

17.1 MILLION MEALS

are missing in San Francisco and Marin Counties.



The COVID-19 pandemic has radically reshaped the world of food needs and assistance. While the pandemic shone a spotlight on food insecurity and the inequities that underpin it, these are not new issues.

As this pre-COVID snapshot shows,

1 in 5 of our neighbors was at risk of hunger in 2019.

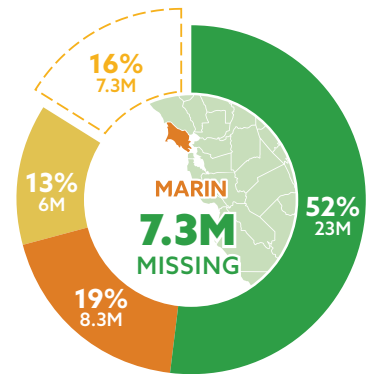
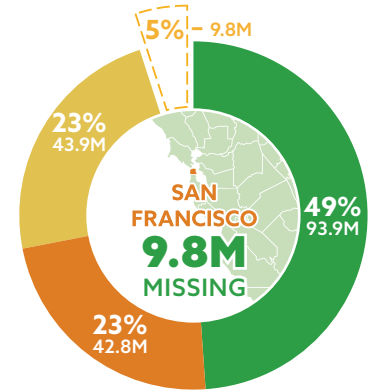
Our Missing Meals research provides a valuable historic look at the impact of government and non-profit support on the hunger landscape from 2009–2019. As our community establishes a post-pandemic "new normal", we will continue to track new data and alternative indicators of food insecurity.

It takes the combined effort of government, non-profit programs like the Food Bank and our partners, and individual household purchases to prevent hunger in our communities.

As the wider economy continued to improve in 2019, the number of low-income people in our two counties dropped. For some, this signals improved financial status, while more many others, it shows the impact of the high cost of living which drove them to leave our counties.

Even with this population change and the help of government and non-profits, **17 million meals** were unaccounted for in 2019.

MEALS BY COUNTY



- Missing meals
- Meals provided by non-profits
- Meals provided by government
- Meals afforded with household income

MISSING MEALS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND MARIN (Millions of Meals)

