

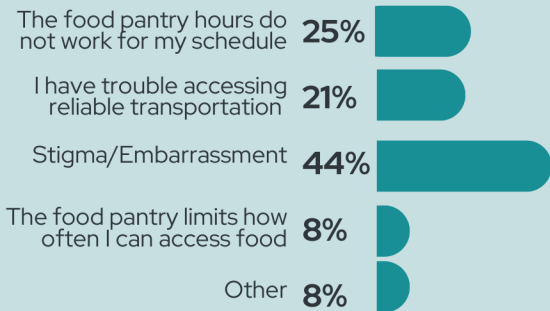
# 2024 WESTERN WISCONSIN Food Pantry Survey



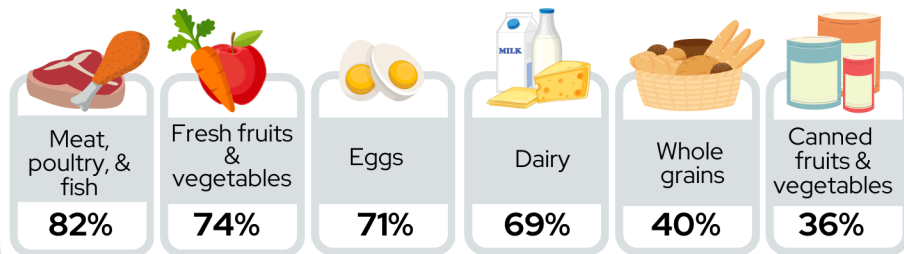
WE HEARD FROM **630** FOOD PANTRY PARTICIPANTS

The 2024 Western Wisconsin Food Pantry Survey provides a critical opportunity to gather feedback from individuals visiting food pantries and food pantry managers in Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix Counties. These voices have the ability to inform food pantry services and hunger relief system priorities. Key insights point to the current strengths, challenges, and needs for further investment in this essential community asset. Participant surveys were conducted from October 2023 through January 2024.

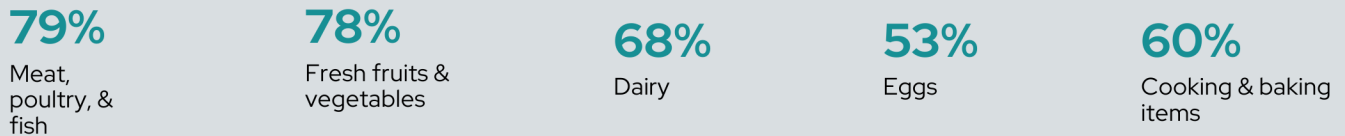
## BARRIERS TO ACCESSING FOOD PANTRIES



## MOST IMPORTANT FOODS PARTICIPANTS WANT AT EACH VISIT



## HOW OFTEN SPECIFIC FOODS ARE ALWAYS OR OFTEN AVAILABLE AT FOOD PANTRY



## PARTICIPANTS' PREFERRED METHOD TO RECEIVE FOOD



## MOST IMPORTANT NON-FOOD ITEMS PARTICIPANTS WANT

toilet paper, cleaning products, personal hygiene products

For more information, visit <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/western-wisconsin-food-pantry-survey/>

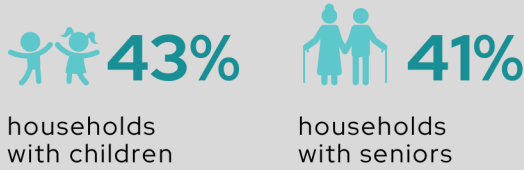
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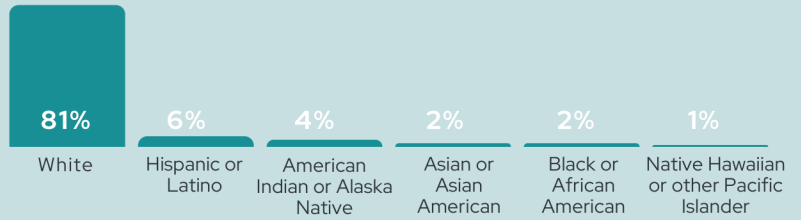
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# DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY AND HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION INFLUENCE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

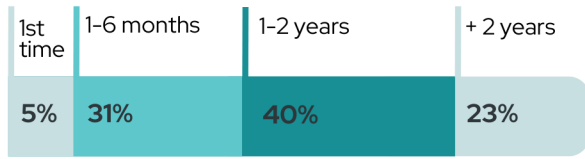
## PARTICIPANT HOUSEHOLD TYPE



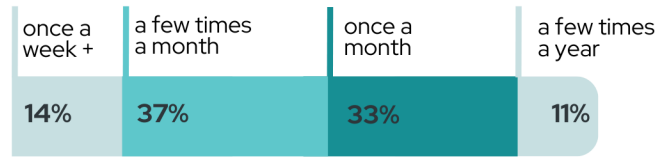
## RACIAL AND/OR ETHNIC BACKGROUND



## LENGTH OF TIME VISITING FOOD PANTRY



## FREQUENCY OF FOOD PANTRY VISITS



## VALUABLE PARTICIPANT EXPERIENCES WITH PANTRY SERVICES

### MOST IMPORTANT EXPERIENCES PARTICIPANTS VALUE



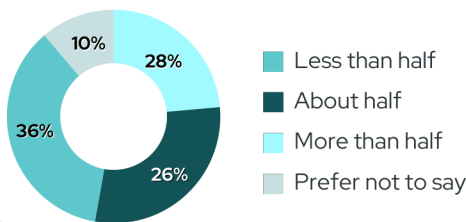
Of participants felt welcomed and accepted by pantry staff and volunteers



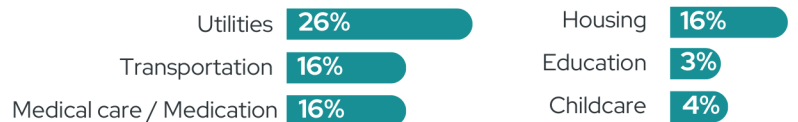
Of participants feel the process to select their food is easy

## TRADE-OFFS & RELIANCE ON FOOD PANTRIES: CHALLENGES FACED BY PARTICIPANTS

### PERCENT OF ALL HOUSEHOLD FOOD FROM FOOD PANTRY



### PEOPLE SAID THEY HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN BUYING FOOD & THESE ESSENTIAL EXPENSES



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