

# HUNGER IN PIERCE COUNTY

## Food Insecurity

In Pierce County 141,926 residents are food insecure. This means 1 in 6 of the county's population are unsure of where their next meal will come from.



## Food Bank Participation

Pierce County food banks receiving funds from the WSDA Food Assistance Program served 431,367 people in need of food last year. These people visited food banks 1,057,537 times to get nutritious foods including meats, dairy, produce and grains.

## Poverty Rate

In Pierce County it is estimated that nearly 12% of people are living under the poverty levels. An income at the poverty level is not enough for families and individuals in Washington to survive. According to the USDA Food and Nutrition Services Department the poverty level for a family of 2 is less than \$14,580 a year and \$22,056 for a family of 4.



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