EFAP Closeout Report Highlights SFY2019

EFAP TRIBAL CLOSEOUT HIGHLIGHTS

Food Pantry: Tribal food pantries saw across the board increases in individual clients, client visits, and pounds of food distributed.

* Tribal food pantries reported over 35 thousand visits last year, an increase of 18% over the previous year.
* Need among tribal elders remained high at nearly 23 visits per year as compared with non-tribal seniors who visited food pantries 8.65 times per year.
* Clients received 7.6 lbs. of food per visit
* Total lbs. of food distributed increased by 17% - coupled with increased visits, lbs. per client remained stagnant.

Voucher Program: Voucher programs continue to see a decreasing number of total clients served and voucher values continue to trend upward while voucher funding has stayed constant.

* Voucher programs served 3,040 households last year just under two times per year.
* Vouchers averaged $59 per household.
* Voucher programs reported an additional $391 thousand in matching vouchers from other funding sources. FA estimates those funds provided an additional 6,587 vouchers to tribal members.

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Non-tribal Food Pantry: Food pantries saw a decrease in new clients, increase in average number of visits per client annually, and seniors now for the first time ever make up over 20% of the food pantry population – up from 12.5% just a decade ago.

* 148 million lbs. of food distributed by EFAP food pantries.
* Nearly 19 lbs. of food per were distributed per client per visit.
* Over 277 thousand backpacks were distributed to children.
* Seniors continue to rely more heavily on food pantries than the general population.
* Visits per client per year still continue to trend upward.
* Total client visits dropped below 8 million for the first time since 2014.

*The full EFAP annual closeout report can be found under the EFAP tab at:* [*agr.wa.gov/services/food-access/hunger-relief-agency-hub/fa-forms-and-pubs*](https://agr.wa.gov/services/food-access/hunger-relief-agency-hub/fa-forms-and-pubs)

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