



Status of Hunger in America

- The USDA says that 49 million Americans don't have dependable, consistent access to enough food due to limited money and resources.
- The Feeding America network provides emergency food assistance to more than 25 million Americans each year—including more than 9 million children and nearly 3 million seniors.
- Food insecurity has remained fairly steady for the past 7 years with this year being the highest observed increase since national food security surveys were initiated in 1995 —36 percent increase over 2007 49 million American are at risk of hunger.
- Americans care about hunger if they understand its magnitude, but too few are aware of the problem; they think “not in my town,” but 49 million don't all live “someplace else.”
- Just because a person has a job doesn't mean he or she has enough money to put a meal on the table. In fact 36 percent of the households served by the Feeding America network have at least one adult working.
- Surplus food is not located next to hungry people. We can move the food to the areas that need it the most, but we need help in doing it.