San Diego Board of Supervisors District 5 Nutrition Insecurity Dashboard: June 2023



What is "nutrition insecurity"?

"Nutrition insecurity" is not having reliable access to 3 healthy meals a day. San Diego Hunger Coalition estimates the nutrition insecure population to be households with income below 200% of Federal Poverty Level (\$60K/year for a family of 4). Research indicates this to be a conservative estimate of the population needing food assistance to obtain adequate daily nutrition.

Nutrition Insecurity: Total Population		
District 5 Total Population		
640,814	159,736	
% of Total Popu	lation Nutrition Insecure	

25% compared to 24% in SD County

Nutrition Insecurity: Children & Youth (0-18)		
Total Children & Youth in District 5		
145,777	49,608	
% of Children & Youth Nutrition Insecure		

34% compared to 30% in SD County

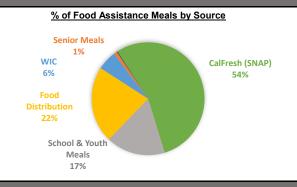
Nutrition Insecurity: Older Adults (60+)		
Total Seniors in District 5		
128,028	29,693	
% of Old	ler Adults Nutrition Insecure	

23% compared to 24% in SD County

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Food Assistance Meals Provided in June

Food Source	Total Meals
CalFresh (SNAP)	1,937,478
Pandemic-EBT	-
School & Youth Meals	605,171
Food Distribution	778,311
WIC	198,476
Older Adult/Senior Meals	34,037
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)	7,506
Total Meals Provided in Month	3,560,980



Comparing types of food assistance based on USDA Moderate Cost Food Plan: 1 nutritious meal = 1.85 pounds of food = \$4.48 on an EBT card (metro)** = \$5.45 on an EBT card (rural)**

** Cost of nutritious meal adapted for San Diego prices and population.

Calculating Missing Meals

Step 1: Total Meals Needed by Nutrition Insecure Population

14,575,888

Step 2: Subtract Estimated Self-Purchased Meals

7,525,281

Step 3: Subtract Total Food Assistance Meals Provided

- 3,560,980

Missing Meals in District 5: June 2023

3,489,627

CalFresh Participation

District 5 Total Participation	Number of People	
CalFresh Recipients in June	51,669	
Est. Total Population Eligible for CalFresh	119,017	
Estimated CalFresh Participation Rate in District 5	43%	60%
Potential New CalFresh Enrollees	67,348	Countywide Participation Rate
Additional monthly meals if half of eligible pop. was enrolled	1,460,361	
\$ Issued for food from CalFresh in June	\$8,940,543	
Estimated total economic impact from CalFresh spending	\$16,003,572	

District 5 Senior Participation	Number of Seniors	
Senior CalFresh Recipients in June	10,930	
Est. Total Seniors Eligible for CalFresh	26,838	
Estimated Senior CalFresh Participation Rate	41%	
Potential New Senior CalFresh Enrollees	15,908	

For full methology and maps of CalFresh participation and potential enrollees, as well as all of this data by electoral district, visit: www.sdhunger.org/research.

Methodology:

Hunger Free San Diego calculates the CalFresh participation rates based on the likely eligible population with income below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). In California, households with income up to 200% FPL are encouraged to apply.