



Further Notes and Ideas

About Hunger in Oklahoma

Hunger in Oklahoma

- Oklahoma is among the hungriest states in the nation.
- Over 675 thousand Oklahomans are at risk of hunger every day. That is one in every six people living in the state.
- One quarter of all Oklahoma children lives in poverty or extreme poverty.
- More than one third of the senior citizens living in Oklahoma County struggles with food insecurity.
- The average household that receives emergency food assistance is three people with at least one working adult earning an average income of \$900 each month.
- The majority of those served by the Regional Food Bank are children, seniors living on fixed incomes, and working families who cannot make ends meet.
- 40% of clients reported choosing between paying for food or paying their utilities or heating fuel.
- 57% of clients have unpaid medical or hospital bills.

Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma

- The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is the largest private hunger-relief charity in the state.
- Since its inception in 1980, the Food Bank has distributed more than 500 million pounds of food.
- The Food Bank sends food to over 1000 charitable feeding programs and schools in 53 central and western Oklahoma counties.
- In the 2014 fiscal year, the Food Bank distributed 47.8 million pounds of food, enough to provide 110 thousand meals *each week*.
- Our volunteers worked more than 141 thousand hours last fiscal year, saving the Food Bank more than \$3 million in labor.
- Last year the Regional Food Bank served over 36 thousand children each week through our partner agencies and over 18.5 thousand children received Food for Kids backpacks during the course of the year.