

Responding to Food Insecurity Together



What Is Food Insecurity?

the condition of not having access to sufficient food, or food of an adequate quality, to meet one's basic needs.

1.3 million (14.6%) New Yorkers are food insecure

Food Insecurity Is One of the Biggest Challenges Facing New Yorkers

- Average meal costs in NYC are \$6.31, double the national average
- Continued effects of food inflation, especially for beef (+13.9%) and eggs (+10.9%)
- 14% of adults and 18% of families visited a food pantry last year
- 65% of food pantry users are employed

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

America's Largest Anti-Hunger Initiative

- Formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, administered by the USDA
- Supports 41.7 million Americans and 1.8 million New Yorkers
- The largest share of participants are working adults (18-59 years old), followed closely by children.
- Average monthly benefit is \$187 per person

\$186 Billion in SNAP cuts in H.R. 1 ("The Big Beautiful Bill")

Federal Cuts and the Government Shutdown Is **Exacerbating the Crisis**



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The USDA cut \$500 million in funding to food banks. Here's how they're coping

"These reductions don't just affect people facing hunger — they also hurt the retailers, farmers, and businesses that supply fresh, local food to our region," says Beth Martino, CEO of Three Square Food Bank in Southern Nevada.

'An Existential Threat': Food Banks **Brace for Fallout From Trump Cuts**

New York City food banks aren't sure how they will survive the administration's funding cuts, which could also affect the programs they turn to for help.

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These New Yorkers are most likely to lose food aid under Trump's spending cuts



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States warn SNAP benefits may stop in November if government shutdown continues

Hunger and Cold Loom as Shutdown Imperils Funding for Antipoverty Programs

Within days, tens of millions of lowincome Americans may lose assistance for food, child care and utilities if the federal government remains shut down.

HFNY Has Mobilized Volunteers and Directly Funded Programs Combating Food Insecurity for Decades





























Granted \$535,000 to 14 Affiliates in FY25:

- Choice Pantries
- Mobile Pantries
- Sit down meals
- Grab-and-go meals