

# Connect2Help™

Serving as your 2-1-1 Center for Central Indiana

## Community Is Geared Up to Help the Hungry

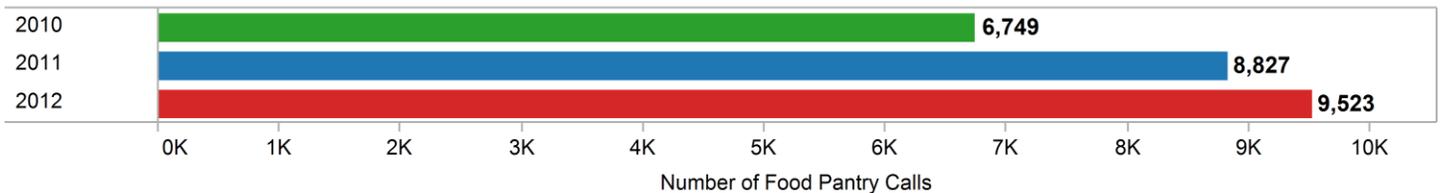
During the 2011/2012 school year, **nearly half a million Indiana children** received free or reduced lunches. (Almost 92,000 of these children lived in Marion County.) School is out, but these children still need to eat.

**Summer Servings**, a part of the USDA Summer Food Service Program, is underway for 2012. The program provides free, nutritious meals and snacks for children 18 and younger in low-income areas at hundreds of locations throughout the state. There are more than 200 locations in Marion County alone. To find the nearest location, visit the website, [www.summerservings.com](http://www.summerservings.com), or call 2-1-1.



Connect2Help 2-1-1 is a member of the Indy Hunger Network ([www.indyhunger.org](http://www.indyhunger.org)), a group founded to “create a system by 2015 that ensures anyone who is hungry can access the food they need.” In the first 5 months of 2012, C2H has connected more than 9,500 households (including 8,200 children) with emergency food pantry resources. This is an 8% increase compared to the same time period in 2011, and a **41% increase compared to 2010**.

### Food Pantry Calls January-May



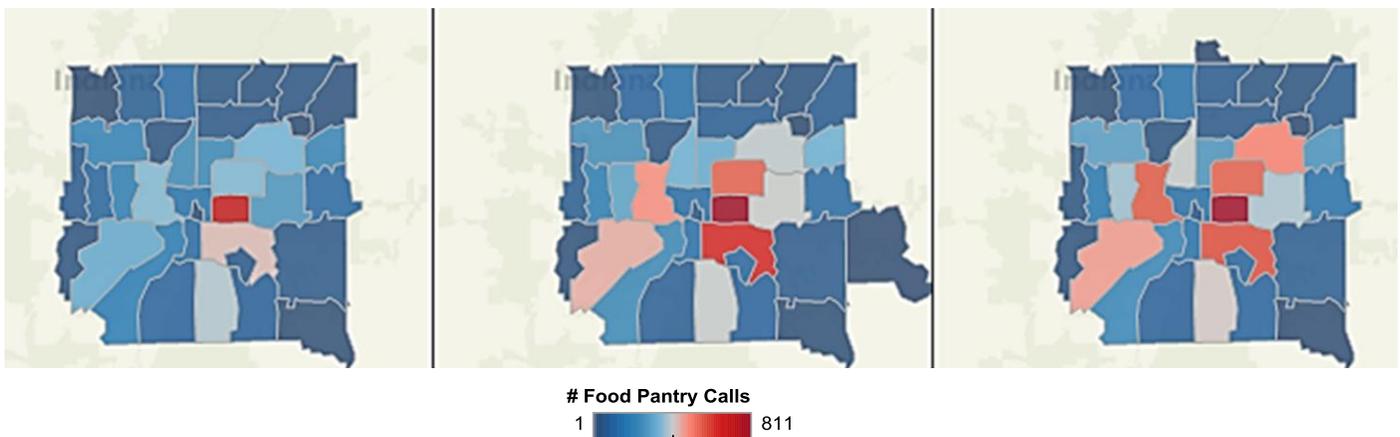
The majority (76%) of the calls for emergency food came from Marion County. Another 7% came from those living in the seven central Indiana counties surrounding Marion; 4% came from the Wabash Valley Area counties of Clay, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo; and 12% came from those living in other areas of the state.

The maps below reveal the pattern of increasing food needs in Marion County during the first 5 months of 2010, 2011 and 2012.

2010

2011

2012



Nutritious food is essential for an individual’s, and a community’s, well-being. Thousands of people in our community are hungry. Hundreds of organizations are poised to help.

To find emergency food assistance, or to make a donation to a food pantry, call 2-1-1.



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