DOUGLAS COUNTY

HUNGER AND SNAP PARTICIPATION

18,730 residents lack consistent access to nutritious, healthy food

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<td>Child food insecurity rate</td>
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<td>Avg. meal cost</td>
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<td>Total households receiving SNAP</td>
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Annual food budget shortfall: $10,566,000
WHAT IS THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)?

Formerly known as food stamps, SNAP is a federally funded program that provides monthly food assistance to those with household incomes at or below 130% of the federal poverty level. In Kansas, the program is known as the Food Assistance Program.

BENEFITS OF SNAP:

SNAP offers nutrition assistance to millions of eligible low-income individuals & provides economic benefits to communities.

Additional benefits include:

- SNAP is linked with improved health outcomes & lower overall health care expenditures.
- SNAP is one of the most responsive federal programs in assisting families & communities during economic downturns.
- One dollar in SNAP generates $1.70 in economic activity.
- SNAP is efficient. In fiscal year 2017, 93% of federal spending went directly to households purchasing food.
- According to all available data and reports, SNAP fraud is rare.

SNAP AT WORK IN KANSAS:

In fiscal year 2017, SNAP reached 234,000 Kansans, or 8% of the state population (1 in 12).

- 72% were in families with children.
- 34% were in families with members who were elderly or disabled.
- 82% of families had at least one working adult in the last 12 months.
- Kansas retailers received $325 million in SNAP benefits.
- Between 2009-2012, SNAP kept 73,000 Kansans out of poverty, including 38,000 children.

GAPS IN ASSISTANCE:

Kansas ranks 45th in the country for eligible individuals' participation.

According to Feeding America, over $185 million in food resources are necessary to eliminate hunger in Kansas.

- For every meal food banks provide, SNAP provides 12.
- Two in three eligible Kansas seniors do not receive food benefits.
- In fiscal year 2017, 64% of eligible workers received SNAP.
- During the 2015 & 2016 legislative sessions, the Kansas legislature passed two bills restricting SNAP eligibility. Immediately following implementation, thousands of Kansans lost food assistance.

Information compiled by Kansas Appleseed using data from Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Feeding America, and Food Research & Action Center.

For additional information or to apply for SNAP, visit www.growstrongks.org.