000 pounds of food is needed monthly to stock our six Fayette County pantries

Referring Agencies

Almost 200 social service agencies refer clients to God’s Pantry for service. By requiring a referral, this process eliminates duplication of service and links clients with other forms of assistance. The following are a few of these referring agencies:

Community Action
Salvation Army
Adult Services
Family Resource Centers
CompCare

Hope Mobile
Central Christian Church
Food Stamp Office
Manchester Center
Cardinal Valley Center

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**Income**

Average yearly household income is $8,943. **68%** of households needing assistance have annual incomes below $10,000.

**Employment**

35% percent of adults needing assistance are working full or part time. Another 36% percent of adults are actively looking for work.

**Ethnicity**

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**Health Status**

When clients were asked about their health status, nearly **38%** of the adults needing assistance identified themselves as disabled or in poor health.

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In addition, **35%** of clients surveyed had no health insurance.

45% of all those served are children
You Can Help!

For every $1 donated, God’s Pantry Food Bank distributes $10 worth of food.

A donation of $10.60 can provide a 12-day food supply for a family of four.

Other Forms of Assistance

- 41% of households surveyed receive food stamps.
- 35% of those receive less than $99 a month.
- 35% receive between $100-$199.
- Food stamps typically last clients 1 to 2 weeks.
- 31% of those surveyed said their children were receiving free or reduced-price school breakfasts and lunches.

Other Findings:

- 57% of those surveyed are registered voters.
- 55% of those surveyed said they came to God’s Pantry Food Bank for the first time last year.

Tough Choices

- 49% had to choose between paying for food and paying their rent or mortgage in the last year.
- 52% had to choose between paying for food and paying for heat or utilities.
- 44% of clients had to choose between paying for food and paying for medicine or medical care.

Transportation

- 23% of clients either walk or ride their bike as their primary source of transportation.
- 33% of clients rely on family, friends or public transportation to get to a pantry.
- 42% of clients own their own car.
- 77% of clients have had to choose between paying for food and paying for gasoline in the past twelve months.

52% of parents needing assistance skip meals so that their children can eat

1 out of 9 report skipping meals daily

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