

**Agency Summary Draft – last update by 1\_3\_10**

**WHAT KINDS OF ORGANIZATIONS OPERATE EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAMS IN THE TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK NETWORK?**

- 67% of pantries, 47% of kitchens, and 33% of shelters are run by faith-based agencies affiliated with churches, mosques, synagogues, and other religious organizations (Table 10.6.1).
- At the agency level, 63% of agencies with at least one pantry, kitchen, or shelter and 54% of all agencies including those with other types of programs are faith based (Table 10.6.1).
- Private nonprofit organizations with no religious affiliation make up a large share of other types of agencies (Table 10.6.1).

**HOW LONG HAVE THESE PROGRAMS BEEN OPERATING?.**

- The average length of operation among the pantry programs is 15 years. It is 14 years for the kitchens and 20 years for the shelter programs. (Table 10.4.1)

**AGENCY ESTIMATES OF CHANGE IN NUMBER OF CLIENTS FROM 2006 TO 2009**

- Regarding the volume of clients, 75.1% of pantries, 55.5% of kitchens, and 47.4% of shelters indicate that they serve more clients now than they did in 2006 (Table 10.8.1)

**WHERE DO AGENCIES WITH EMERGENCY FOOD PROVIDERS OBTAIN THEIR FOOD?**

- Tarrant Area Food Bank is by far the single most important source of food for agencies with emergency food providers, accounting for 79% of the food distributed by pantries, 64% of the food distributed by kitchens, and 52% of the food distributed by shelters (Table 13.1.1).
- Other important sources of food include religious organizations, government, and direct purchases from wholesalers and retailers (Table 13.1.1).

**VOLUNTEERS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN THE TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK AND FA NETWORK**

- Many programs rely *entirely* on volunteers; 51% of pantry programs and 18% of kitchens have no paid staff at all (Table 13.2.1).

**WHAT PROBLEMS DO AGENCIES FACE THAT AFFECT THEIR ABILITY TO MEET CLIENT NEEDS?**

- Agencies that believe they are facing one or more problems that threaten their continued operation include 62.2% of the pantries, 37.8% of the kitchens, and 52.4% of the shelters.