**Food Assistance Should Be Strengthened, Not Cut: Your constituents rely on it.**

**People Struggling to Make Ends Meet in SD County**

In **SD County**, 862,952 individuals live below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level and are therefore likely to struggle with meeting basic needs, including enough nutritious food.

A family of 4 below 185% FPL will make **less than $3,800/month** ($45,600/year) **27%** of SD County population.

**People Relying on Food Assistance in SD County**

**SNAP (CalFresh)**

- **269,992 San Diegans (7%) depend on SNAP**
  - 1 in 3 households have seniors (age 60+)
  - 62% of households have children

**Free & Reduced Price School Meals**

- **259,783 students (52%) rely on free or reduced price school meals**

**Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)**

- **71,436 (6%) families rely on WIC**

**Food Banks / Pantries**

- **59,903,099 total pounds distributed**

**Food Resource Inquiries (Calls to 2-1-1)**

- **47,743 calls seeking food assistance**

**People Accessing Food Assistance in San Diego**

An estimated 460,000 people living in San Diego County, or **1 in 7 people**, don’t have access to enough food or enough nutritious food.

91% of all food assistance comes from federal nutrition assistance programs.

SNAP (CalFresh) accounts for **58%** of all nutrition assistance in San Diego County.

**Economic Impact of Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs**

Federal nutrition assistance programs bolster local economies and support private retailers.

- **2,023 retailers** in **San Diego County** would be impacted by cuts to SNAP (CalFresh).
- **WIC brings an estimated $4.7 million** to San Diego County each month.
- **SNAP (CalFresh) generated $783 million** of economic activity in San Diego County in 2019.

**Racial (in)equity**

Communities of color are disproportionately food insecure. In **San Diego County**:  

- **25%** of all households are **Hispanic** and account for **49%** of SNAP recipients.
- **56%** of all households are **White**, and account for **31%** of SNAP recipients.

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