

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: PRINTED MATERIALS
"HUNGER QUIZ"

1. True or False?
The United States has the highest wage inequality of any other industrialized nation?
2. What percent of US children live in hungry or food insecure households?
a) 5% b) 11% c) 17% d) 25%
3. True or False?
Many clients of America's Second Harvest (the nation's food bank network) must make difficult choices between paying for food and other basic necessities?
4. How many people in the United States live in households considered to be food insecure?
a) 7 million b) 16 million c) 24 million d) 35 million
5. What percentage of America's Second Harvest (the nation's food bank network) clients is elderly?
a) 8% b) 10% c) 14% d) 17%
6. What percentage of adults requesting emergency food assistance is employed?
a) 6% b) 13% c) 24% d) 37%
7. What percentage of US cities is not able to provide adequate quantity of food to those in need?
a) 16% b) 29% c) 45% d) 59%
8. How much money did it cost to purchase a 30-second commercial during the 2007 Super Bowl?
a) 1.5 million b) 2.2 million c) 2.6 million d) 3 million
9. How many people across the world are hungry?
a) 321 million b) 587 million c) 735 million d) 854 million
10. How much more food does the world produce than the entire world population could consume?
a) 7% b) 12% c) 15% d) 20%

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Answer Key

1. True
People can work full-time at minimum wage and still not make enough money to maintain a basic standard of living-buying food, paying their rent and medical bills, buying clothes for their children and affording a car so they can travel back and forth to work.
Bread for the World (www.bread.org)
2. C-17%
The US has the highest child poverty rate of any other industrialized nation.
The Food Research and Action Center: Household Food Security in the United States 2005
3. True
42% must choose between food and utilities, 35% between food and rent or mortgage, and 32% between food and medicine or medical care.
America's Second Harvest: Hunger in America 2006
4. D-35 million
The number of people in the United States that live in food insecure households would fill over 500 NFL stadiums.
The Food Research and Action Center: Household Food Security
5. B-10%
The problem of hunger affects people of all ages, from young children to the elderly.
America's Second Harvest: Hunger in America 2006
6. D-37%
This answer reinforces question number 1. Despite the fact that many people in need are working, they are not able to provide the basics for their families.
The United States Conference of Mayors: 2006 Hunger and Homelessness Survey

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7. C-45%

Despite the fact that we live in one of the wealthiest nations in the world, many of our cities are not able to help their citizens meet their basic needs. This is where the local food banks and ministries have to step in.

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8. C -2.6 million

This is a day when millions of dollars are spent to enjoy the Super Bowl experience. It is also a day that we can choose to turn our thoughts and dollars towards those without a bowl of soup to eat.

CNNMoney.com

9. D-854 million

That is about 3 times the entire United States population.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations: State of Food Insecurity in the World 2006

10. D-20%

There is enough food produced to feed the world. The problem is inequality in both wealth and food distribution.

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Helpful Definitions:

FOOD SECURITY-access to enough food to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

FOOD INSECURITY-the limited or uncertain availability of safe, nutritious food.

HUNGER-the uneasy or painful sensation caused by the involuntary lack of food, which may over time result in malnutrition.

Questions for Discussion:

- What are you surprised by in the hunger quiz and what did you already know?
- How do you think the situation has gotten to the point where so many people are hungry?
- Do you think it is fair that so many people go hungry-sometimes even people who are working for a living?
- What do you think it feels like for families who receive help-parents, children, elderly?
- Who is responsible to respond to this need? At a national and international level? Should some people carry more responsibility than others?
- How does the Souper Bowl of Caring help address the problem of hunger?
- What are other things that need to be done in order to address the problem of hunger?