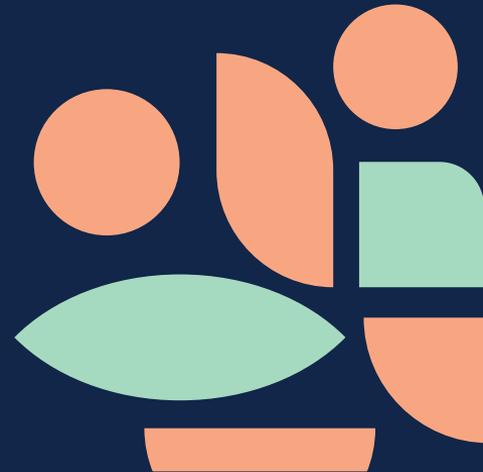




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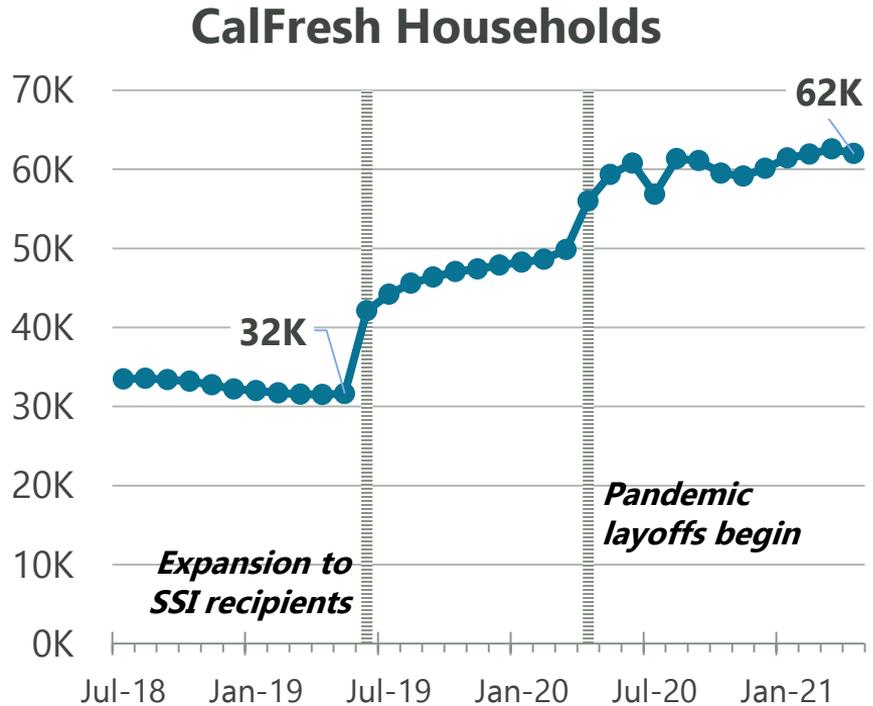
Food Insecurity and Hunger in San Francisco

May 19, 2021



Dept of Benefits & Family Supports: CalFresh

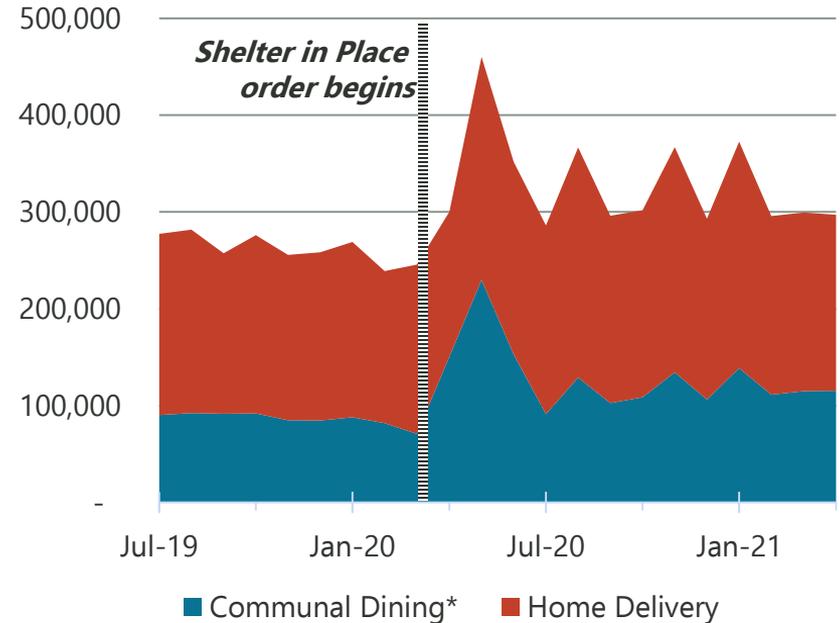
- Rapid expansion over two years
- Issued **\$19.6M in food assistance** to San Franciscans last month
- Temporary federal supplements boosted avg. monthly benefit to **\$268 per household** (from \$165)
- 4,000 applications per month since pandemic began (9,000 at peak)
- Coordinated Pandemic EBT last summer for 37,000 children



Dept of Disability and Aging Services: Nutrition Support

- Network of 13 community-based organizations serving **28,000 clients each year (pre-pandemic)**
- Pre-existing SFMFB partnership for **18,000 grocery bags per month** via pantries and partner delivery
- Pandemic response: Meal distribution peaked at **460,000 meals in May 2020** and remains elevated
 - Communal dining sites pivoted to multi-day meal packs to go
 - Home-delivered meal providers handling emergency requests

DAS Aging & Disability Network
Total Meals Distributed



**Transitioned to takeaway with shelter in place*



Human Services Agency/CCC: Pandemic Food Support (FY 20/21)

Initiative	Projected Impact	Projected Expenditures
Citywide Mass Food Support (SFMFB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groceries to anyone in need of food assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk-up “pop-up” and drive-through pantries Home delivery for at-risk individuals 	947,000 grocery bags	\$12 million
Community Partnerships (local CBOs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food pantries & delivery to populations disproportionately impacted (Latinx, Black/African American, Chinese, and Pacific Islander communities) 	109,000 grocery bags 194,000 meals	\$8 million
Street Feeding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meals to unsheltered individuals living in encampments Reduces travel across the city 	10,000 meals <i>(ended in winter)</i>	\$1.6 million



Pandemic Food Support (FY 2020-21)

Initiative	Projected Impact	Projected Expenditures
<p>Great Plates Delivered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary state program utilizing 60+ local restaurants and food providers to prepare and deliver meals to at-risk seniors • State is expected to phase out by Sept 30, 2021 	2.7 million meals	\$54 million
<p>Aging and Disability Food Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustained network and increased service levels • Supported adaptations to COVID-19 safety protocol 	400,000 meals	\$3 million
<p>Isolation/Quarantine Food Helpline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals and groceries to households in isolation or quarantine due to confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infection 	80,000 meals 35,000 grocery bags	\$2.4 million



Give2SF Pandemic Food Support

- \$7 million dedicated for food security since pandemic began
- Used to dynamically respond to emerging community needs, leveraging new and existing touchpoints to support harder-to-reach populations facing disparate risks related to COVID-19
- Distributed a variety of resources, including gift cards, grocery bags, and meals
- Diverse populations served, including but not limited to:
 - Undocumented and immigrant households
 - Low-income families
 - Mothers and infants of color
 - Older people and adults with disabilities,
 - HOPE SF and SF Housing Authority residents
 - Transitional Age Youth
 - Latinx community
- Latest Give2SF quarterly status update report [available online](#) (Controller's website)



Food Support Moving Forward

- Continue pandemic programs into the next fiscal year (e.g. Great Plates Delivered, Isolation/Quarantine Food Helpline)
- Continue pandemic programs (GPD, I/Q food Helpline, mass food support and CBO partnerships) into the next fiscal year
- Support food insecure residents to access pre-pandemic food support network (e.g. CalFresh, DAS food and nutrition programs)
- Engage in Citywide conversation about food equity and innovative models to increase food access





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