# STATE OF HUNGER

PENNSYLVANIA 2013

### Hunger profile:

## **BUCKS COUNTY**

Population: 626,854



## FOOD INSECURITY

What percentage of county residents are food insecure?

10% | Food insecurity rate

15% | Child food insecurity rate

People who are food insecure at times lack access to enough food for an active, healthy life.

## ON THE WEB

#### www.hungerreportpa.com

- Interactive map with hunger data for all 67 counties
- Downloadable fact sheets on each PA county
- Tools to take action on hunger issues
- Where to find help in your county

## HOW NUTRITION PROGRAMS HELP

A safety net of programs helps low-income families in Pennsylvania put food on the table every day.

#### SNAP | 37,965 participants

#### 1 in 17 residents receives SNAP

Formerly known as food stamps, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides low-income residents with monthly food assistance to buy food at grocery stores, farmers' markets and small businesses.

#### **SCHOOL MEALS**

13,308 | Students receiving free or reduced-price lunch each day 3,591 | Students receiving free or reduced-price breakfast each day

Low-income children can qualify for free or reduced-priced meals at school through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs. However, only 27 low-income students eat school breakfast for every 100 who eat school lunch.

#### WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program | 5,151 participants

WIC serves low-income pregnant women, new moms, infants and children up to age 5. They receive vouchers for healthy foods, nutrition education and health care referrals.

#### State Food Purchase Program | 58,591 participants

The State Food Purchase Program is a state-funded program that provides food to food pantries, soup kitchens and other charities to feed low-income residents.

## STATEWIDE FIGURES

#### Summer Meals | 119,195 Pennsylvania children receive free summer meals

The Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option provide free summer meals to low-income kids when school is out.

Child Care Food Program (CACFP) | 129,443 Pennsylvania children participate each day The Child Care Food Program pays for nutritious meals and snacks for low-income kids in daycare, afterschool programs and homeless shelters.

