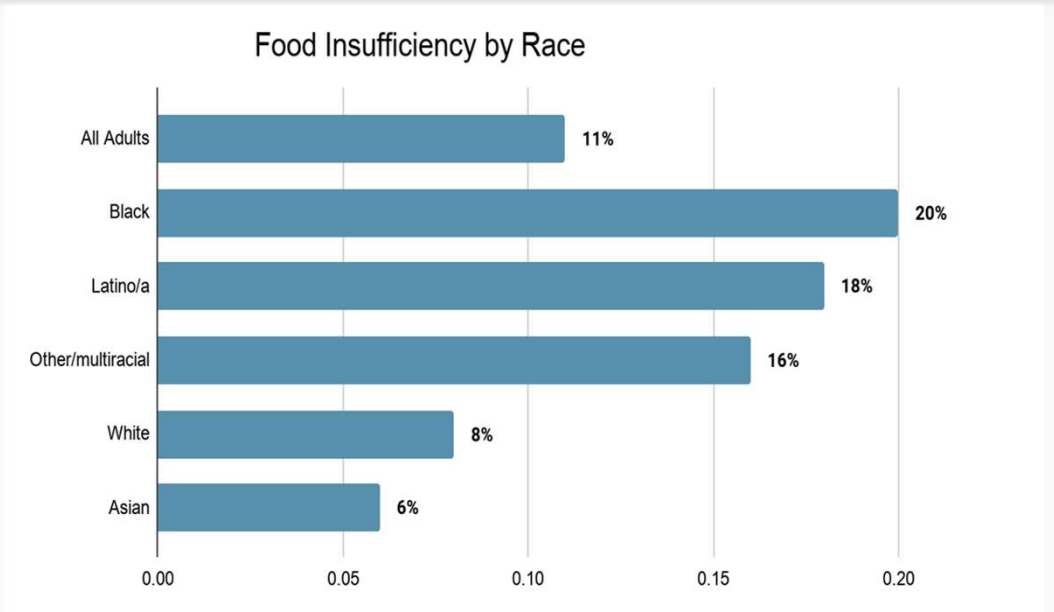


Federal Policy Update 2021

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Setting the context

- Huge spikes in hunger and hardship
- Historic demand for food assistance
- Record unemployment



Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities - US Census Bureau Pulse Survey

A few things have
changed in
Washington in the
past few months



American Rescue Plan

1. Provide direct relief
2. Safely reopen schools
3. National vaccination program and contain COVID-19

Some of the Exciting Provisions

Here's a grab-bag of nutrition highlights from the Rescue Plan



P-EBT

Access to the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program available for the duration of the health emergency, including through the summer



SNAP

Extension to the 15% increase in benefits for all participants through September 30, 2021, or about \$28 per month per person



WIC

Funding to deliver expanded access to more fruits and vegetables for moms and babies and investments in innovation



Senior Nutrition

Funding for Commodity Supplemental Food Program

But wait! There's more!

More investments and plans for program improvements



Online EBT

Investments in technology to expand access for families to use their SNAP benefits to purchase groceries safely online.



Farmers

Debt relief for socially disadvantaged farmers to pay off burdensome debts that have prevented many farmers of color from making a living



Food banks

Increases food available for distribution through food banks, nonprofits, or restaurants to help feed families in need (TEFAP)



Racial Equity

Create a racial equity commission and address longstanding discrimination across USDA



USDA Food Box Program

USDA is listening to stakeholder feedback

Future is TBD

USDA Child Nutrition Waiver Extensions

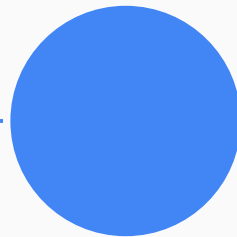
Summer Feeding

Summer meal programs available everywhere for free



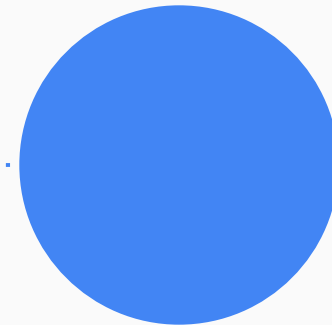
Flexibilities

Allow meals to be served outside normally requires times/locations



Pick-Up

Allow parents and guardians to pick-up meals for their children, including bulk pick-up for multiple days





Free school meals for all

CACFP Investments

Extend WIC Eligibility

Resources

<http://bit.ly/ChildNutritionPriorities>

<http://bit.ly/FederalPriorities>

http://bit.ly/Am_RescuePlan

http://bit.ly/ARP_CA_Impact

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