

## Ten Facts Every Candidate Should Know About Hunger

1. More than **one in nine** Americans – 40 million of us – lived in households struggling against hunger in 2017. Of this number, 12.5 million were children.
2. Rural areas are experiencing deeper struggles with hunger compared to those inside metropolitan areas, with higher rates of household food insecurity (13.3 percent compared to 11.5 percent).
3. Hunger hurts us all. Eliminating hunger would save the nation billions of dollars in doctor and hospital bills, special education costs, and lost economic productivity.
4. The Child Nutrition Programs are profoundly important programs with well-documented benefits to the health and well-being of children and families.
5. More than 80 percent of people who participate in SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) are either working or cannot work because they are children, senior citizens, or have disabilities.
6. SNAP boosts local economies. Estimates issued by Moody's Analytics and others of the economic growth impact of SNAP during a recession range from \$1.73 to \$1.79 per \$1 of SNAP benefits.
7. Hunger is an economic condition. Policies that promote a full employment economy with adequate wages and incomes can take the country a long way toward ending hunger.
8. Ending hunger is a goal that the American people fully support. Polls have consistently found that voters do not think the government is doing enough to solve hunger.
9. The private sector – business, labor and charitable – efforts can bolster government's leadership in alleviating hunger, but cannot take the place of government's steadfast commitment, strong policies and adequate investments to end it.
10. FRAC's *Plan of Action to End Hunger in America* provides a clear path to eliminate hunger in this country and create a much healthier, better educated, and more productive society with great opportunity and commitment to our common ethical, moral, and religious aspirations.