

# Long Island Cares, Inc. Hunger Facts



**316,000 Long Islanders are hungry.**

**316,000 Long Islanders experience domestic hunger and high food insecurity. That's more than 1 in every 10 people.**

**89,030 of these Long Islanders are children.** They must rely on others to access the feeding programs and services they need. The elderly make up 4% of Long Island's food insecure population, and are at increased risk for illness, disease, and premature death. The people we serve have to make the choice between paying for their home, medication, or even food. A lot of times, food becomes the last priority.

**7.5 millions pounds each year.**

**We distribute nearly 7.5 million pounds of product annually to Nassau and Suffolk counties only.**



We have a network of **nearly 600 member agencies**. An agency can be anything from a soup kitchen, food pantry, senior center, etc. It is just anybody that receives food from us and then distributes it to individuals in the community. Products includes food, personal care items, pet food, personal care items, household goods, paper products, school supplies, toys and much more.

**89 cents of every dollar.**

**89 cents of every dollar donated to Long Island Cares goes back into our programs. The other 11 cents goes towards administrative costs.**



Food and monetary donations also help support the **more than 20 direct programs** we operate for Long Islanders. These programs include First Stop Pantries, Veteran Services, Mobile Deliveries, Baxter's Pet Pantry, Children's Nutrition, Hunger Advocacy, and many more. Please visit [www.licares.org](http://www.licares.org) for a full list of our programs.

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