

# CCFP RFP II TAC Tool: Emergency Food Assistance

*Outcome Statement: To have reliable and immediate access to sufficient, affordable and nutritious food that is culturally diverse.*

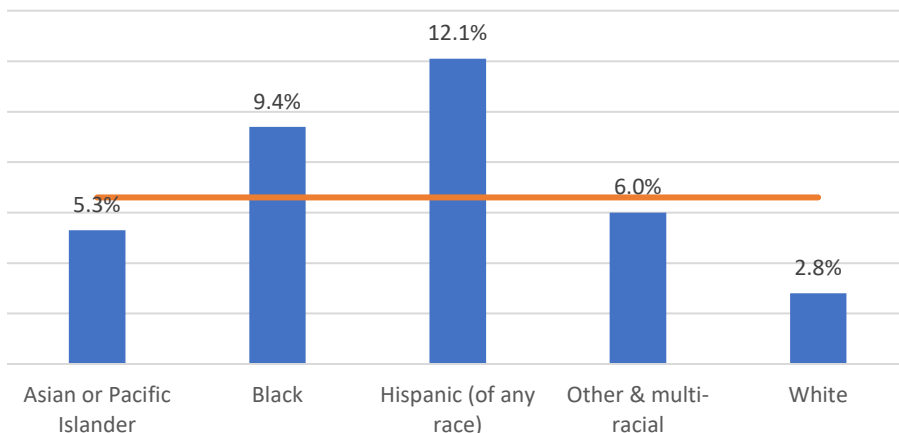
[Food insecurity](#), as defined by USDA, is “a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life.” [The 2022 Needs Assessment](#) reported that food costs increased 25.6% regionally in the last ten years. Such increase created or worsened households' ability to purchase food. About [7% of census tracts](#) ranked highest for food insecurity.

As stated in the [Capital Area Food Bank Hunger Report 2021](#), the root of most food insecurity is financial instability. Disruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic widened disparities for lower-income households.

[Coordinated Services Planning](#) (CSP) connects Fairfax County residents to county- and community-based services and resources that promote self-sufficiency and enhance well-being. CSP has seen a marked increase in contacts since the start of the pandemic.

According to the [2022 Youth Survey](#), 6.6% of 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, reported going hungry in the last month due to lack of food in the house.

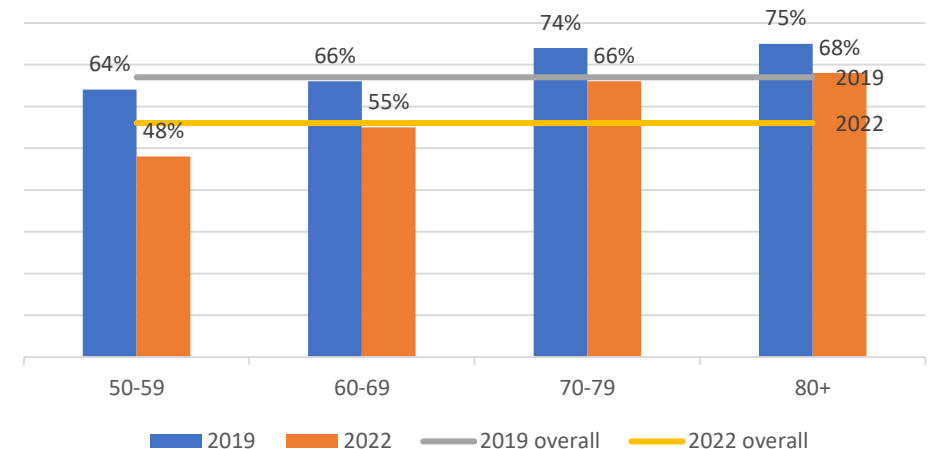
% of students who went hungry in the past month due to lack of food in the home



[2022 Fairfax Youth Survey, Table 171](#)

Fairfax County residents aged 50 years or older increasingly find it difficult to purchase quality food. In 2022, 56% of older residents rated availability of affordable quality food as good or excellent, an 11% decrease from 2019.

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[2022 CASOA Survey, Physical Health](#)