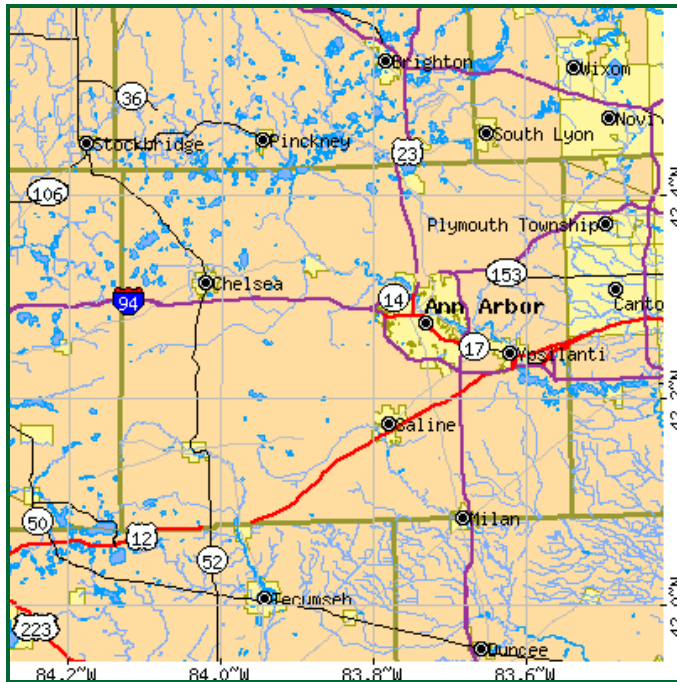


Washtenaw County Food Security



November 17, 2008



Consumer, Client Survey Overview

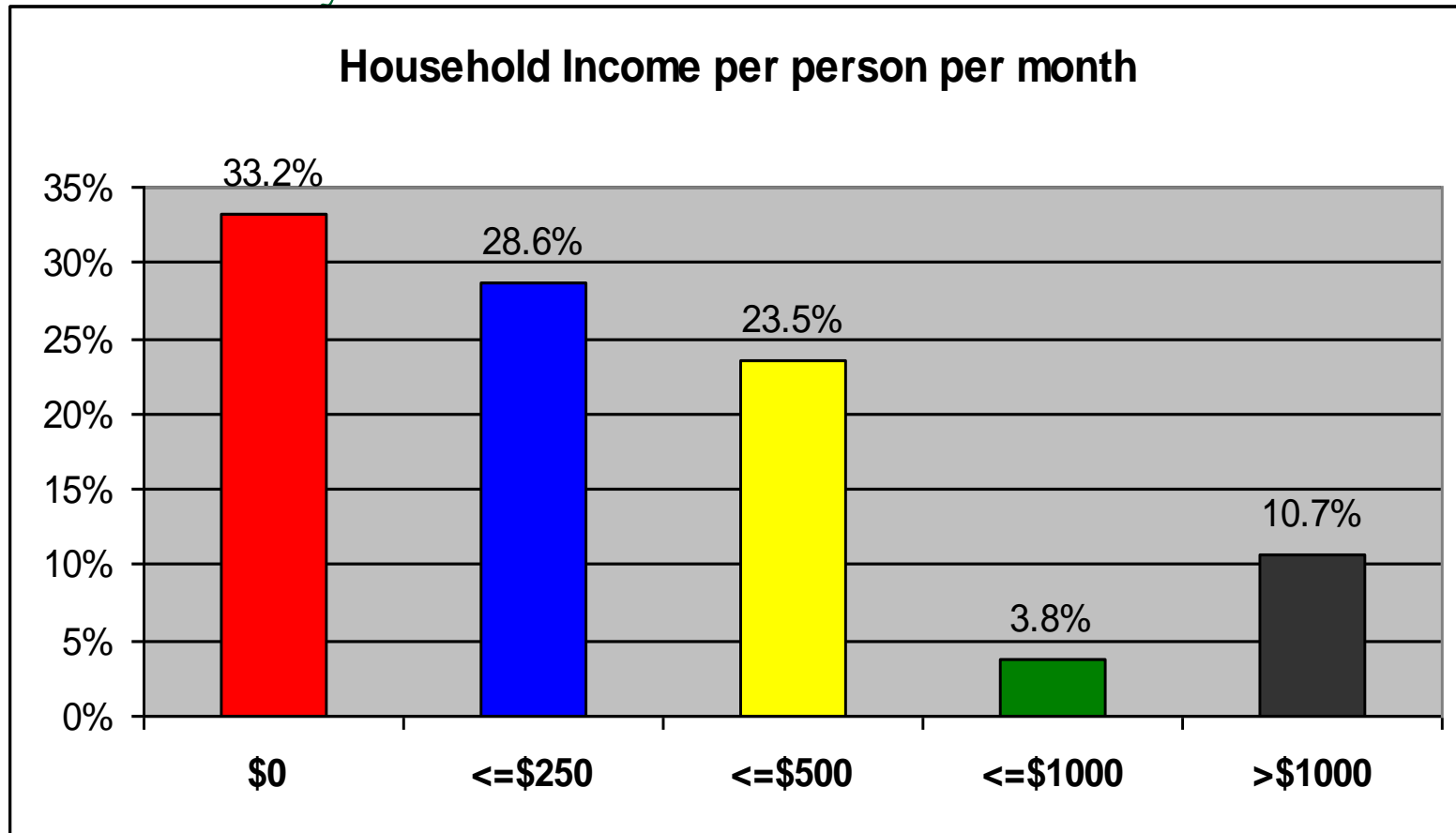
- 447 respondents, 21 locations
- 47% with children (183 households)
- 34% of household included seniors
- 23% of households were composed of only seniors (87 households)

Many Washtenaw County neighbors are living in poverty

- US individuals living in poverty: 12.7%
- Michigan: 12.5%
- Washtenaw County: 14.5%

...49,887 individuals

Households receiving services have extremely low incomes.

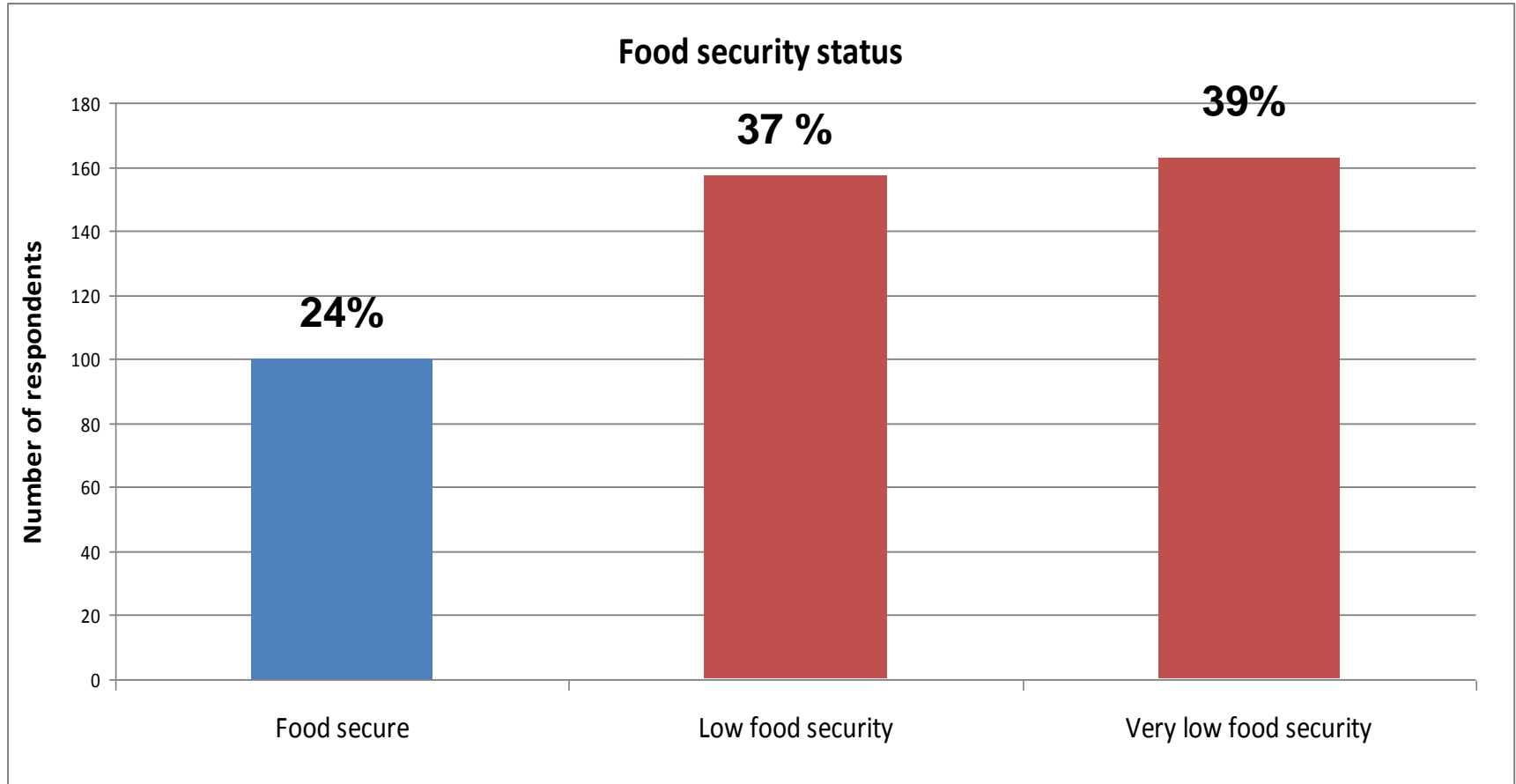


2008 federal poverty level for a family of four is \$21,200

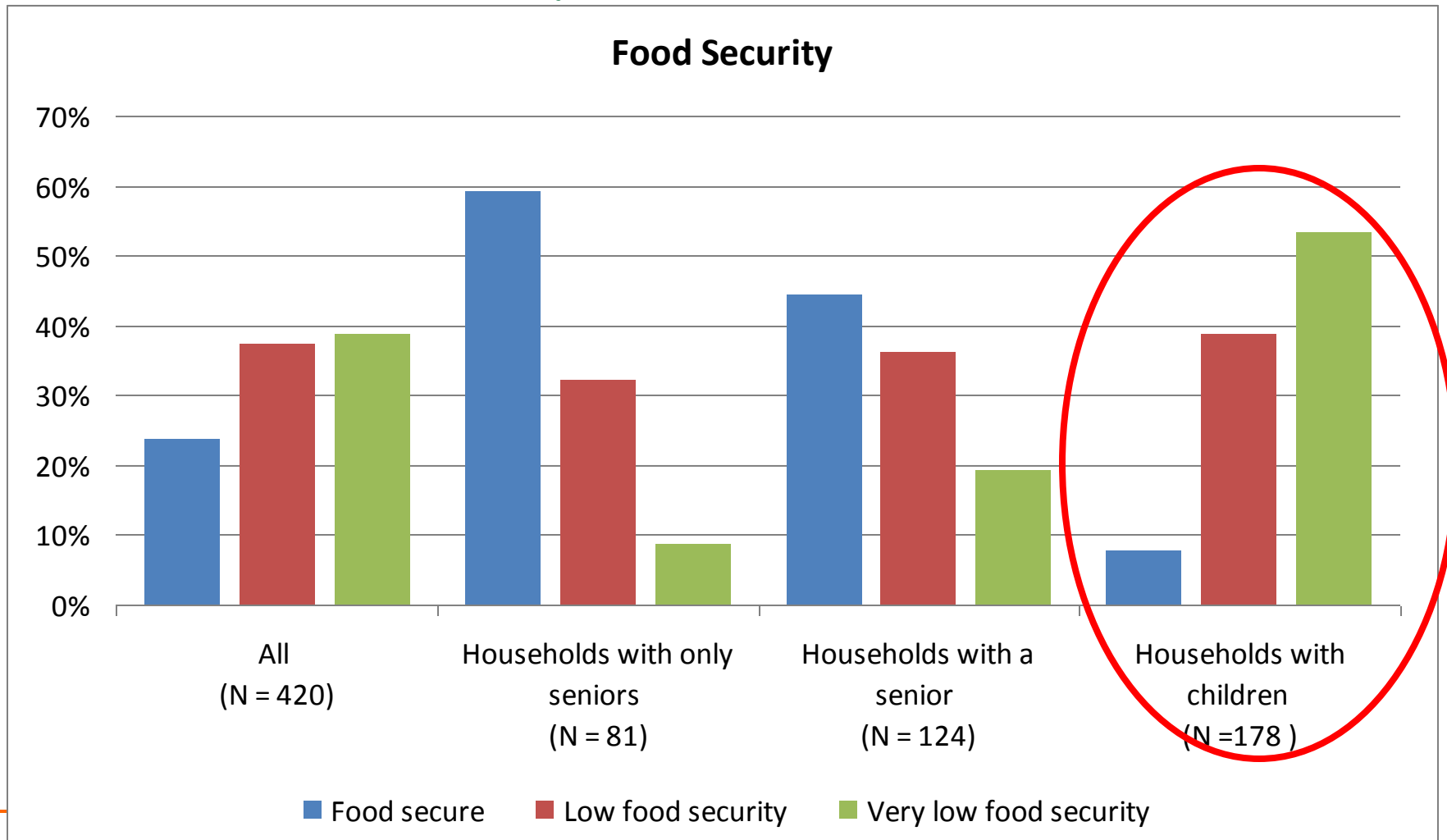
What does food insecurity mean?

- The food that we bought just didn't last, and we didn't have money to get more.
- We couldn't afford to eat balanced meals.
- We have cut the size of meals or skipped meals because there wasn't enough money for food.
- We have eaten less than we felt we should because there wasn't enough money to buy food.
- We have been hungry but didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food.

Three quarters of the people using emergency pantries are 'food insecure'.



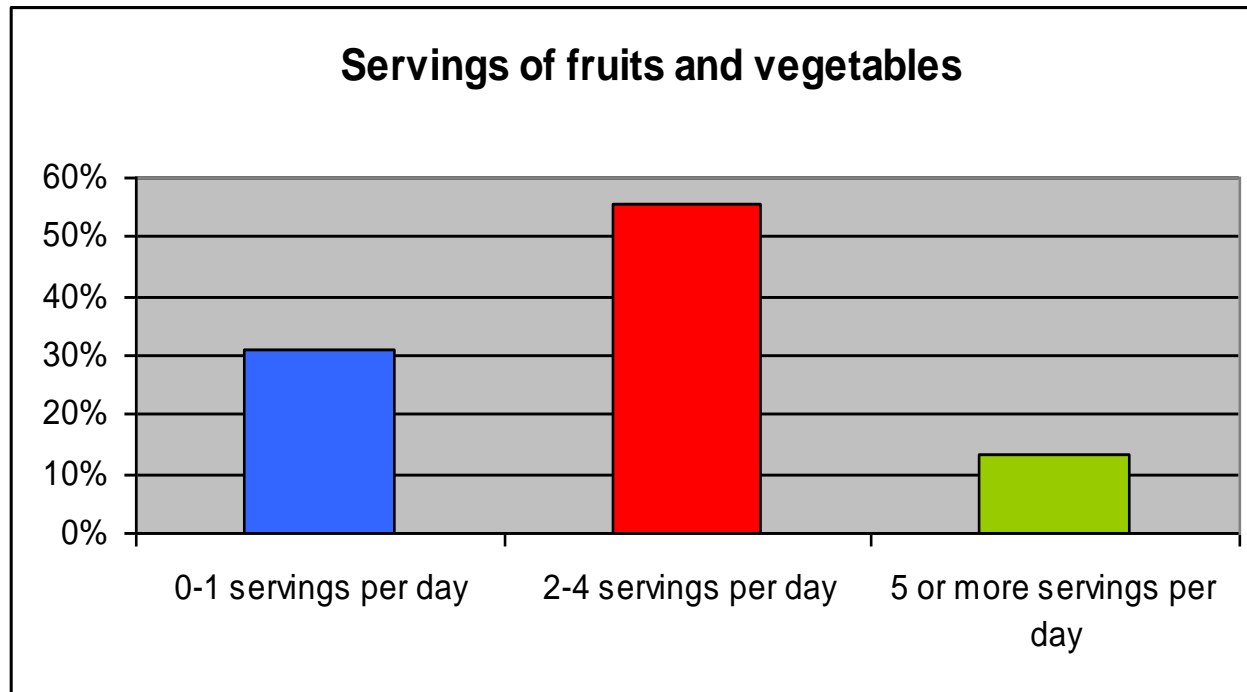
Families with children have dramatic rates of food insecurity.



Poverty is unhealthy

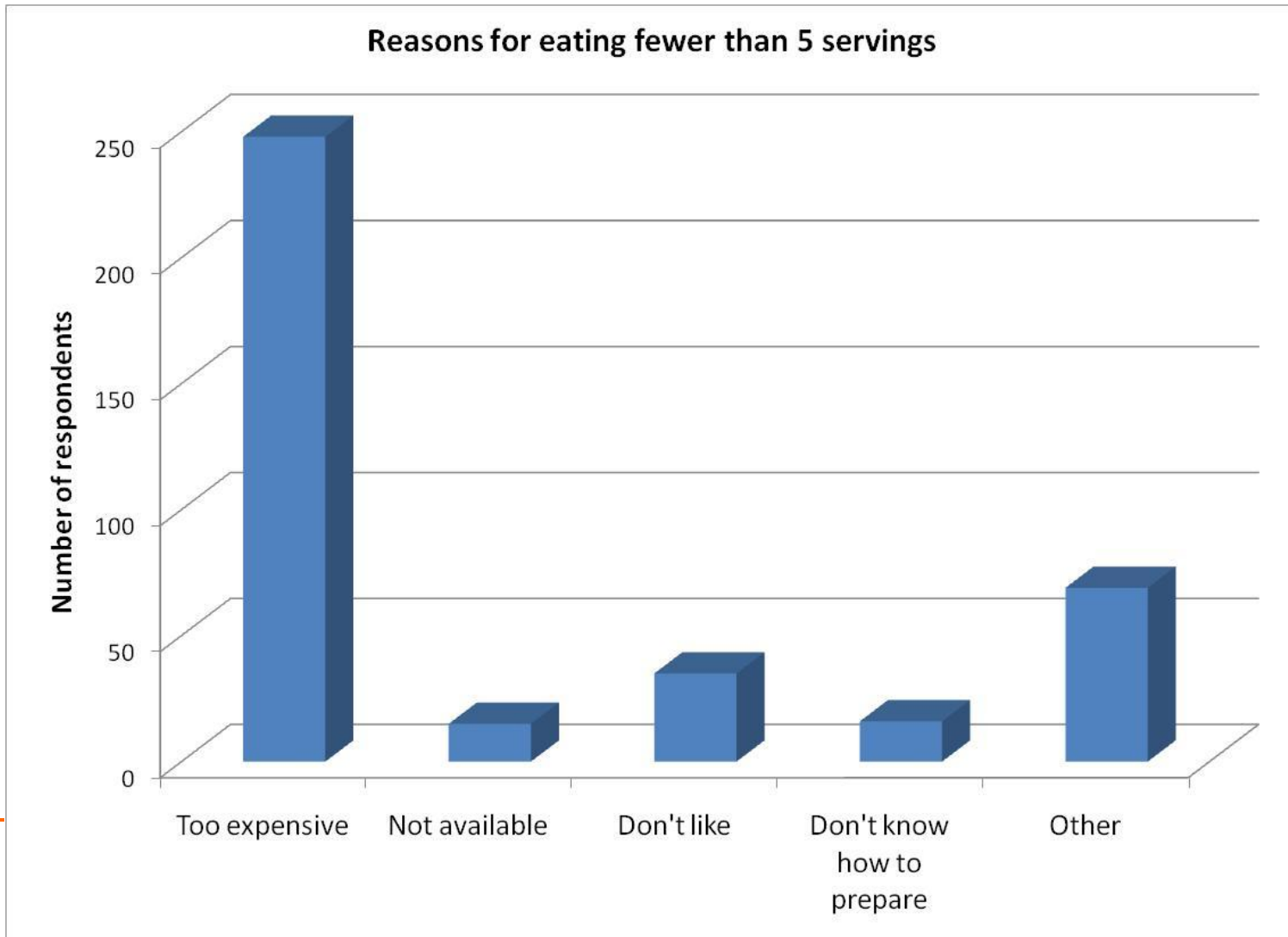
Washtenaw County	Total Population	Earn <\$35,000 per year
High Cholesterol	32.1%	64.7%
Hypertension	19.5 %	22.3%
Diabetes	8.6%	14.9%
Obesity	18.1 %	26.5%

Daily consumption of fruits and vegetables is well below healthy levels.



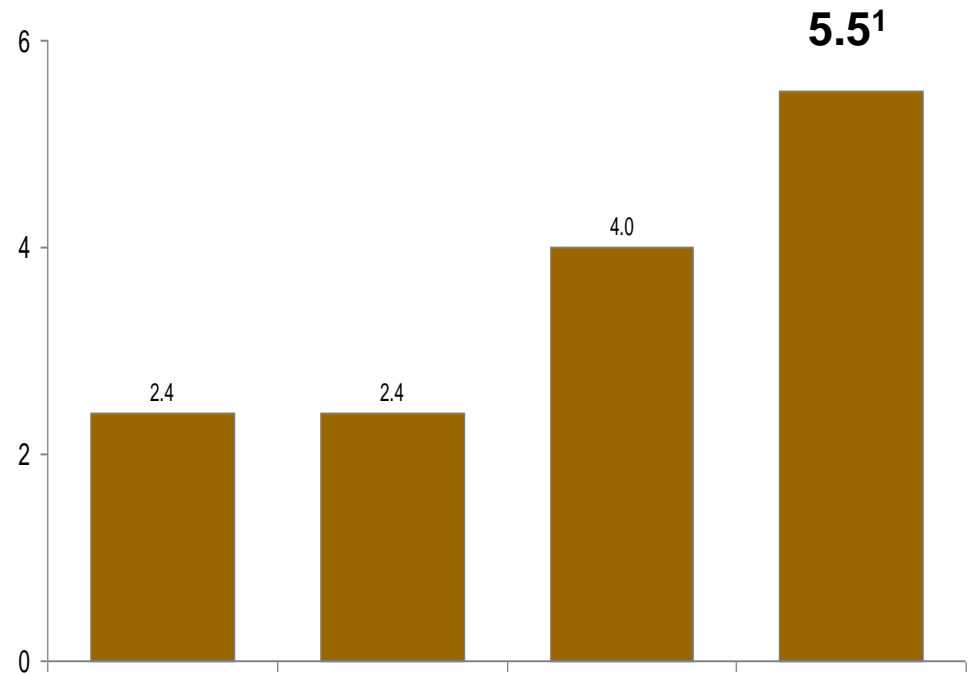
People earning 75K or more per year are twice as likely to eat the recommended servings of fruits and vegetables. Washtenaw County HIP survey 2005

Access to fresh produce is limited because of cost.



...and getting more expensive

- The all-food Consumer Price Index increased **4.0%** between 2006 and 2007, *the highest annual increase since 1990*.
- The all-food Consumer Price Index is now **5.5%** percent higher than the May 2007 level.

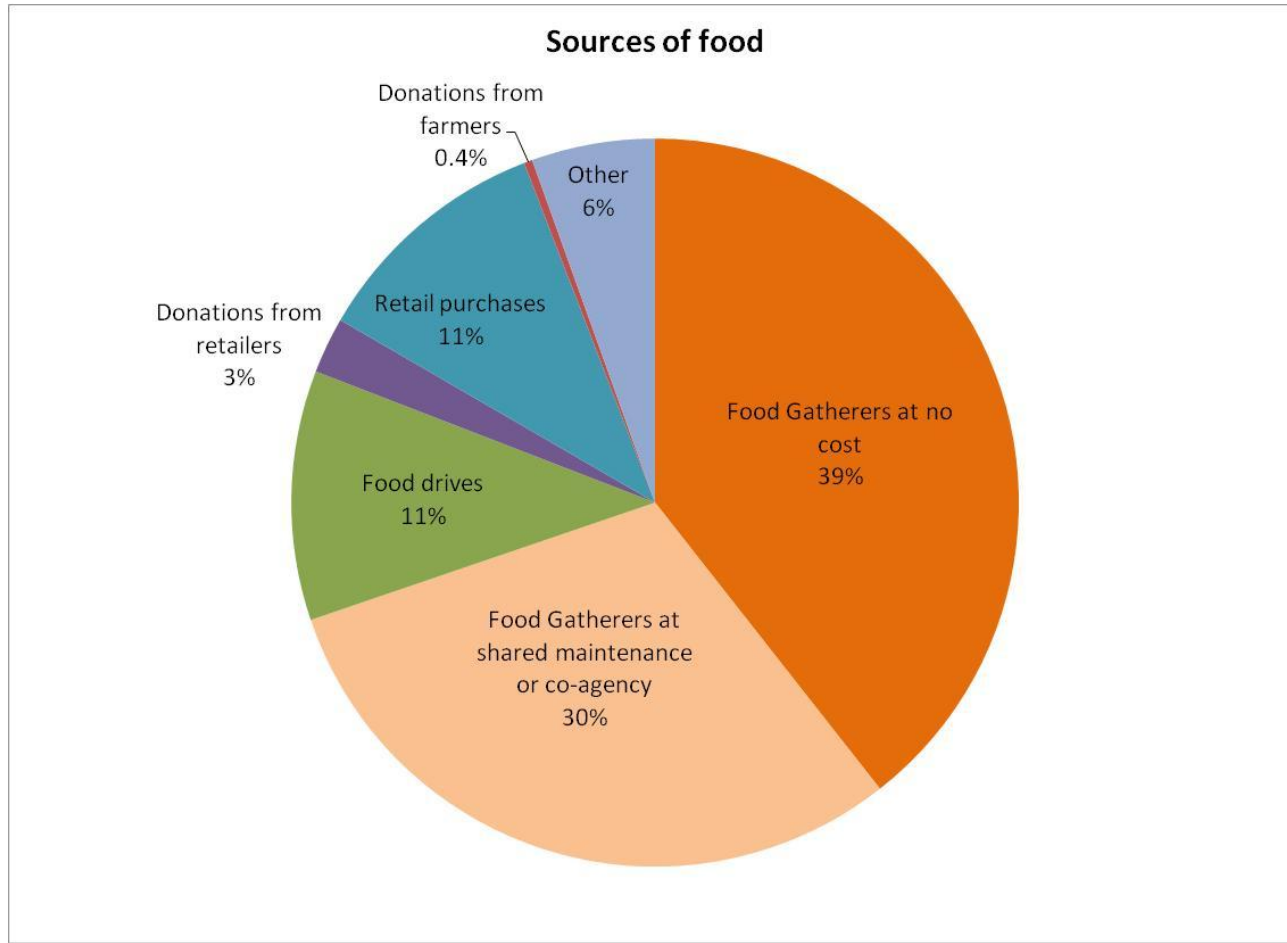


Percent Change in All-Food Consumer Price Index

Grocery Store Access

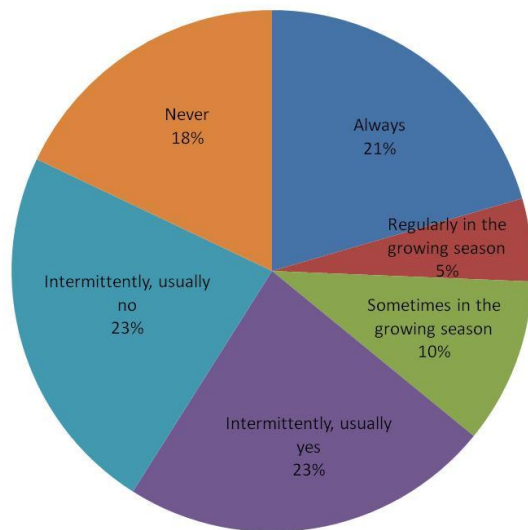
124 stores in Washtenaw County accept
Food Stamps (EBT).
Only 36 of those stores offer
fresh produce.

Food Gatherers is the major source of food for pantries



There is limited availability of fresh produce and meats, especially at smaller pantries.

Availability of fruits and vegetables (food pantries)



Availability of frozen meat (food pantries)

