

San Diego City Council District 8 Nutrition Insecurity Dashboard: September 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 8 Total Population	Estimated People Nutrition Insecure
163,345	63,509
% of Total Population Nutrition Insecure	
39% compared to 25% in SD County	

Nutrition Insecurity: Children & Youth (0-18)	
Total Children & Youth in District 8	Estimated Kids Nutrition Insecure
41,847	20,962
% of Children & Youth Nutrition Insecure	
50% compared to 32% in SD County	

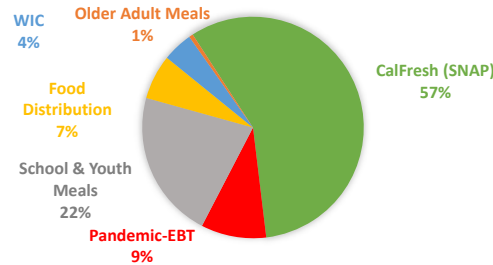
Nutrition Insecurity: Older Adults (60+)	
Total Seniors in District 8	Estimated Seniors Nutrition Insecure
27,383	9,650
% of Older Adults Nutrition Insecure	
35% compared to 25% in SD County	

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Food Assistance Meals Provided in September

Food Source	Total Meals
CalFresh (SNAP)	1,416,193
Pandemic-EBT	235,919
School & Youth Meals	536,118
Food Distribution	162,018
WIC	109,529
Older Adult Meals	14,098
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)	-
Total Meals Provided in Month	2,473,875

% of Food Assistance Meals by Source



Comparing types of food assistance based on USDA Moderate Cost Food Plan:

1 nutritious meal
 =
 1.85 pounds of food
 =
\$4.46 on an EBT card (metro)**
 =
\$5.43 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
5,795,236

Step 2: Subtract Estimated Self-Purchased Meals
3,096,157

Step 3: Subtract Total Food Assistance Meals Provided
2,473,875

Missing Meals in District 8: September 2023
225,204

CalFresh Participation

District 8 Total Participation	Number of People
CalFresh Recipients in September	36,485
Est. Total Population Eligible for CalFresh	43,819
Estimated CalFresh Participation Rate in District 8	83%
Potential New CalFresh Enrollees	7,335
Additional monthly meals if half of eligible pop. was enrolled	159,045
\$ Issued for food from CalFresh in September	\$6,323,060
Estimated total economic impact from CalFresh spending	\$11,318,277

District 8 Senior Participation	Number of Seniors
Senior CalFresh Recipients in September	7,945
Est. Total Seniors Eligible for CalFresh	9,211
Estimated Senior CalFresh Participation Rate	86%
Potential New Senior CalFresh Enrollees	1,266

For full methodology 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.