

Thank you for participating in the Herkimer County Food Security Survey. Your valuable input will help us understand the food needs within our community and guide efforts to enhance support for individuals facing food insecurity.

The survey is estimated to take less than 5 minutes to complete.

1. What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

2. What is your annual income?

- Under \$15,000
- Between \$15,000 and \$29,999
- Between \$30,000 and \$49,999
- Between \$50,000 and \$74,999
- Between \$75,000 and \$99,999
- Between \$100,000 and \$150,000
- Over \$150,000

3. What is your marital status?

- Single
- Married
- Widowed
- Divorced/separated

4. If you are a Herkimer County resident, please tell us the City/Village/Town in which you reside. (Skip this question if not a Herkimer County resident)

5. What is your current living situation?

- Own my own home
- Renting a house/apartment
- Staying with a friend/family temporarily
- Homeless/temporary shelter
- Nursing home/group home/assisted living community
- Other (please specify)

6. Are you currently enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)?

- Yes
- No

7. If you have heard about the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), how did you hear about it?

- Online
- Flyer/pamphlet
- Word of mouth
- Referral by community organization
- Referral by government agency
- I have not heard about SNAP before
- Other (please specify)

8. Do you have anyone currently living in your household that is dependent on you for basic necessities such as food?

- Yes
- No

9. How many people in your household are currently dependent on you?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6+

10. In the past 12 months, how true are the following statements:

	Often true	Sometimes true	Never True	I Don't Know/Refuse to Answer
"The food that I bought just didn't last, and I didn't have the money to get more."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"I couldn't afford to eat balanced meals."	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. In the last 12 months, how often would you say that you were worried or stressed about having enough money to buy nutritious meals?

- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never
- Not sure

12. In the last 12 months, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money for food?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

13. In the last 12 months, were you ever hungry but didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

14. In the last 12 months, did you or other adults in the household ever cut the size of your meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

15. How often did you have to cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

- Almost every month
- Some months but not every month
- Only 1 or 2 months
- I don't know

16. What is your primary form of transportation?

- Personal vehicle
- Public transit
- Walking/biking
- Taxi/Uber/for-hire vehicles
- Other (please specify)

17. In the past 12 months, did you ever need to skip getting groceries, going to a food pantry, or accessing another source of food because of a lack of transportation?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

18. Have you ever used a food pantry or another site where you were able to obtain food at low/no cost?

- Yes
- No

19. Do you know where to find a food pantry or another site where you can obtain food at low/no cost in Herkimer County?

- Yes
- No

20. If a food pantry was easily accessible to you, would you feel comfortable or confident enough to use it?

- Yes
- No

21. Why would you **not** feel comfortable using a food pantry? (Select all that apply)

- I want to support myself
- I feel that I already have sufficient resources
- I'm too embarrassed to use the pantry
- I'm worried others would find out
- Other (please specify)

22. Have you ever received financial assistance from the government for purchasing groceries? (Ex. SNAP, Food Stamps, etc.)

- Yes
- No

23. If government financial assistance for purchasing groceries was available to you, would you feel comfortable or confident enough to use it?

- Yes
- No

24. Why would you **not** feel comfortable using government financial assistance? (Select all that apply)

- I want to support myself
- I feel that I already have sufficient resources
- I'm too embarrassed to use government financial assistance
- I'm worried others would find out
- Other (please specify)

25. Are there any other barriers to accessing groceries/fresh food that you would like to tell us about?

26. Do you have any recommendations about how Herkimer County or local community agencies can improve Herkimer County residents' access to fresh food?