




Connecticut Foodshare

Our Community, Our Food Bank

**Quarterly Network Forum
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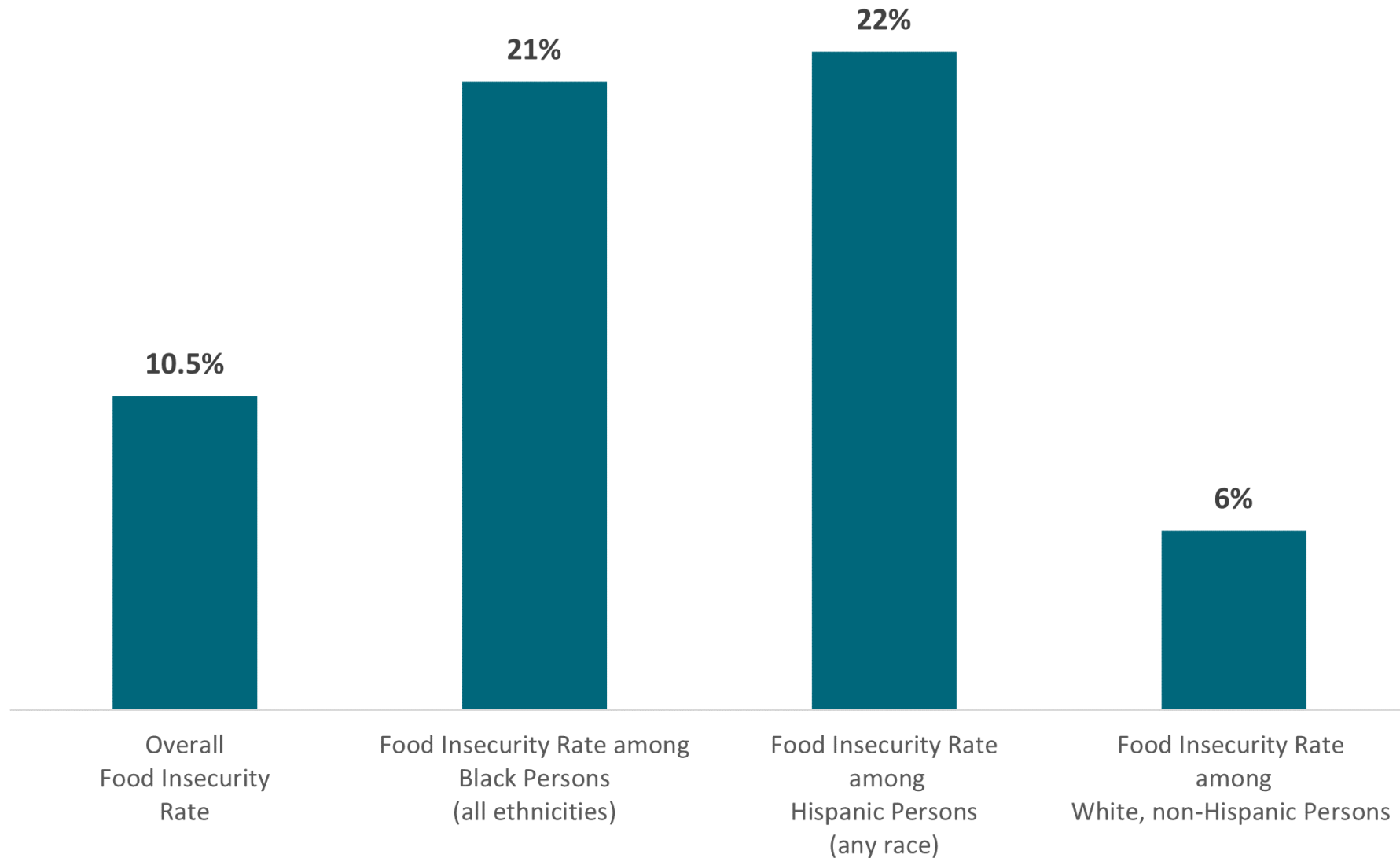


Welcome!

- Please enter your name, organization and town in chat
- **Enter questions in the Q&A** and we will answer at the end of each presenter's section
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Connecticut

Food Insecurity Rate (2021)





Food Sourcing Update

- TEFAP
 - Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC)
 - Culturally Connected
- Value Added Processing (VAP)
- DONATED
- Looking Forward

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TEFAP



- Focusing on increased selection of Halal and Kosher product
- Programs started during COVID to supplement TEFAP ended – 38% drop from FY22 to FY23 (2.9 million pounds = 72 trailer loads)
- New Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Bonus loads starting to deliver – could temporarily push pounds closer to FY22 levels



- Shelf Stable Food
- Frozen Protein
- Fresh Produce



TEFAP Expected June - August

JUNE
TEFAP Sweet Potatoes Fresh 12/3lb
TEFAP Beef Ground 40/1lb
TEFAP Pasta Macaroni Whole Grain 24/1lb
TEFAP Rice White Long 24/2lb
TEFAP Spinach 24/15oz
TEFAP Sauce Tomato 24/15oz
TEFAP Beans Garbanzo Dry 24/1lb
TEFAP Mandarins Tangerine Fresh 6/5lbs
TEFAP Lentils Dry 24/1lb
TEFAP Beans Split Pea Green Dry 12/2lbs
TEFAP Walnuts English Pcs. 24/1lb
TEFAP Pork,Canned with Juices 24/24oz
TEFAP Cheese Cheddar Yellow Chunks 12/2lbs
TEFAP Blueberries Frozen 8/3lbs
TEFAP Oranges Fresh 12/3lb
TEFAP Rice White Long 24/2lb
TEFAP Beans Garbanzo 24/15oz
TEFAP Chicken Split Breasts 6/5lb

JULY
TEFAP Milk Fresh 1% 6/64oz
TEFAP Sweet Potatoes Fresh 12/3lb
TEFAP Peaches Fresh 12/2lbs
TEFAP Beans Black 24/15oz
TEFAP Beans Garbanzo 24/15oz
TEFAP Beef Canned 24/24oz
TEFAP Rice White Medium 24/2lb
TEFAP Pork Pulled 20/2lb
TEFAP Cherries Pitted Frozen 12/2.5lb
TEFAP Blueberries Frozen 8/3lbs
TEFAP Lentils Dry 24/1lb
TEFAP Beans Green 12/14.5oz
TEFAP Chicken Leg Quarters 8/5lb
TEFAP Beans Kidney 24/15oz
TEFAP Chicken Drumsticks 8/5lb
TEFAP Asparagus Canned 24/15oz
TEFAP Beans Split Pea Green Dry 12/2lbs
TEFAP Beans Garbanzo Dry 24/1lb
TEFAP Walnuts English Pcs. 24/1lb
TEFAP Chicken Whole 10/4.5lb
TEFAP Rice White Long 24/2lb
TEFAP Catfish Fillets Raw Unbreaded 20/2lbs
TEFAP Peanut Butter Smooth 12/16oz

AUGUST
TEFAP Beef Ground 40/1lb
TEFAP Soup Vegetable 24/10.5oz
TEFAP Pasta Macaroni Whole Grain 24/1lb
TEFAP Peaches Fresh 12/2lbs
TEFAP Strawberries Frozen 12/2.5lb
TEFAP Sauce Tomato 24/15oz
TEFAP Beans Garbanzo 24/15oz
TEFAP Lentils Dry 12/2lb
TEFAP Cherries Dried 8/2lb
TEFAP Catfish Fillets Raw Unbreaded 20/2lbs
TEFAP Chicken Leg Quarters 8/5lb
TEFAP Applesauce 96/4.5oz
TEFAP Milk Fresh 1% 6/64oz
TEFAP Sweet Potatoes Fresh 12/3lb
TEFAP Mixed Vegetables 12/29oz
TEFAP Beans Split Pea Yellow Dry 12/2lbs
TEFAP Beans Garbanzo Dry 24/1lb
TEFAP Chicken Whole 10/4.5lb
TEFAP Pork,Canned with Juices 24/24oz
TEFAP Collards Low Sodium 12/14oz
TEFAP Walnuts English Pcs. 24/1lb
TEFAP Hazelnuts 24/1lb
TEFAP Rice White Long 24/2lb
TEFAP Rice White Long 24/2lb
TEFAP Beans Kidney Light Red 12/2lb
TEFAP Chicken Drumsticks 8/5lb
TEFAP Raisins 24/15oz
TEFAP Apricot Frozen 96/4.5oz
TEFAP Chicken Split Breasts 6/5lb

Produce

- **Value Added Processing (VAP)** – imperfect produce donated to Food Banks with fees for transportation/packaging (cost fully covered by CFS)
- 4 tractor-trailer loads each week on Agency Express
 - 160,000 pounds per week
 - Staple items: potatoes, carrots, onions, cabbage
 - Culturally connected produce: i.e., plantains, jalapeño peppers



Grocery Store Salvage



- Real Time Inventory Minimizing Waste and Overstock
- Secondary Market (dollar stores, discount grocers) purchasing salvage
- “Flashfood” phone app to order close code foods from grocery stores at discounts up to 50%
- Increased in store markdowns
- Small quantities donated direct through Retail Rescue

Looking Forward

- Continued efforts to source as much food from local donors as possible
- Focus on Fresh Produce and Protein
- Increase Culturally Connected Foods Including Halal and Kosher
- Continue to take advantage of food available through TEFAP/CCC

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Other Food Updates

Grocery Purchasing Program (GPP)

- 100% of cost starting July 1st
- GPP food survey – coming soon!

Thanksgiving

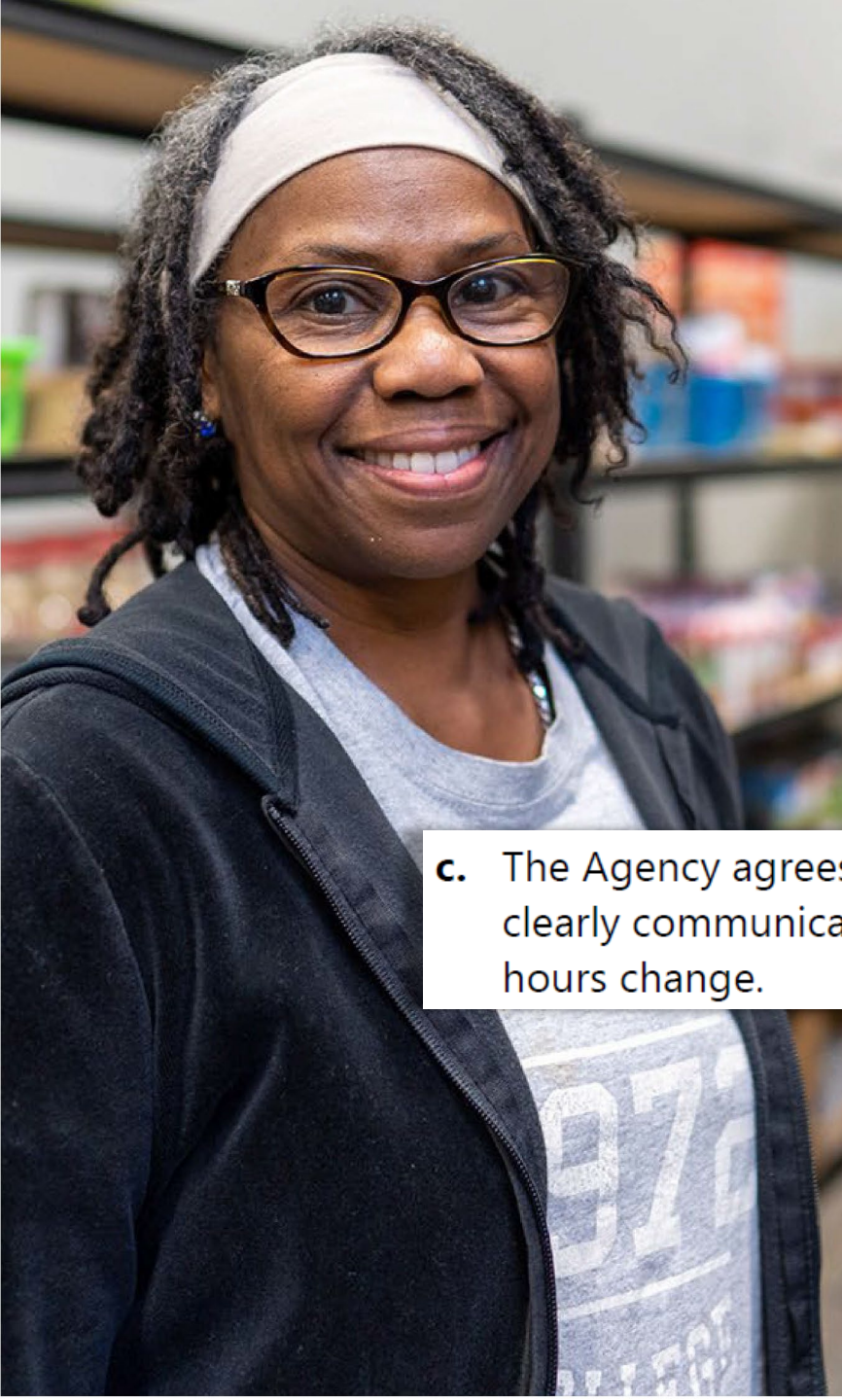
- Additional gift cards
- Monthly statistics required





Compliance Reminder: Monthly Statistics

- Reminder sent monthly – includes link to reporting form
- Due by 15th of every month
- Allows us to track state-wide demand on a “real time” basis
 - Data helps us advocate for additional resources
- Required for TEFAP participation
- Factor when looking at strength of partnership
- **After July 1, 2023** – Accounts will be put on hold for missing stats
- Questions? Sherry Grant and Codi Wayton can help. Mail sgrant@ctfoodshare.org or cwayton@ctfoodshare.org.



Compliance Reminder: Program Access

- Minimum requirement– open twice per month
- 83% of programs already meet the standard
- Deadline is **June 30, 2024** to reach compliance
- We are here to support you -- reach out to your Network Representative

c. The Agency agrees to distribute/serve food at least twice per month* on a consistent schedule that is clearly communicated to the public, and to notify Connecticut Foodshare immediately if the service hours change.



Compliance Reminder: Active Partnership

- Minimum of 5,000 pounds received from Connecticut Foodshare per year
 - Equals less than 100 pounds per week
 - Does not include Thanksgiving food orders
 - Approximately 90% of programs already meet standard
- Order food at least ONCE per month
 - 92% of programs already meet standard
- Deadline is **June 30, 2024** to reach compliance

***Emails going out in July to programs who are not compliant.



Upcoming Network Partner Webinars and Info Sessions

- Food Bank Fundamentals:
 - Online Ordering In Agency Express – first Thursday of each month
 - Creating a Welcoming Culture – fourth Thursday of each month
- Wednesday Webinars –third Wednesday of each month
- SWAP Office Hours – fourth Friday of each month

Register for upcoming sessions and view recordings of past sessions at ctfoodshare.org/webinars



Summer Meals for Kids Program

- Federal program providing breakfasts, lunches, suppers, and snacks to children aged 18 and under.
- In a typical summer, the program distributes more than 1.75 million meals to over 37,000 children aged 18 years and younger, at 650 to 700 locations statewide.
- Program operates July and August
- Help is needed to promote meal sites across Connecticut. To help us spread the word, please request free materials to share with your program guests by completing this request form:

<https://ctfoodshare.jotform.com/231094455045958>



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