



FAST facts

INCLUDES MOST RECENT DATA AVAILABLE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2016

FOOD BANK FOR NEW YORK CITY

Source: Food Bank for New York City, Fiscal Year 2016.

- Food Bank For New York City's food distribution program provides approximately **62.5 million free meals** per year for New Yorkers in need.
- Since 1983, Food Bank For New York City has provided more than **1 billion meals** to New Yorkers in need.
- Food Bank For New York City's income support services, including food stamps (also known as SNAP) and free tax assistance, put more than **\$172 million** each year into the pockets of low-income New Yorkers.
- Food Bank For New York City's nutrition education programs and services empower more than **45,000 children, teens and adults** to sustain a healthy diet on a low budget.
- A **donation of \$1** to Food Bank For New York City helps provide **5 meals**.
- Food Bank For New York City distributes approximately **5.7 million kosher meals** per year.

EMERGENCY FOOD

Source: Hunger's New Normal: Redefining Emergency in Post-Recession New York City. Food Bank For New York City. 2012.

- An estimated **1.4 million** New York City **residents** rely on emergency food programs, including soup kitchens and food pantries, each year.
- Approximately **339,000** New York City **children**, or approximately one out of every five (19 percent), rely on soup kitchens and food pantries.
- Approximately **604,770** New York City adult **women**, or approximately one out of every six (17 percent), rely on soup kitchens and food pantries.
- Approximately **204,000** New York City **seniors**, or approximately one out of every five (20 percent), rely on soup kitchens and food pantries.
- Approximately **70,000** New York City **veterans**, or approximately three out of every ten (30 percent), rely on soup kitchens and food pantries.

FOOD INSECURITY

Sources:
US: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). 2016.

(Note that this data is released one year after it is collected.)

Food security means access by all people at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life.

US

- Nearly **48.1 million** United States residents, or **15.4 percent**, are food insecure.

NYS

- Over **2.6 million** New York State residents, or **13.5 percent**, are food insecure.
- New York State's food insecurity rate is **12 percent** lower than the national rate.

NYS & NYC: Map the Meals Gap (2014). Feeding America. 2016.

(Note that this data is released two years after it is collected.)

NYC

- More than **1.3 million** New York City residents, or **16.4 percent**, are food insecure.
- New York City residents make up over **half (51 percent)** of all food insecure people living in New York State.
- New York City's food insecurity rate is **6 percent** higher than the national rate, and **21.5 percent** higher than the New York State rate.

MEAL GAP

Source: Map the Meals Gap (2014). Feeding America. 2016.

(Note that this data is released two years after it is collected.)

The Meal Gap represents the meals missing from the homes of those struggling to put food on the table.

US

- The meal gap for the United States is **8.49 billion**; that is, US residents who experience food insecurity fall short of an adequate diet by 8.49 billion meals in a single year.

NYS

- The meal gap for New York State is approximately **472 million** (471,801,700); that is, New York State residents who experience food insecurity fall short of an adequate diet by 472 million meals in a single year.

NYC

- The meal gap for New York City is nearly **242 million** (241,956,200); that is, New York City residents who experience food insecurity fall short of an adequate diet by 242 million meals in a single year. New York City's meal gap makes up over half of New York State's meal gap.

AVERAGE COST PER MEAL

Source: Map the Meals Gap (2014). Feeding America. 2016.

(Note that this data is released two years after it is collected.)

US

- The average cost per meal in the United States is **\$ 2.89**.

NYS

- The average cost per meal in New York State is **\$2.97**, 2.8 percent higher than the national average.

NYC

- The average cost per meal in New York City is **\$3.38**, 17 percent higher than the national average, and 14 percent higher than the New York State average.

POVERTY

Source: 2014 American Community Survey. U.S. Census Bureau. 2015.

(Note that this data is released one year after it is collected.)

The federal poverty level is \$20,160 annually for a household of three.

US

- **15.5 percent**, or **48.2 million** United States residents, are living below the federal poverty level.

NYS

- **15.9 percent**, or **3.1 million** New York State residents, are living below the federal poverty level. New York State's poverty rate is 2.6 percent above the

national poverty rate.

NYC

- **20.9 percent**, or **1.75 million** New York City residents, are living below the federal poverty level. New York City's poverty rate is 35 percent above the federal poverty rate, and 31 percent above the New York State poverty rate.
- New York City residents make up more than half (56 percent) of all New Yorkers in poverty.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

(Note that this data is released one or two months after it is collected.)

US

- As of July 2016, the national unemployment rate is **4.9 percent**. Approximately 8 million (7,770,000) people are currently unemployed.

NYS

- As of June 2016, the unemployment rate in New York State is **4.7 percent**, or approximately 451,560 New York State residents are currently unemployed.

NYC

- As of June 2016, the unemployment rate in New York City is **5.0 percent**, or approximately 210,164 New York City residents are currently unemployed.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

Sources:
US: USDA.
NYS: Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA).
NYC: Human Resources Administration (HRA).
(Note that this data is released 2-4 months after it is collected.)

US

- As of May 2016, approximately **43.5 million** (43,478,196) United States residents participate in SNAP.
- The average monthly household SNAP benefit amount in the United States is **\$254.82**.

NYS

- As of May 2016, nearly **3 million** (2,965,167) New York State residents participate in SNAP.
- The average monthly household SNAP benefit amount in New York State is **\$269.07**.

NYC

- As of May 2016, nearly **1.7 million** (1,694,747) New York City residents participate in SNAP.
- New York City residents make up more than half (57 percent) of all New Yorkers participating in SNAP.
- The average monthly household SNAP benefit amount in New York City is **\$291.26**.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (GROCERIES)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

(Note that this data is released one month after it is collected.)

US

- From July 2015 to July 2016, the cost of groceries decreased by **1.6 percent**.
- Since the start of the Great Recession (December 2007), the cost of groceries in United States has increased by approximately **16 percent**.
- Since SNAP benefits were reduced in November 2013, the cost of groceries in the United States has increased by approximately **2 percent**.

New York Metro Statistical Area

- From July 2015 to July 2016, the cost of groceries decreased by **1.6 percent**.
- Since the start of the Great Recession (December 2007), the cost of groceries in the New York Metropolitan area has increased by approximately **17.4 percent**.
- Since SNAP benefits were reduced in November 2013, the cost of groceries in the New York Metropolitan area has increased by approximately **1.1 percent**.

POPULATION

Source: 2014
American
Community Survey.
U.S. Census Bureau.
2015.

*(Note that this data
is released one year
after it is collected.)*

US

- As of 2014, more than **318.9 million (318,857,056)** people are living in the U.S.

NYS

- As of 2014, approximately **19.7 million (19,746,227)** people are living in New York State.

NYC

- As of 2014, more than **8.5 million (8,491,079)** people are living in New York City.
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