

# 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**

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



**71,500**

Different people are served weekly by Northern Illinois Food Bank

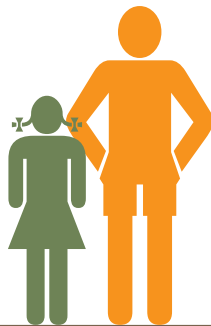
On average, our hungry neighbors visit our feeding programs

**8 times per year**

## ► AGE

**36%**

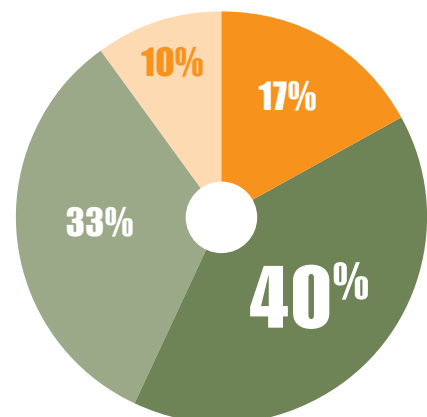
are children under age 18



**9%**

are age 60 and older

## ► ETHNICITY



- White
- Hispanic or Latino
- Black or African-American
- Other

## ► 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)

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