HUNGER IN AMERICA 2014 STUDY:
A SNAPSHOT OF THE HUNGRY NEIGHBORS SERVED IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK’S 13-COUNTY SERVICE AREA

TOUGH CHOICES
- 77% of households had to choose between paying for food and utilities in the past 12 months
- 69% of households had to choose between paying for food and transportation in the past 12 months
- 62% of households had to choose between paying for food and medicine/medical care in the past 12 months
- 62% of households had to choose between paying for food and housing in the past 12 months

EMPLOYMENT
- 77% of households have a member that has worked for pay in the last 12 months

NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED
- 1 in 7
- 71,500

People in northern Illinois rely on Northern Illinois Food Bank and its network of community feeding programs.

On average, our hungry neighbors visit our feeding programs:
- 8 times per year

AGE
- 36% are children under age 18
- 9% are age 60 and older

HEALTH
- 53% of households report at least one member with high blood pressure
- 26% of households report at least one member with diabetes

EDUCATION
- 78% of our hungry neighbors have a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED)
- 30% of our hungry neighbors have some post-high-school education (including a business/trade/technical degree, some college or a four-year degree)

ETHNICITY

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