

San Francisco Food Security Task Force



2021 Recommendations

May 2021

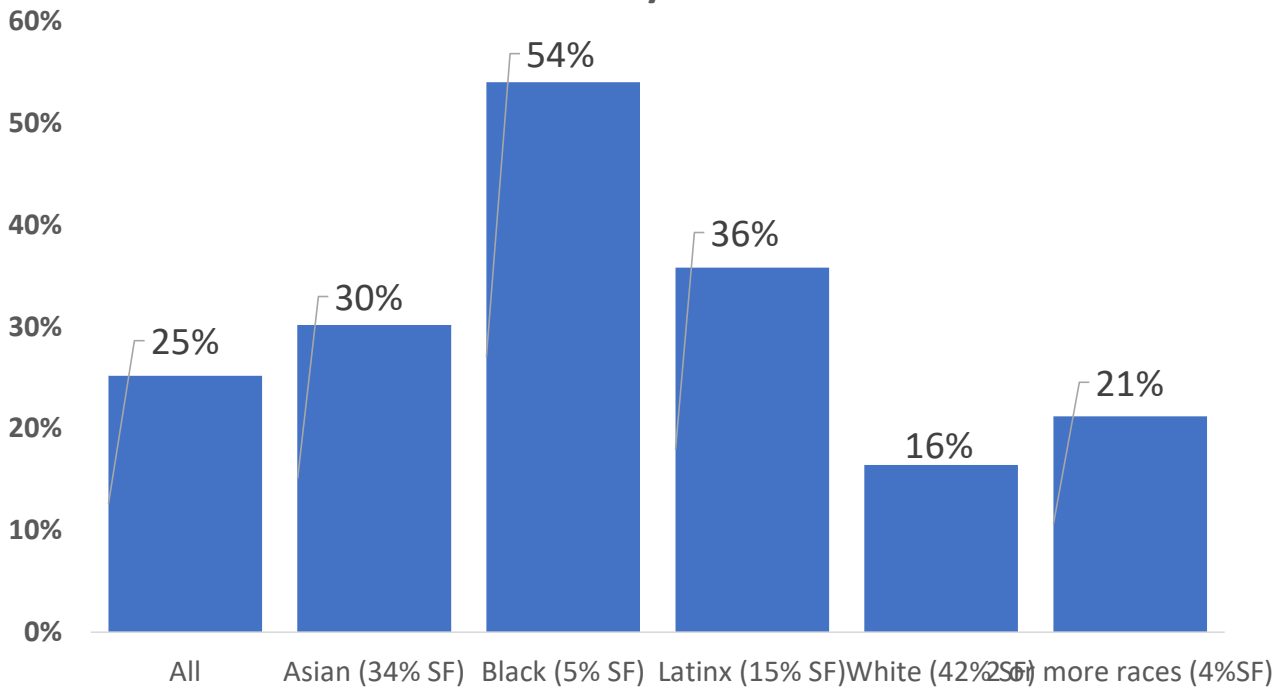
Overview of the Food Security Task Force

- Established in 2005; Reauthorized in 2018 (3 years)
- Tracks data on food security in San Francisco
- Provides recommendations to the City around policies, programs and funding to eliminate food insecurity
- 20 members: City agencies, SFUSD & community organizations
 - City Agencies: HSA (CalFresh); DAS; DCYF; HSH; DPH Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health; DPH Food Security; Recreation and Parks; SFUSD
 - Community based organizations: Conard House; Hospitality House; EatSF; Children's Council; Community Living Campaign; SF Recovery Theatre, SF Marin Food Bank, Project Open Hand, Kaiser Permanente



Prior to Covid: Most at risk

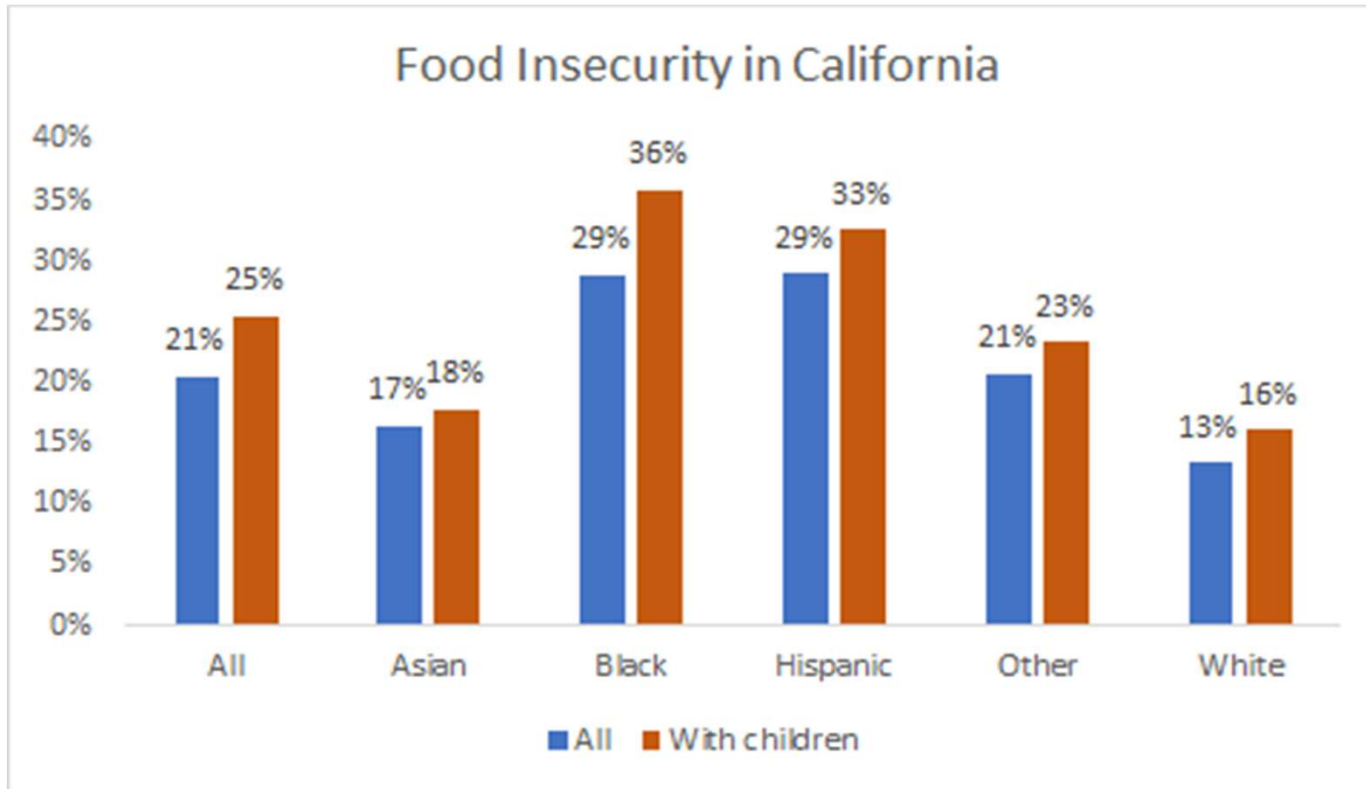
% < 200 FPL by race



- Pregnant and Post-Partum People
- Children
- Transitional aged youth and college students
- Immigrants
- Older adults
- People with disabilities
- LGBTQI residents
- People without homes
- People living in SROs and supportive housing
- People with serious health conditions.

American Community Survey 2012-2016. From www.sfhip.org.
Data not stable for Pacific Islanders and Native Americans.

Recent findings: Disparities in food insecurity



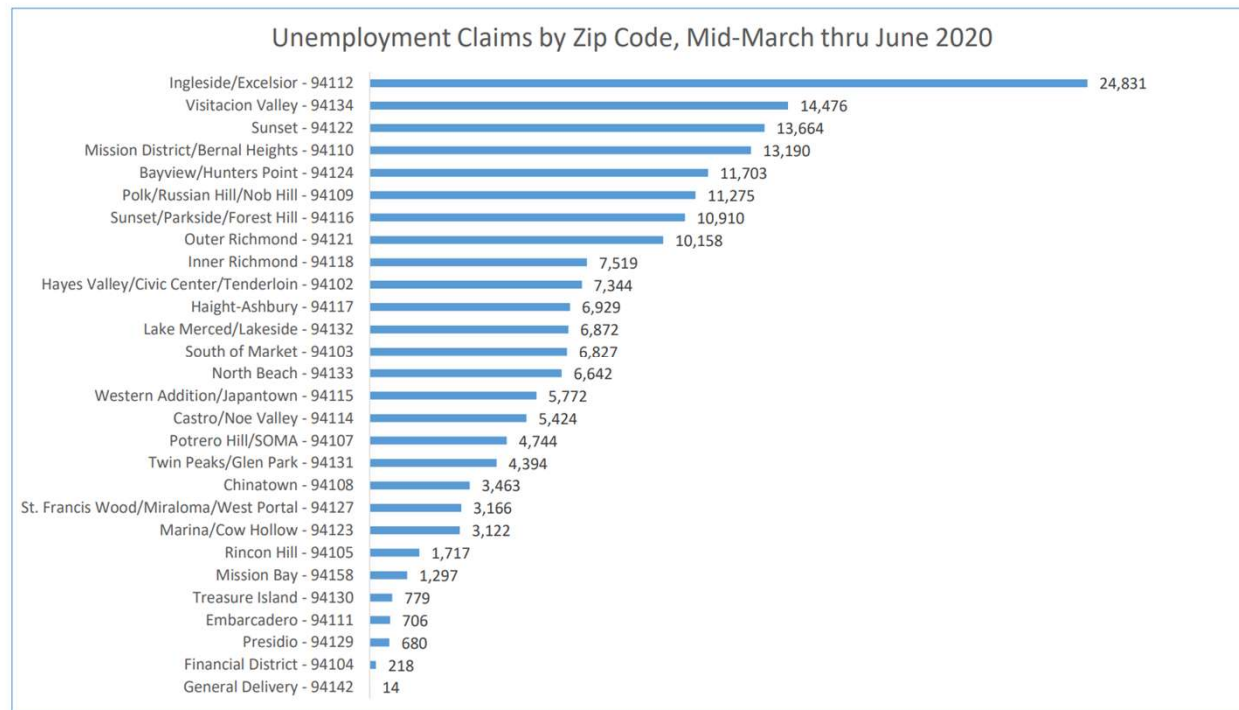
2017-2019 Food Insecurity in California was 10%

U.S. [Census](https://www.census.gov) Bureau's Household Pulse Survey
(March 2021) <https://www.ipr.northwestern.edu/apps/economicindicators.html>

COVID-19 Exacerbates Food Insecurity Across SF

Economic impact on San Franciscans

- 335,000 have filed for unemployment since Feb 2020
 - 44% of adult population
- 67,000 lost a job or stopped looking for work (since beginning of 2020)
- Economic recovery eluding vulnerable residents



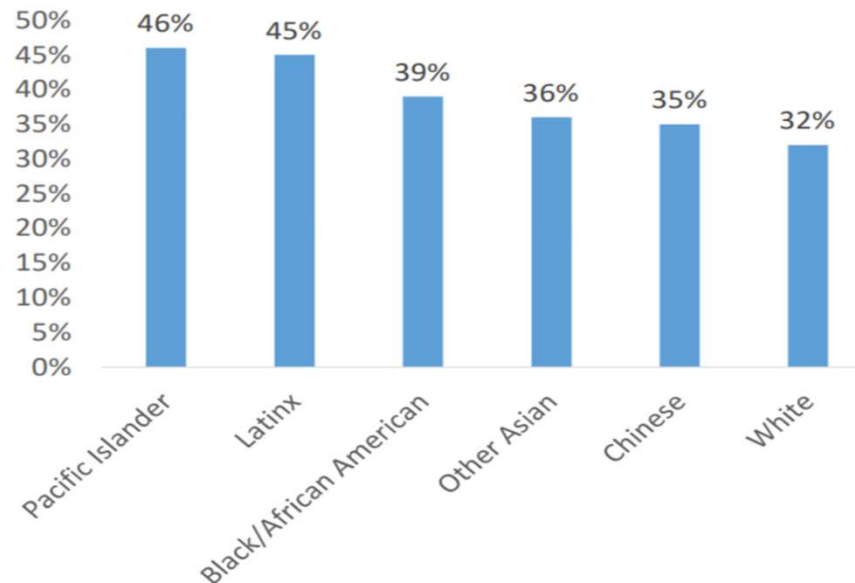
California EDD; HSA

Local findings: Increase in food insecurity

HSA survey showed food needs are very high among:

- Pacific Islander, Latinx, Black/African American, Native American, Chinese families
- Families with children
- Mixed immigration status households

Percent of Clients Indicating a Need for Food Support by Race/Ethnicity (N=7,328)



Human Service Agency Pandemic Survey May/June 2020

*Does not include unsheltered people

COVID: Unprecedented Food Response

Existing programs

- Food pantries, Senior meals, free dining rooms
- School meals, WIC, CalFresh, childcare

SF City Response

- Covid Food Coordination Group
- Give2SF

New Food Programs and Expanded Service

- **Community led interventions**
- Housing + Food
- Restaurant pivots

Philanthropy



Kevin N. Hume/SF Examiner, 4/15/20

Above: Photo by Nick Otto,, San Francisco Chronicle, 9/15/20

Pre-Covid Priorities

1. Shared Measurement
2. Information & Referral
- 3. Adequate (and Appropriate) Community Resources**
4. Sustainability of the Food Security Task Force
 - Adequate staffing & resources
 - Sunsetting in June 2021

ADVANCED DURING
COVID

Adequate (and Appropriate) Community Resources to Address Disparities

1. Sustain funding and flexibility
2. Whole household support (multiple services \neq duplication)
3. Culturally relevant & quality food
4. Innovative and community led interventions



Images: Children's Council of San Francisco

Recommendation: Support Community Innovations



Coordination Recommendations

- Re-authorize Food Security Task Force
- Continue Covid Food Coordination Group
- Expand Centralized Information & Referral and Data Sharing/Reporting
 - Essential to track food security city-wide
 - Explore Colorado model for information & referral (See BLA Report)
- Complete recommendations available at www.sfdph.org/foodsecurity

