

FOOD • HELP • HOPE



A LOOK AT HOW THE COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NEW JERSEY HELPS NEIGHBORS IN NEED

FY27 FACT SHEET

THE PROBLEM

Hunger Exists in Every New Jersey County

More than 48 million Americans are food insecure. They don't know if they'll have enough nutritious food for themselves and their families. Nearly 1.2 million of them are in New Jersey, including 330,000 children. They are our neighbors, coworkers, family, and friends.

The majority of households that CFBNJ serves have at least one member with a paying job. Some of our neighbors in need work multiple jobs but still struggle to make ends meet. They often make tough choices – deciding between food and other necessities.

People of color, as well as LGBTQ+ individuals, are disproportionately impacted by hunger, facing barriers to economic stability. Black and Latino New Jerseyans experience food insecurity at roughly three times the rate of white neighbors, respectively 26% and 20%, compared with 7%.

College students, seniors, and residents of resort towns also face unique challenges that make them more susceptible to food insecurity. Hunger is a major concern for those affected by emergencies, as well. Recently, we have seen pandemics, natural disasters, government shutdowns, and economic downturns increase need.

THE SOLUTION

Providing Food, Help and Hope – Together

The Community FoodBank of New Jersey started in the back of our founder's station wagon and is now the largest anti-hunger and anti-poverty organization in New Jersey. It has provided people across the state with food, help and hope for decades, celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025.

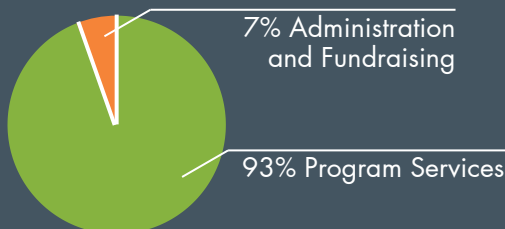
Today, CFBNJ has more than 200 employees who fight hunger every day. We package food orders for local soup kitchens and food pantries, purchase and collect food for distribution, help people in need access critical resources, reach communities with limited resources via mobile pantries, encourage others to get involved, and more.

Our warehouses – in Hillside and Egg Harbor Township – are the size of five football fields (total) and act as hubs that bring in and distribute food.

CFBNJ PROVIDES FOOD TO MORE THAN 800 COMMUNITY PARTNERS – LIKE LOCAL SOUP KITCHENS, FOOD PANTRIES AND SHELTERS – THAT SERVE PEOPLE IN NEED IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.

Last year, CFBNJ distributed more than 90 million meals, about 35-percent of which was fresh produce. We address hunger as a health issue to inspire positive lifestyles.

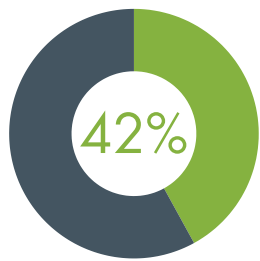
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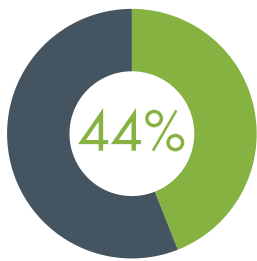
WE'RE PROUD OF HOW WE MANAGE OUR FUNDS

At the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, we dedicate a remarkable 93% of our expenses to programs, and only 7% to administration and fundraising. We want you to know that when you support CFBNJ, more of the money goes to help fight hunger and poverty in New Jersey.

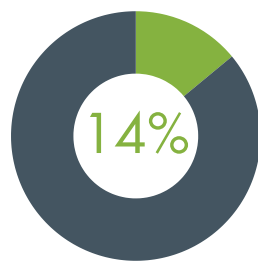
WHERE OUR FOOD COMES FROM



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PURCHASED



GOVERNMENT

In addition to working with its community partners, CFBNJ has an array of programs that help meet the need.

PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS FOOD

Food for Youth & Students

We ensure that kids and young adults at risk of hunger have access to nutritious meals all year long outside school hours. Our Child Nutrition and Food For College Students programs include after-school meals at Kids Cafes, Family Packs for the weekend, the Summer Food Service Program, and campus pantries.

Food for Older Adults

Seniors are especially prone to hunger and its health implications. We distribute boxes packed with nutritious food to thousands of seniors every month to help them eat well.

Community Health & Nutrition

We work to address hunger as a health issue. Our Nutrition Policy, Growing Healthy Pantries program, Food is Medicine initiatives, and Health Care partnerships ensure that we tailor food offerings to meet health needs and cultural preferences.

Food Rescue

We rescue perfectly good food that would otherwise be wasted through our gleaning program and work with lawmakers to find long-term solutions to food waste.

Mobile Pantries

We bring food directly to areas in South Jersey where there are not enough food pantries and soup kitchens to meet the need.

EDUCATION & RESOURCES

Job Training

We offer no-cost, "on-the-job" culinary and warehouse logistics training programs to provide students with interpersonal and professional skills that will help them earn livable wages.

Food Benefits Assistance

Our Community Connections team is multi-lingual and dedicated to ensuring that New Jersey residents get the food assistance they need to thrive. CFBNJ offers free in-person or virtual SNAP, WIC, School Meals/Summer EBT, and TANF/GA application assistance.

Diapers & Hygiene Programs

Families that struggle to afford food often lack access to hygiene supplies, as well. We provide diapers and period supplies that are crucial for maintaining good health and preventing the spread of disease.

Food Policy & Advocacy

CFBNJ's Policy & Advocacy program educates the public on the federal, state, and local government initiatives that protect our communities from hunger. We advocate for common sense policies that have been proven effective in addressing the root causes of food insecurity, and we empower others to speak up and make their voices heard.

KEY TO SOLVING HUNGER

SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY

Donate Funds

Every \$1 donated helps CFBNJ provide 3 meals for people in need.

Donate Food

Fight hunger and reduce waste by donating food as a retailer or individual. You can also start a traditional or virtual food drive and encourage others to get involved.

Volunteer

Volunteers are the lifeblood of CFBNJ. Last year, they donated more than 80,000 hours - equivalent to about 40 full-time employees.

DIY Fundraisers

Host your own event to benefit CFBNJ (i.e. run a marathon or host dress-down day at work, etc.).

Advocate

Hunger is a 365-day-a-year issue that impacts everyone. Share information about hunger and the work of CFBNJ with your network and through your social channels.

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