

## Facts and Figures

### Hunger

- **Oregon ranks third in the nation in hunger.**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 6.6 percent of Oregon households between 2007 and 2009 experienced times when they were hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money to buy food—USDA. 2009
- Nationally, 50 million Americans lived in households that were food insecure--the highest rate since the government started surveying in 1995.  
USDA 2009
- 30 percent of emergency food box recipients in Oregon said they have had to cut their kids' meals during the year---37 percent of these families report that this happens every month. Comparative numbers for 2008 were 27 and 30 percent.  
Oregon Food Bank 2009 Hunger Factors Assessment

### Unemployment

- **Over 10,000 persons on average, were unemployed in Linn and Benton counties every month for the last two years. In early 2008 there were less than 5,200 unemployed.**
- Linn County's unemployment rate was 14.3% and Benton's was 7.5% in September 2010.  
WorkSourceOregon November 2010

### Economy

- **More than 20 percent of Americans were economically insecure in 2009.**
- More than 15 of every one hundred Americans lost one-third of their income last year.
- Seven percent of Americans lost over half their income in 2009.
- A majority of Americans are struggling financially, with 61 percent saying they are living paycheck to paycheck.  
Food links America 2010

### Social Security

- **Total Beneficiaries: 58.7 million**
- Average monthly Social Security payment \$1,072.
- Social Security is the primary source of income for 64 percent of recipients.
- One third of recipients rely on Social Security for at least 90 percent of their income.  
Social Security Administration

### Foreclosures

- **Oregon has the country's third highest foreclosure rate in 2010.**
- By January 2010, 22,000 Oregon residents were either in foreclosure or over 90 days delinquent on their mortgage payments.
- Two and a half million Americans have lost their homes during the housing bust.
- Five to six million more are currently in foreclosure or seriously delinquent.  
Oregonian July 2010

## **Linn Benton Food Share**

- **Distributed 4,693,356 pounds of food to our 74 member agencies from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.**
- Emergency food pantries in Linn and Benton counties distributed 42,366 food boxes to 145,997 individuals during this time period.
- Soup kitchens and shelters served 261,118 meals in our two county area during FY 2009-10.