2018 saw an overall reduction in the total number of meals needed due to a drop in the low-income population as the economy continued to improve. As the cost of living in SF soared, the number of low-income people able to make it here continued to drop, and those who have remained are in deeper poverty with fewer resources to purchase food for themselves.

Government and non-profit assistance continued to increase, combining to fill over 40 percent of the total needed meals.

There are still 17 million meals missing in San Francisco, and we have work to do to close the meal gap.

Data from Missing Meals in San Francisco and Marin, 2020