



Food Drive Facts

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE IN 2007

The information below is based on 15,058 recorded food assistance transactions through Topeka MAACLink, a computerized, client recordkeeping and verification system for emergency aid.

Race of Beneficiaries		Source of Family Income <i>(some have multiple sources)</i>	
54%	White	6%	No Income
23%	Black	41%	Employment
16%	Hispanic	11 %	Public Assistance <i>(Gen Asst, Temp Aid to Families)</i>
4%	American Indian	4 %	Social Security Old Age Benefits
Age of Beneficiaries		1 %	Pension
43%	0-19	39 %	Disability Income (SSDI/SSI)
<u>4%</u>	<u>60+</u>	4%	Child Support
47%	Children or Elderly		

Facts

- Children, from birth through age 19, are the largest single group (43%) receiving emergency food assistance.
- A significant portion of those needing emergency food (47%) are children or senior citizens. These are persons who are either too young or too old to join the workforce.
- The working poor are the largest group of families (41%) receiving emergency food assistance.

POVERTY IN SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS

Census 2000, U.S. Bureau of the Census

Individual Poverty: Children under age five experience the highest rate of poverty for any age group, with 17% living below poverty.

Family Poverty: The highest rate of poverty is experienced by single mothers with children under 5 only (43%) followed by single mothers who have children under 5 and children 5 to 17 (39%). The lowest poverty rate is reported for married couple families with children 5 to 17 (2%).

Emergency food data was compiled by Community Resources Council from 2005 calendar year statistics from Topeka MAACLink. Poverty data was extracted from 2000 Census of Population & Housing, Topeka, KS MSA, U.S. Bureau of the Census.