

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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REPORTED CAUSES	HUNGER	HOMELESSNESS	
	INDIVIDUALS & HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN	INDIVIDUALS	HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNEMPLOYMENT • LOW WAGES • POVERTY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MENTAL ILLNESS AND LACK OF NEEDED SERVICES • SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND LACK OF NEEDED SERVICES • UNEMPLOYMENT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING • DOMESTIC VIOLENCE • UNEMPLOYMENT

Profile of Hunger:

- Requests for emergency food assistance decreased over the past year by 18 percent.
- Among persons requesting food assistance, 85 percent are in families, 55 percent are elderly, 46 percent are employed, and 15 percent are homeless.
- Food pantries and emergency kitchens had to turn additional people away due to lack of resources, reduce the quantity of food provided during each visit and/or the amount of food offered per-meal at emergency kitchens, and reduce the number of times a person or family could visit each month.
- City officials estimate that 38 percent of the demand for shelter went unmet.
- For the next year, officials expect requests for food assistance to increase moderately while resources to provide food assistance decrease moderately.

Profile of Homelessness:

- The number of homeless families increased by 19 percent and the number of homeless individuals decreased by 12 percent over the past year.
- Among homeless adults, 30 percent are severely mentally ill, 24 percent are physically disabled, 18 percent are victims of domestic violence, 17 percent are employed, 13 percent are veterans, and 12 percent are HIV positive.
- To accommodate an increase in demand, shelters had to increase the number of persons or families that can sleep in a single room; consistently have clients sleep on overflow cots, in chairs, in hallways, or use other subpar sleeping arrangements; convert buildings into temporary shelters; and distribute vouchers for hotel or motel stays because shelter beds were not available.
- Homeless shelters had to turn away homeless families but not homeless individuals.
- City officials estimate that 20 percent of the demand for shelter went unmet.
- For the next year, officials expect the number of homeless families to increase moderately, the number of homeless individuals to decrease moderately, and resources to provide emergency shelter to continue at about the same level.

POPULATION: 1,409,019

METRO UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: 4.5%

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$44,937

BELOW POVERTY LEVEL: 20.1%