

GREATER BAY AREA*

Food Insecurity and Hunger and Demographic Characteristics Among Adults (Age 18+) in Low-Income Households

Based on Data from the 2001-R and 2003 California Health Interview Surveys

Out of a total of 2.9 million low-income California adults reporting food insecurity, approximately **394,000** adults resided in Greater Bay Area in 2003. Among low-income households, approximately **110,000** food-insecure adults in this region experienced episodes of hunger, out of a total of 900,000 California adults reporting hunger.

| | GREATER BAY AREA | | CALIFORNIA |
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| | 2001-R | 2003 | 2003 |
| ADULT POPULATION (AGES 18+) | 5,162,000 | 5,206,000 | 25,597,000 |
| ADULTS LIVING IN LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS (INCOMES <200% FPL) | 1,201,000 | 1,199,000 | 8,635,000 |
| PREVALENCE OF FOOD INSECURITY AND HUNGER | | | |
| % FOOD INSECURITY (95% range) | 25.7% (23.0 - 28.5) | 32.8% (29.7 - 35.9) | 33.9% |
| % HUNGER (95% range) | 8.0% (6.4 - 9.6) | 9.2% (7.5 - 10.8) | 10.3% |
| RACE/ETHNICITY DISTRIBUTION | | | |
| WHITE | 30.2% | 26.1% | 26.9% |
| LATINO | 33.5% | 35.0% | 49.9% |
| ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER | 22.2% | 25.0% | 11.6% |
| AFRICAN AMERICAN | 10.7% | 10.1% | 7.0% |
| URBAN/RURAL DISTRIBUTION | | | |
| URBAN | 95.4% | 96.4% | 88.2% |
| RURAL | 4.6% | 3.6% | 11.8% |

* Including Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Sonoma, Solano, Marin, and Napa Counties.

† FPL = Federal Poverty Level

*** The estimate is not statistically stable (coefficient of variation is over 30%).

Note: The “95% range” (more commonly called a “confidence interval”) provides a more reliable estimate of the prevalence rates for persons in the population group than does the “point estimate.” Point estimates with narrower 95% ranges are more precise or reliable than those with wider ranges.



Source: 2001-R and 2003 California Health Interview Survey

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