

## Whatcom County Collaboration

*“The grand efforts and team work across all staff in the district (not just food services) who have problem solved and come together to feed so many of our NV [Nooksack Valley] children.” – Nooksack Valley School District*

*“Money support from our community and all the fresh fruits and veg. donated from stores and farmers.” – Blaine Food Bank*

## County Highlights

Whatcom County schools and food banks highlighted how proud they are of how the community has offered so much support in response to COVID-19. The school districts focused on how internal teams within the school district rallied together to get prepared foods to children and the food banks highlighted that multiple organizations have supported them in their food needs.

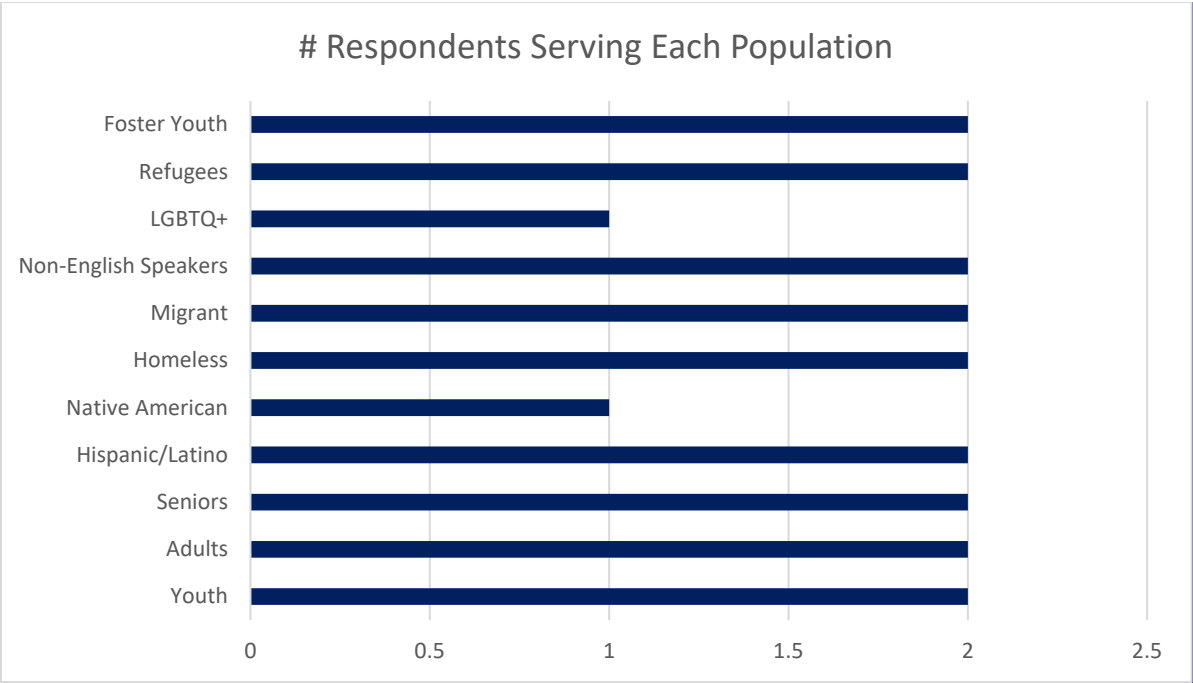
## Coordination Opportunities

Whatcom County respondents mentioned the following opportunities for collaboration:

1. Funding for Program Capacity: Programs reported **not having sufficient and proper equipment for food storage**, particularly cold storage. Additionally, programs reported a **need for Personal Protective Equipment** for staff, volunteers, and guests.
2. Opportunity for Increased Coordination and Partnership Building: Respondents stated that they are not coordinating with other organizations and unlike other counties, there were no survey responses from local or county government or community organizations. This indicates **an opportunity to increase coordination and collaboration** across programs and sectors in Whatcom county.

## About The Data

Six organizations responded to the Coordinated Community Food Insecurity Survey. Two of the six respondents were food banks and four were food service directors and kitchen staff from Whatcom county school districts, including the Lummi Nation School. Unlike other areas of the state, there were no community-based organizations or government officials from the local, county, or state level.



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