

MINNESOTA FOOD SHELF MANAGER SURVEY



WHO WE HEARD FROM

managers across Minnesota

located in rural areas

located in urban areas



metro areas 70% non-urban metro areas

30% urban

WHAT WE HEARD



HEALTHIER FOODS CAN BE CHALLENGING TO SOURCE

PERCENTAGE OF MANAGERS THAT SAID THESE HEALTHY FOODS WERE

ALWAYS ABLE TO BE SOURCED

FROM ANY FOOD SOURCE



meat, poultry, fresh fruit & reggies veggies

60%



dairy



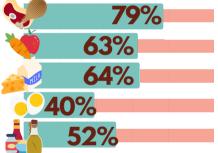
eggs



cooking & baking

PERCENTAGE OF MANAGERS THAT SAID THESE HEALTHY FOODS WERE CONSISTENTLY AVAILABLE

FROM THEIR FOOD BANK



(Includes prefer not to answer)



FOOD SHELVES ARE PRIORITIZING FRESH PRODUCE



of managers can provide fresh produce year-round.

(1% prefer not to answer.)

MANAGERS REPORT USING THE FOLLOWING SOURCES FOR FRESH PRODUCE

donation from farmer/grower food bank order

food/retail rescue

local retailers

wholesale

(14% report using other sources; 1% prefer not to answer; 1% missing)



Readers should note that these data were collected prior to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic and do not reflect the potential impacts of COVID-19 on food shelves in 2020. Evidence from national data suggests that food insecurity has increased since the start of the pandemic*.

*Schanzenbach, D. W., & A. Pitts. (2020). How much has food insecurity risen? Evidence from the Census Household Pulse Survey. Institute for Policy Research Rapid Research Report. https://www.ipr.northwestern.edu/documents/reports/ipr-rapid-researchreports-pulse-hh-data-10-june-2020.pdf







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WHAT WE HEARD



MORE RESOURCES ARE NEEDED FOR SERVICE EXPANSION

PERCENTAGE OF MANAGERS THAT SAID THEY NEED MORE OF THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES TO EXPAND THEIR FOOD SERVICES













(20% report needing other resources; 3% prefer not to answer; 1% missing.)



THE INCREASE IN 2019 TEFAP FOODS HAVE IMPACTED FOOD SHELVES IN A VARIETY OF WAYS



PERCENTAGE OF MANAGERS THAT SAID TEFAP CHANGES HAD ADDITIONAL IMPACTS

reduced food purchasing budget

increased healthfulness of foods

than they could take

was more food created storage/ distribution challenges

had no impact

(11% report other impacts not specified; 2% report not using TEFAP; 1% prefer not to answer; 3% missing.)



BUILDING A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FOOD BANK AND FOOD SHELF IS IMPORTANT



said their food bank is a TRUSTED **PARTNER**



said their food bank is SIMPLY A SOURCE FOR FOOD

said their food bank o is a COMPETITOR

(6% responded other, 1% prefer not to answer.)



PERCENTAGE OF MANAGERS THAT SAID THEY MOSTLY AND STRONGLY AGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ABOUT THEIR FOOD BANK EXPERIENCE



I know what food is available at my food bank

(0% prefer not to answer.)

Communication from my food bank is clear and timely

> (1% prefer not to answer.)

ordering process from my food bank is easy

(2% prefer not to answer.)

food bank deliveries are on time and include everything I order

> (3% prefer not to answer.)

I learn info from my food bank that is helpful

> (3% prefer not to answer.)

I wish my food bank offered more frequent deliveries

(11% prefer not to answer.)

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