FOODBANK REPORT 2020 SOUTH AUSTRALIA

FOOD INSECURITY IN THE TIME OF

COVID-19 HAS INCREASED THE DEMAND FOR FOOD RELIEF IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Food insecure South Australians are seeking assistance from charities more frequently. Those seeking food relief at least once a week have doubled.

2019

89

2020

19%



Those South Australians who were struggling for food before COVID-19, are going hungry even more often now. 36% are going a whole day a week without eating.



YOUNG PEOPLE ARE BEING HARDEST HIT BY THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

PROPORTION OF FOOD INSECURE AUSTRALIANS IN EACH GENERATION THAT ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD ENOUGH FOOD AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK

65%

Gen Z

57%

Gen Y aged 26-40 46%

Gen X
aged 41-54

25%

Baby Boomers aged 55-74 25%

Builders
aged 75+

THREE IN TEN SOUTH AUSTRALIANS
NOW EXPERIENCING FOOD
INSECURITY HAD NOT GONE
HUNGRY BEFORE THE PANDEMIC

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CHARITIES HAVE SEEN TWO NEW FOOD INSECURE GROUPS EMERGING AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC



The casual workforce

International students





CHARITIES ARE SEEING DEMAND FOR FOOD RELIEF BECOME ERRATIC AND UNPREDICTABLE, BUT OVERALL NUMBERS ARE UP BY AN AVERAGE OF 47%



FOOD RELIEF IS EVEN MORE CRUCIAL IN TIMES OF CRISIS



51% OF FOOD INSECURE
SOUTH AUSTRALIANS HAVE
ACCESSED FOOD RELIEF
SINCE COVID-19 WAS
DECLARED A GLOBAL
PANDEMIC

TOP 3 BENEFITS OF RECEIVING FOOD RELIEF



47%Feeling less hungry



37% Improvements in mental health



27%
Able to better concentrate/focus

TOP 3 BARRIERS TO SEEKING FOOD RELIEF FROM A CHARITY



41%There might be people who need assistance more than me



35% Embarrassment (afraid of what people around me will think)



34%Shame (afraid of feeling inadequate and dependent on charity)

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDING TEMPORARY RELIEF

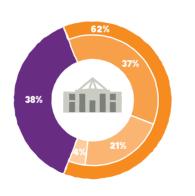
Of those who are in need of government assistance:



38% suggest government assistance has helped their situation



62% are not receiving the assistance they need (37% needed additional assistance, 21% were ineligible, 4% found it too difficult)





ALMOST 54% OF FOOD INSECURE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS DON'T KNOW HOW THEY WILL COPE OR EXPECT THEY WON'T COPE AT ALL WHEN THE ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT IS WITHDRAWN



FOODBANK IS THE LEADING PROVIDER OF VITAL FOOD AND GROCERIES TO FOOD RELIEF CHARITIES AROUND AUSTRALIA

METHODOLOGY

Data for this infographic has been sourced from:

- \bullet Survey of 1,001 Australians who experienced food insecurity in the last 12 months. In field June/July 2020.
- Nine phone interviews conducted with charity representatives and Australians experiencing food insecurity in August 2020.
- Five pulse surveys conducted amongst charities registered with Foodbank (averaging 500 respondents per survey) conducted monthly between April and September 2020.

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