

MISSION:

To lead the community-wide effort to end hunger in eastern Iowa and western Illinois.



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QC Chamber AMP Up Networking Event

March 10, 2021



Agenda

- The Problem of Hunger & the Effect of COVID-19
- River Bend Foodbank & It's Recent Growth
- How You Can Help



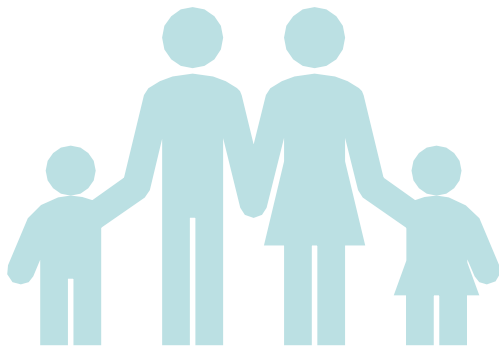
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The Problem of Hunger

How can so many people be going hungry
in a nation that throws so much food away?

The Problem of Hunger



- 37 million Americans are “food insecure”
- Definition – insufficient access to enough food to live a healthy, active lifestyle
- That includes 11 million children
- 35 million tons of food thrown away annually

Hunger in the QCA

- 1,042,852 people in the 23 counties we serve
- 105,830 are food insecure (pre-COVID)
- 10.1%
- 1 in 10 people
- Missing 17,910,200 meals per year



Hunger Hurts the Most Vulnerable

- 230,240 children in our 23 counties
- 34,500 are food insecure (pre-COVID)
- 15%
- 1 in 7 children



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Impact of COVID on Food Insecurity

- ~~105,830~~ 159,848 are food insecure
- ~~10.1%~~ 15.3%
- ~~1 in 10~~ 1 in 7 people

- ~~34,500~~ 55,575 children are food insecure
- ~~15%~~ 24.1%
- ~~1 in 7~~ 1 in 4 children

- Food insecurity is up over 50% since COVID

Food Insecurity Post-COVID



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- Leveraging partnerships to help people in need stabilize their lives
- Engaging the public in hunger issues
- Advocating on behalf of hungry people
- Distributing surplus food through a network of hunger-relief agency partners
- Striving to end hunger

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HANCOCK

ILLINOIS

Food Pantry



Pasta
Sauce
Single-1
family-1

Pasta
Single-1
family-1

beef stew
Single-1
family-1
only if no frozen
meat

Mac & Cheese
Single-1
family-2

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Where does the food come from?

- Donations
 - Manufacturers
 - Distribution centers
 - Retail stores
 - Food drives
- Food and Funds Drives
- TEFAP Program
- Purchase
 - Programs
 - Cooperative Purchasing



Programs

- Agency Support – pantries, shelters, soup kitchens
- Mobile Food Pantries
- Backpacks
- School Pantries
- Senior Hunger Initiative
- Oasis
- Hospital Pantry



Why do we need the Foodbank?

- Food available in semi trucks
- Pantries can't take that
- We take the semi trucks and take orders by the case
- No donor wants 300 phone calls
- One call takes care of everything
- Assurance all the way through the process:
 - Legitimate use
 - Legal requirements
 - Non-discrimination
 - Food safety



EXPIRES ON:
03/26/17

USE BY:
03/11/17

SELL BY:
02/21/17

BETTER IF USED BY:
03/17/17

BEST BY:
03/01/17

BEST BEFORE:
02/22/17

DONATED DATE!



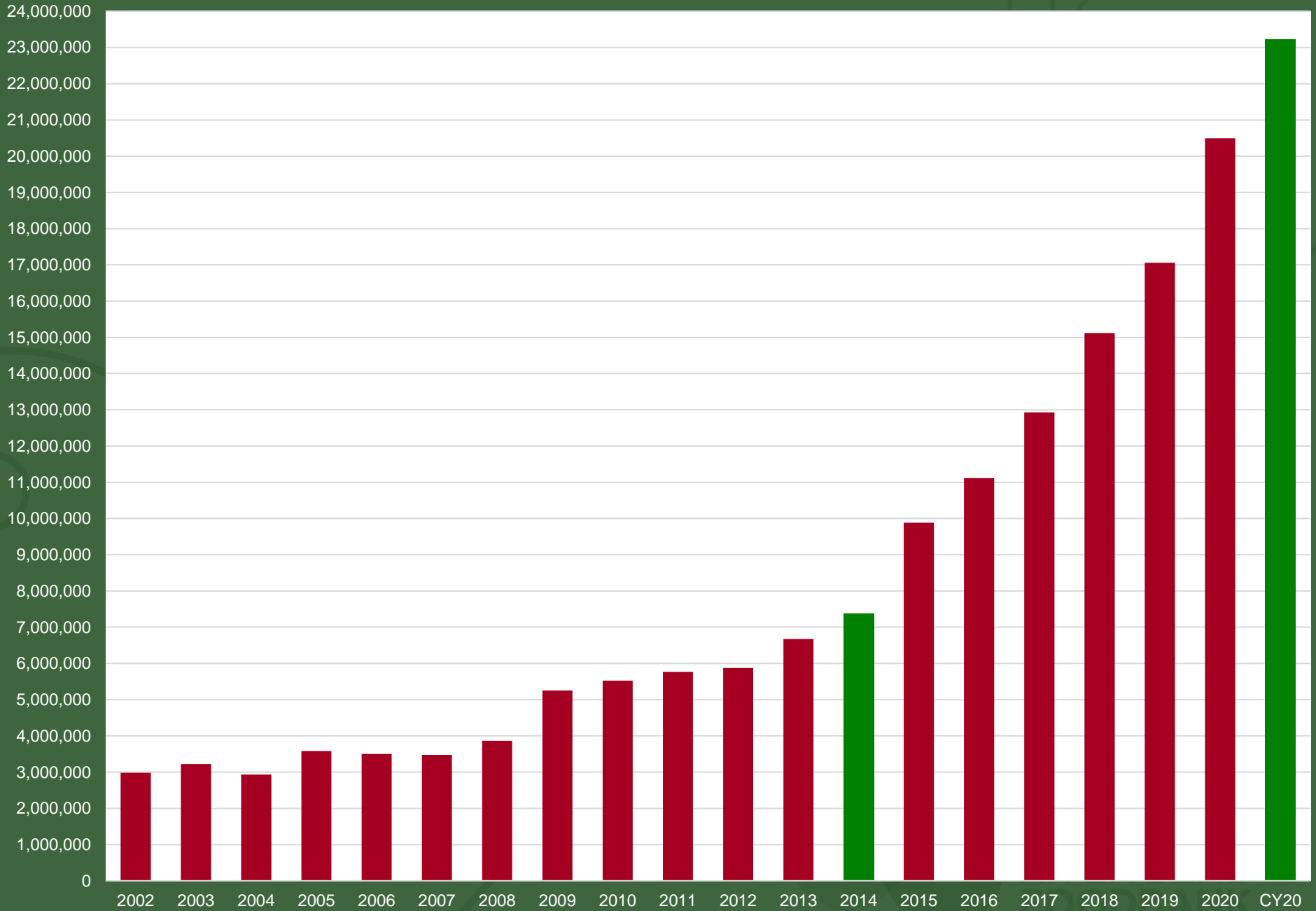
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produce



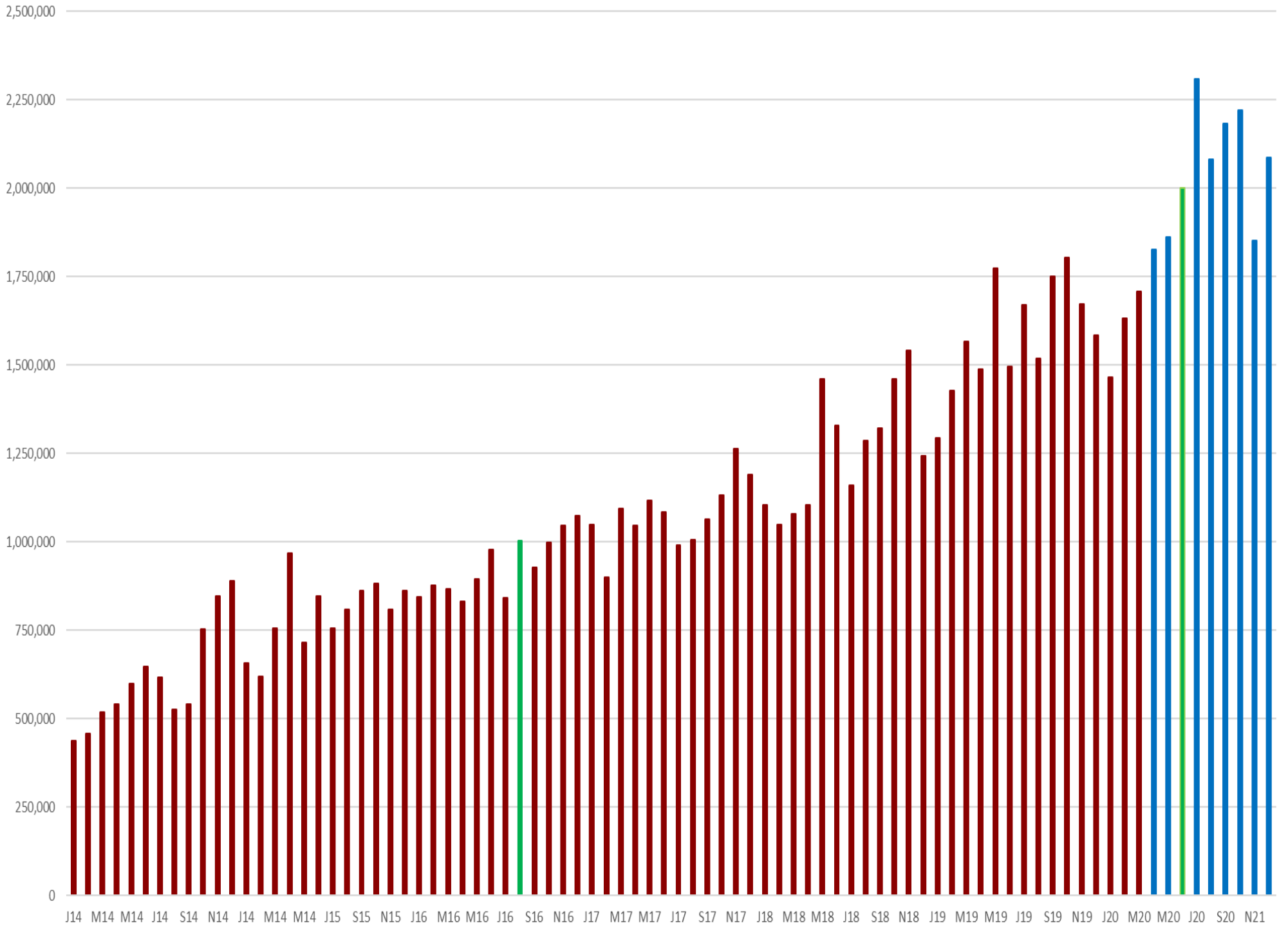
A Good Investment

- Rescuing food that would otherwise be discarded
- Helping 300 agencies across 23 counties
- 96.4% of donations go out in services
- Very low cost per meal

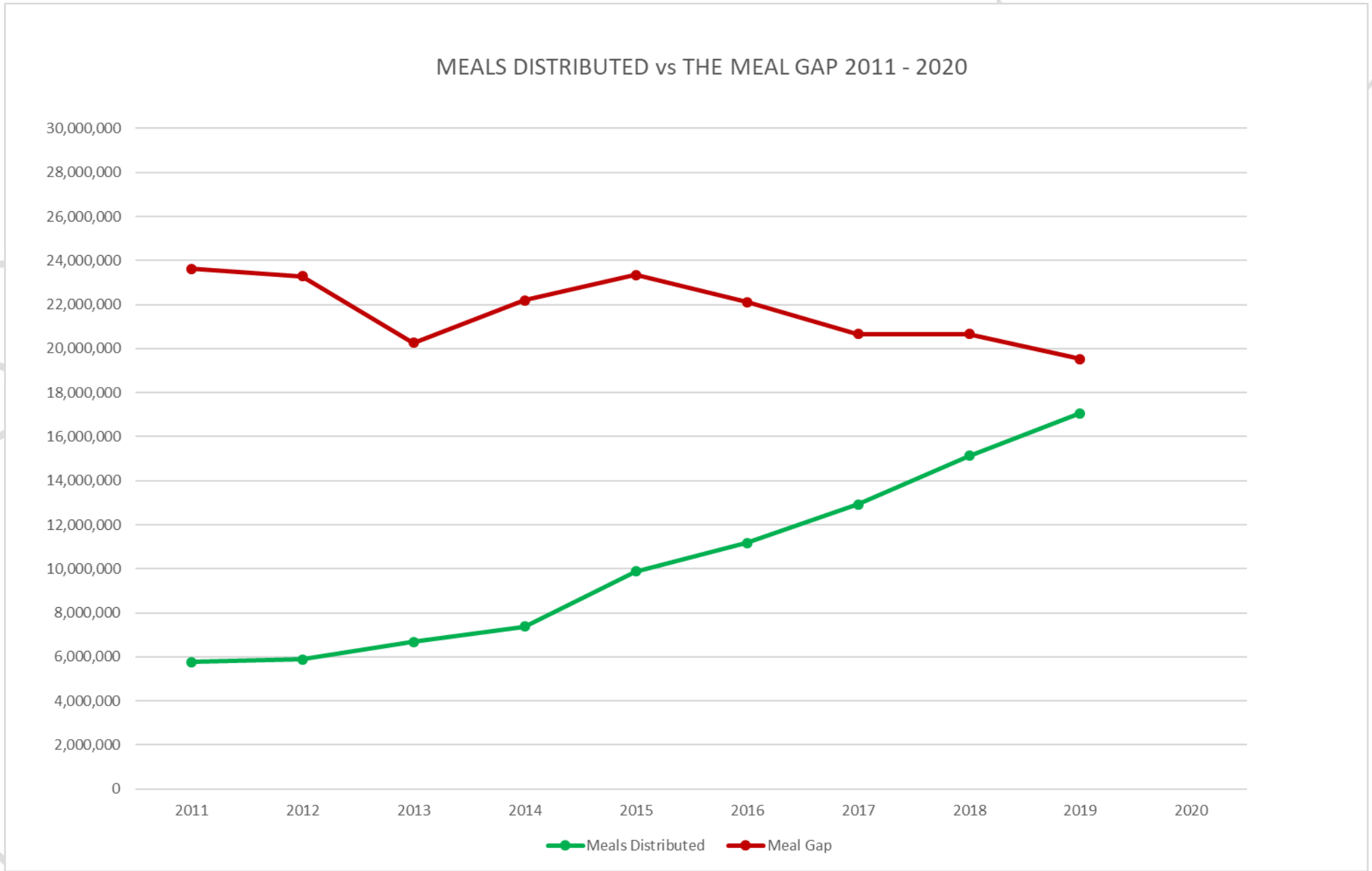
MEALS DISTRIBUTED BY YEAR 2002 - 2020



MEALS DISTRIBUTED BY MONTH, 2014-2020

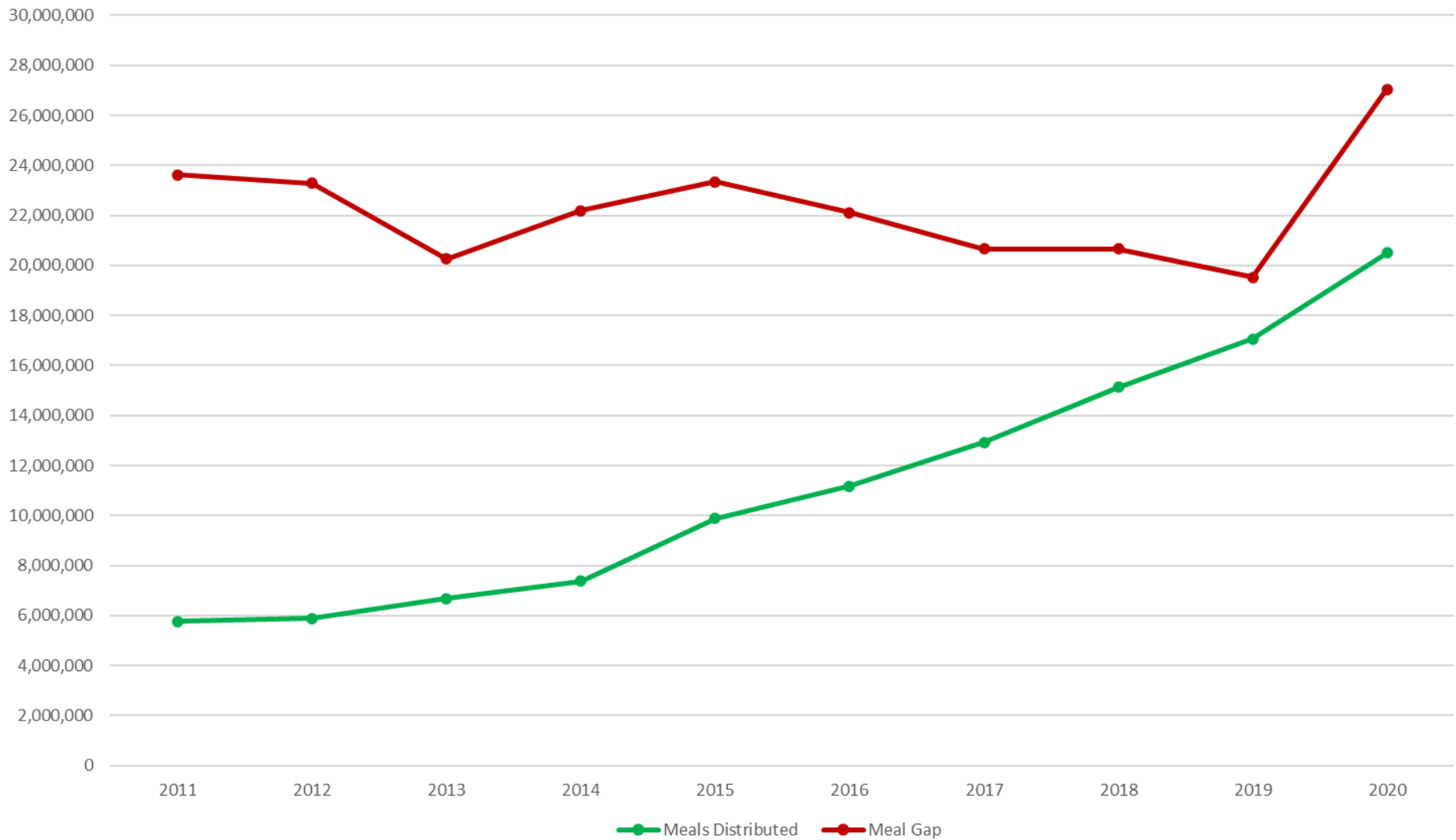


Meals Distributed vs Meal Gap



Meals Distributed vs Meal Gap

MEALS DISTRIBUTED vs THE MEAL GAP 2011 - 2020



How Can I Help

- Food, Time & Money
- riverbendfoodbank.org
- Make a leadership gift to support ongoing growth
- Contact Mike Miller
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Table 2

Households by food security status and selected household characteristics, 2018

Category	Total ¹	Food secure		Food insecure			
				All		With low food security	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All households	129,245	114,934	88.9	14,311	11.1	8,730	6.8
Household composition:							
With children < 18 yrs	37,612	32,369	86.1	5,243	13.9	3,750	9.9
With children < 6 yrs	16,306	13,967	85.7	2,339	14.3	1,720	10.5
Married-couple families	24,598	22,558	91.7	2,040	8.3	1,633	6.6
Female head, no spouse	9,349	6,753	72.2	2,596	27.8	1,715	18.4
Male head, no spouse	3,238	2,722	84.1	516	15.9	346	10.6
Other household with child ²	427	337	78.9	90	21.1	NA	NA
With no children < 18 yrs	91,633	82,565	90.1	9,068	9.9	4,980	5.4
More than one adult	54,274	50,222	92.5	4,052	7.5	2,413	4.5
Women living alone	20,225	17,352	85.8	2,873	14.2	1,552	7.7
Men living alone	17,134	14,991	87.5	2,143	12.5	1,015	5.9
With elderly	39,125	36,191	92.5	2,934	7.5	1,918	4.9
Elderly living alone	14,988	13,652	91.1	1,336	8.9	824	5.5
Race/ethnicity of households:							
White, non-Hispanic	84,975	78,106	91.9	6,869	8.1	4,109	4.9
Black, non-Hispanic	16,613	13,087	78.8	3,526	21.2	2,021	12.1
Hispanic ³	18,101	15,164	83.8	2,937	16.2	2,018	11.1
Other, non-Hispanic	9,556	8,577	89.8	979	10.2	582	6.0



**"Why should there be hunger and privation
in any land, in any city, at any table when
man has the resources and the scientific
know-how to provide all mankind with the
basic necessities of life?"**

Martin Luther King, Jr.
1964



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