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Poverty

- 9.5% percent of Alameda County residents live below the poverty line. A family of three with an income of less than \$16,242 per year lives below the federal poverty line; for a family of four the federal poverty line is \$20,516 (2005 County Nutrition Profile, CFPA; 2006 Census Data)

Child Poverty

- 15% of Alameda county families with children under 18 years old are living below the poverty level. (Children Now)

Hunger

- 100,000 adults live in food-insecure households (2005 County Nutrition Profile, CFPA)
- More than 325,251 individuals (both adults and children) are vulnerable to the indignity of hunger, frequently skipping meals or eating too little. (U.S. Census Bureau 2003 American Community Survey)
- Preschool and school-aged children who experience sever hunger have higher levels of chronic illness, anxiety and depression, and behavior problems than children without hunger. As a result these children miss more days of school and are less ready to learn when they are able to attend school. (Center on Hunger and Poverty)

Food and Nutrition Programs

- Only 53 percent of eligible Alameda County residents participate in the federally funded Food Stamp Program. (2005 County Nutrition Profile, CFPA)
- The National School Lunch Program feeds 51,554 Alameda county children a free or reduced price lunch each school day; however only 15,919 children receive school breakfast. (2008 County Nutrition Profile, CFPA)
- In 2006 only 11,898 Alameda County children received a subsidized summer lunch, which is 23% of the children participating in free and reduced price lunch program (FRP). (2008 County Nutrition Profile, CFPA)

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