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QUEENS FACT SHEET
Serving under Stress Post-Recession: The State of Food Pantries & Soup Kitchens Today

QUEENS FOOD PANTRIES: 2011-12

- 76 percent of Queens food pantries reported an increase in visitors (vs. 79 percent city-wide).
- Of those Queens food pantries that reported an increase in visitors, 88 percent reported an increase in first-time visitors (vs. 90 percent city-wide); 73 percent reported an increase in visitors with children (vs. 76 percent city-wide); 45 percent reported an increase in employed visitors (vs. 46 percent city-wide); 74 percent reported an increase in unemployed visitors (vs. 73 percent city-wide); 64 percent reported an increase in elderly/retired visitors (vs. 65 percent city-wide); 21 percent reported an increase in returning veterans (vs. 18 percent city-wide).
- 63 percent of Queens food pantries reported that they had run out of food, or particular types of food required to produce adequate pantry bags, at some point over the previous twelve months (vs. 72 percent city-wide).
- 50 percent of Queens food pantries that reported running out of food, or particular types of food required to produce adequate pantry bags, reported running out of food *at least once a month* (vs. 52 percent city-wide).
- 33 percent of Queens food pantries include nine meals or more in their pantry bags, meeting the ideal standard of three meals per day for three days for every participating household member (vs. 32 percent city-wide).
- 35 percent of Queens food pantries operate a client choice program (vs. 31 percent city-wide).
- 33 percent of Queens food pantries reported turning away visitors at some point over the previous twelve months (vs. 45 percent city-wide).
- Of those Queens food pantries that reported turning away visitors,72 percent reported that they had turned away visitors because of a lack of food (vs. 83 percent city-wide).
- 21 percent of Queens food pantries reported that they had increased the number of hours they were open (vs. 23 percent city-wide). The mean number of hours Queens food pantries are open a month is 18.5 (vs. 24.0 city-wide). The median number of hours Queens food pantries are open a month is 12.0 (vs. 14.0 city-wide).

QUEENS SOUP KITCHENS: 2011-12

- 67 percent of Queens soup kitchens reported an increase in visitors (vs. 77 percent city-wide).
- Of those Queens soup kitchens that reported an increase in visitors, 92 percent reported an increase in first-time visitors (vs. 85 percent city-wide); 75 percent reported an increase in visitors with children (vs. 61 percent city-wide); 33 percent reported an increase in employed visitors (vs. 44 percent city-wide); 67 percent reported an increase in unemployed visitors (vs. 71 percent city-wide); 50 percent reported an increase in elderly/retired visitors (vs. 61 percent city-wide); 33 percent reported an increase in returning veteran visitors (vs. 23 percent city-wide).
- 33 percent of Queens soup kitchens reported that they had run out of food, or particular types of food required to produce nutritious meals, at some point over the previous twelve months (vs. 35 percent city-wide).
- 67 percent of Queens soup kitchens that reported running out of food, or particular types of food required to produce nutritious meals, reported running out of food *at least once a month* (vs. 54 percent city-wide).
- 11 percent of Queens soup kitchens reported turning away visitors at some point over the previous twelve months (vs. 27 percent city-wide).
- Of those Queens soup kitchens that reported turning away visitors, 100 percent reported that they had turned away visitors because of a lack of food (vs. 79 percent city-wide).
- 28 percent of Queens soup kitchens reported that they had increased the number of hours they were open (vs. 23 percent city-wide).
- 22 percent of Queens soup kitchens served more than one meal a day (vs. 31 percent city-wide).