



RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY
FOOD BANK

2020 Facts & Figures



About the Food Bank

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank acquires and distributes food through a network of 168 member agencies that reaches 53,000 struggling Rhode Islanders each month at food pantries, meal sites, shelters, youth programs and senior centers. Last year, the Food Bank distributed 11.6 million pounds of food.

Hunger & Poverty in Rhode Island

11% of households (47,700) are food insecure, meaning they are unable to afford adequate food (compared to 11.7% nationally)

\$21,330 per year is the poverty level for a family of 3

\$223 per month is the average household SNAP benefit

4.7% of households (20,398) have very low food security, meaning they miss meals and experience hunger (compared to 4.6% nationally)

148,000 Rhode Islanders are enrolled in SNAP

Who We Serve

In 2019, in collaboration with the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute at Brown University, the Food Bank conducted a statewide survey identifying demographic details of households impacted by hunger in Rhode Island. Here are some of the results.



66% of households served at food pantries include children or seniors



69% of households with children have earned income from a working adult



45% of guests report fair or poor health



75% of guests are enrolled in SNAP



41% of guests have a household member with diabetes - that's more than 4 times the prevalence of type 2 diabetes in the U.S.



88% of guests live below the poverty line



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The Food Bank's statewide network of member agencies serves 53,000 people EACH MONTH

Food Distribution



11.6 million lbs of food were distributed in 2019



2.3 million lbs of distributed food was fresh produce



88% was healthy food that can be used to make full meals

Food Bank Operations



57 employees work at the Food Bank and out in the community



77,000 sq ft facility including warehouse, storage and offices



8 trucks in the Food Bank's fleet for delivery and pick up



Food comes from retailers, growers, manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and community food drives.



Once at the Food Bank, food is sorted and inspected.

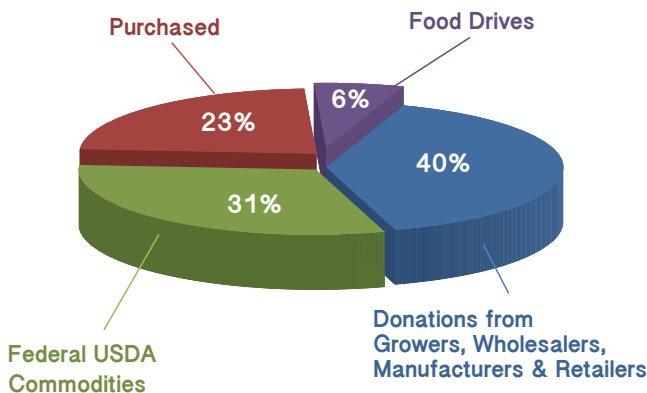


Food is distributed to our statewide network of food pantries, meal sites, shelters, youth programs, senior centers and other member agencies.

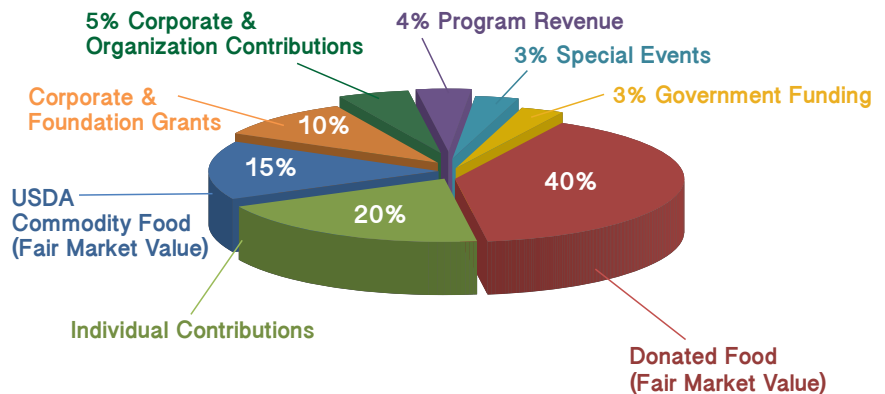


Food is provided to 53,000 Rhode Islanders each month.

2019 - Sources of Food



2019 - Public Support & Revenue



The Food Bank is a member of Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization.