

**Catholic Social Services Montgomery County**

Emergency Food Survey Selected Summary

Total Number Sampled: 201

(Percentages determined by respondents who answered the question)

Time Period: 12/2013 – 2/2014

- 1) **Gender:** Female (66%); Male (34%)
- 2) **Average Age of Pantry Client:** 46 years old
- 3) **Race and Ethnicity:** White (40%); Black (38%); Hispanic (15%)
- 4) **Education:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade or < (12%); Some HS, no diploma or GED (15%); HS grad or GED (35%); Tech or vocational school, some college or college grad (38%)
- 5) **Households with Children < 18 years:** (61%)
- 6) **Military Veterans in Household:** (14%)
- 7) **Housing:** Pay full rent (45%); Own home (14%); Share rent (14%); Public housing (2.7%)
- 8) **Current Household Income Sources:** Regular/temp employment (33%); Social Security (21%)
- 9) **Experienced Inability to Buy Enough Food in Past 12 months:** Yes (82%); No (18%)
- 10) **Transportation to Pantry:** Drive self (39%); Friend (28%); Walk (13%); Public transit (9%)
- 11) **Experienced Insufficient Transportation to Pantry:** Yes (56%); No (44%)
- 12) **Household Receiving SNAP:** Yes (64%); No (36%)
- 13) **Reason for Not Receiving SNAP:** Benefits cut (19%); don't know if they qualify (16%); income too high (15%); too complicated, too many questions (9%); benefits too low (9%)
- 14) **Vote?** Yes (70%); No (30%) (Note: Voter turnout in 2012 PA General Election = 59%)
- 15) **Anyone in Home...with Diabetes:** (28%)...**with Weight Condition** (over/under weight): (44%)
- 16) **What Would Help Your Situation & Make Emergency Food < Necessary for Your Family:** Employment (44%); Affordable housing (61%); Higher wages (60%); Transportation (19%)