

San Diego Board of Supervisors District 4 Nutrition Insecurity Dashboard: December 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.

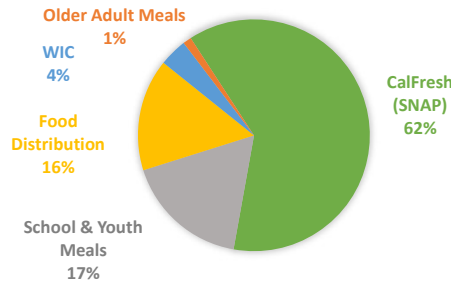
Nutrition Insecurity: Total Population		Nutrition Insecurity: Children & Youth (0-18)		Nutrition Insecurity: Older Adults (60+)	
District 4 Total Population	Estimated People Nutrition Insecure	Total Children & Youth in District 4	Estimated Kids Nutrition Insecure	Total Seniors in District 4	Estimated Seniors Nutrition Insecure
607,851	173,588	110,357	43,357	112,330	31,494
% of Total Population Nutrition Insecure 29% compared to 24% in SD County		% of Children & Youth Nutrition Insecure 39% compared to 31% in SD County		% of Older Adults Nutrition Insecure 28% compared to 24% in SD County	

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Food Assistance Meals Provided in December

Food Source	Total Meals
CalFresh (SNAP)	3,418,072
Summer EBT	-
School & Youth Meals	953,238
Food Distribution	863,423
WIC	214,196
Older Adult Meals	65,392
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)	-
Total Meals Provided in Month	5,514,321

% 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
 =
 \$4.44 on an EBT card (metro)**
 =
 \$5.40 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
15,839,861

Step 2: Subtract Estimated Self-Purchased Meals
8,382,129

Step 3: Subtract Total Food Assistance Meals Provided
5,514,321

Missing Meals in District 4: December 2023
1,943,411

CalFresh Participation

District 4 Total Participation	Number of People
CalFresh Recipients in December	80,434
Est. Total Population Eligible for CalFresh	136,924
Estimated CalFresh Participation Rate in District 4	59% 63%
Potential New CalFresh Enrollees	56,490 Countywide Participation Rate
Additional monthly meals if half of eligible pop. was enrolled	1,224,918
\$ Issued for food from CalFresh in December	\$15,186,186
Estimated total economic impact from CalFresh spending	\$27,183,273

District 4 Senior Participation	Number of Seniors
Senior CalFresh Recipients in December	19,891
Est. Total Seniors Eligible for CalFresh	30,211
Estimated Senior CalFresh Participation Rate	66%
Potential New Senior CalFresh Enrollees	10,320

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.