

## Snohomish County Collaboration

*“We are connected with our city and school district as well as the churches and are actively working together to make sure all are fed.” - Granite Falls Community Coalition*

*“We have a safe environment to distribute food for our refugee and immigrant clients (some of our clients worry about ICE at the regular food distribution center)” - Refugee & Immigrant Services NW*

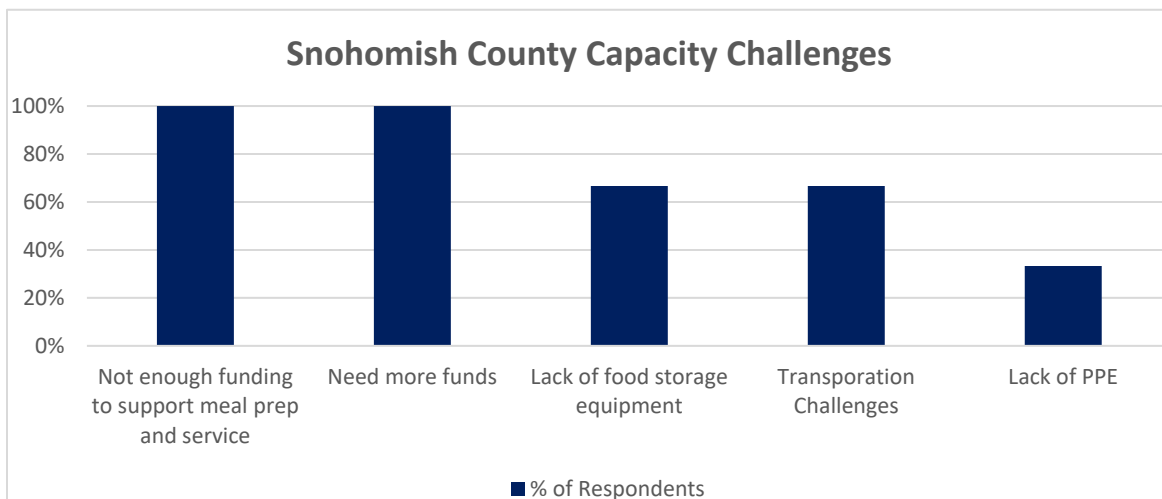
### County Highlights

Snohomish County’s highly coordinated approach in response to COVID-19 has led to innovative programs and cross-sector partnerships. Partnerships between food banks, schools, and churches have led to an increased number of distribution locations. Additionally, there are two new efforts to increase the amount of locally grown food going to food banks through partnerships with local schools and farms.

### Coordination Opportunities

There are three main areas to focus upcoming collaboration efforts in Snohomish County.

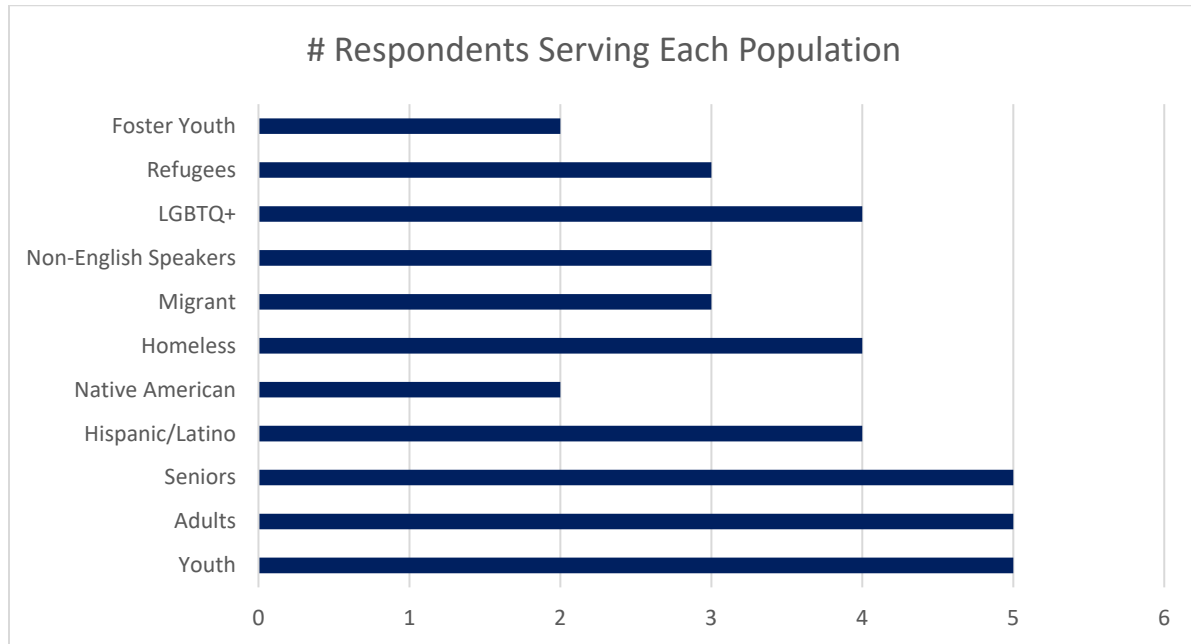
1. Funding for Program Capacity: More than **100% of the programs do not have enough funding** to support their food services and many are facing a need for funding to cover refrigeration, storage, and infrastructure.
2. Support for Multi-lingual Communication and Cross-Cultural Services: Organizations **want to increase services for all communities** in Snohomish County and referenced the **need to have translators and multi-lingual signage on-site**. Programs also need more culturally relevant food items.
3. Increased Coordination and Partnership Building: Respondents mentioned a need for increased coordination and **assistance with facilitating partnerships** across agencies. There were no survey responses from local or county government indicating an opportunity to increase coordination with elected officials.



## About The Data

Eleven organizations responded to the Coordinated Community Food Insecurity Survey. Five of the eleven respondents were food banks, five were schools or the school district, and one was a community organization. Unlike other areas of the state, there were no government officials from the local, county, or state level.

Out of all of the responding sectors, food banks and community organizations reported the highest amount of need for support with an average response rate of 3.6 on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the highest need for support. The other community entities reported an average of 1.9.



## Contact Information for Coordination

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