



HUNGER IN AMERICA 2010

LOCAL PROFILE -- QUAD CITIES AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

River Bend Foodbank conducted extensive research in early 2009 in conjunction with Feeding America's massive Hunger in America Hunger Study. Nationwide, the study found that about 27 million people rely on emergency food and grocery assistance provided by network food banks and food rescue organizations. More than 61,000 clients and 37,000 agencies were surveyed nationwide. For the local portion covering the River Bend Foodbank's 22 county service area, almost 300 clients and 150 agencies were interviewed.

Throughout our 22 counties approximately 84,100 people seek food assistance every year from River Bend Foodbank and its member network of more than 314 food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. That figure represents a 27% increase over Hunger in America 2006 and reflects the recession and accompanying rising unemployment rates. **Each week, the Foodbank and its member agencies serve more than 10,000 men, women and children.**

The Face of Hunger

- 39% of the people the Foodbank serves are children under 18
- 10% percent are children under 5
- 13% are homeless
- 40% of households include at least one employed adult
- 50% are very low food security—hungry
- 31% report having at least one member in poor health
- 15% recently lost their jobs and 22% had been working in managerial or professional jobs



Demographic Breakdown

- 51% Female
- 49% Male
- 18% Non-Hispanic Black
- 4% Latino or Hispanic
- 77% are Non Hispanic White



Assistance Helps Make Ends Meet, Hard Choices That lead to Hunger

- 45% of clients served by the Foodbank have to choose between paying for heat or utilities
- 34% choose between paying for food or medicine
- 38% choose between food and rent/mortgage payments

Food Pantries Rely Upon the River Bend Foodbank

- 65% of the food distributed by pantries in our 22 counties comes from the River Bend Foodbank
- 96% of the pantries said that losing the resources of the Foodbank would have a significant or devastating effect on their operations