Oklahoma Hunger Facts

Hunger in Oklahoma

- Oklahoma consistently ranks among the top 5 states in the number of people who are hungry.
- 1 in 4 Oklahoma children is at risk of going to bed hungry, according to Feeding America's *Map the Meal Gap 2011* Report.
- 1 in 16 Oklahoma seniors (age 60+) struggle with hunger, according to AARP's Food Insecurity Among Older Adults August 2011 Report.
- Oklahoma is ranked 10th in difficulty accessing affordable fresh fruits and vegetables, according to FRAC's *Half-Empty Plate*, *Fruit and Vegetable Affordability and Access* Report from December 2011.
- 17.2 percent of our statewide population is considered food insecure, leaving 653,820 Oklahomans (233,350 children) unsure where they will get their next meal, according to Feeding America's *Map the Meal Gap 2011* Report.

Poverty in Oklahoma

 17.2 percent of Oklahomans, approximately one in six, live in poverty, according to the United States Census 2011 American Community Survey.

Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma

- Through a network of 450 Partner Programs, the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma distributes more than 275,000 meals a week to 24 counties in eastern Oklahoma.
- Partner Programs include emergency shelters, food pantries, soup kitchens, low-income child care centers and senior citizen programs, group homes and family service agencies.
- The Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma distributed more than 17.1 million pounds of food last fiscal year, the equivalent of 14,316,750 meals (July 1, 2012 June 30, 2013).
- The Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma distributed 4.8 million pounds of fresh produce last fiscal year, comprising more than 28 percent of total food distribution.
- For every unrestricted \$1 donated, the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma can distribute 4 meals to those in need.