



COVID-19 and the Emergency Food System

Record Hunger and Policy Opportunities to
Build a Hunger-Free California

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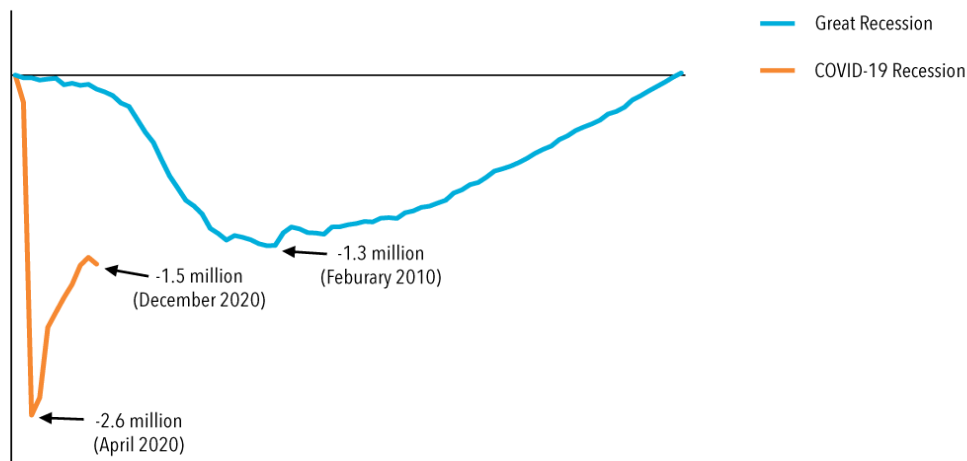
COVID Could Mean Decade of Crisis



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California Is Still Down More Jobs Than the State Lost During the Great Recession

Change in Number of Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs from the Pre-Recession Peak



Note: Change in jobs is measured from the month in which the number of nonfarm jobs in California reached its highest point before declining due to the economic downturn. California jobs peaked in July 2007 prior to the Great Recession and in February 2020 prior to the COVID-19 recession.
Source: Budget Center analysis of US Bureau of Labor Statistics data



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“Between CalFresh and food banks, we’re becoming the sole source for some people’s food, and it is heartbreaking. I hope the conversation shifts toward sustainability because we’re going to be in this for some time. What are we doing to support food banks through 2021, and beyond, frankly?”

– Blake Young, CEO from Sacramento Food Bank

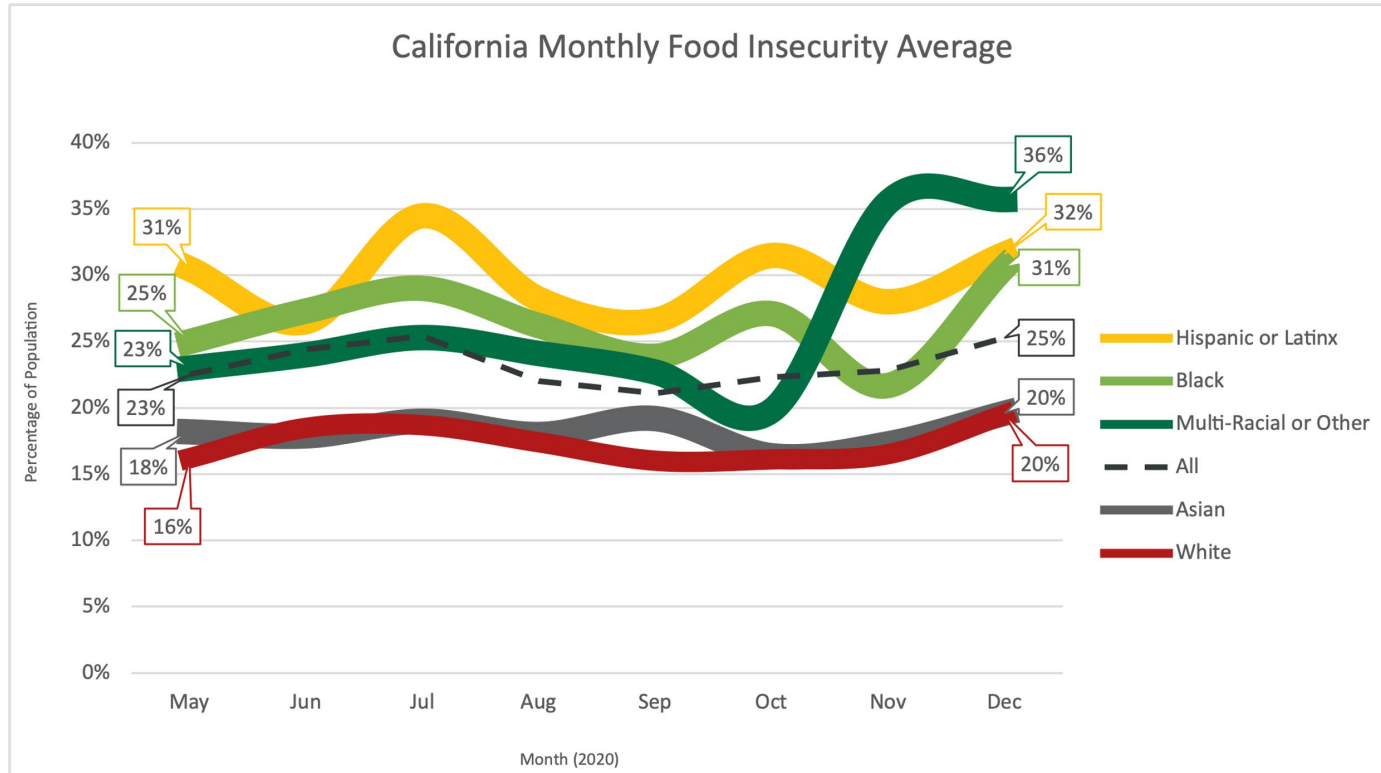


Second Harvest Food Bank Orange County

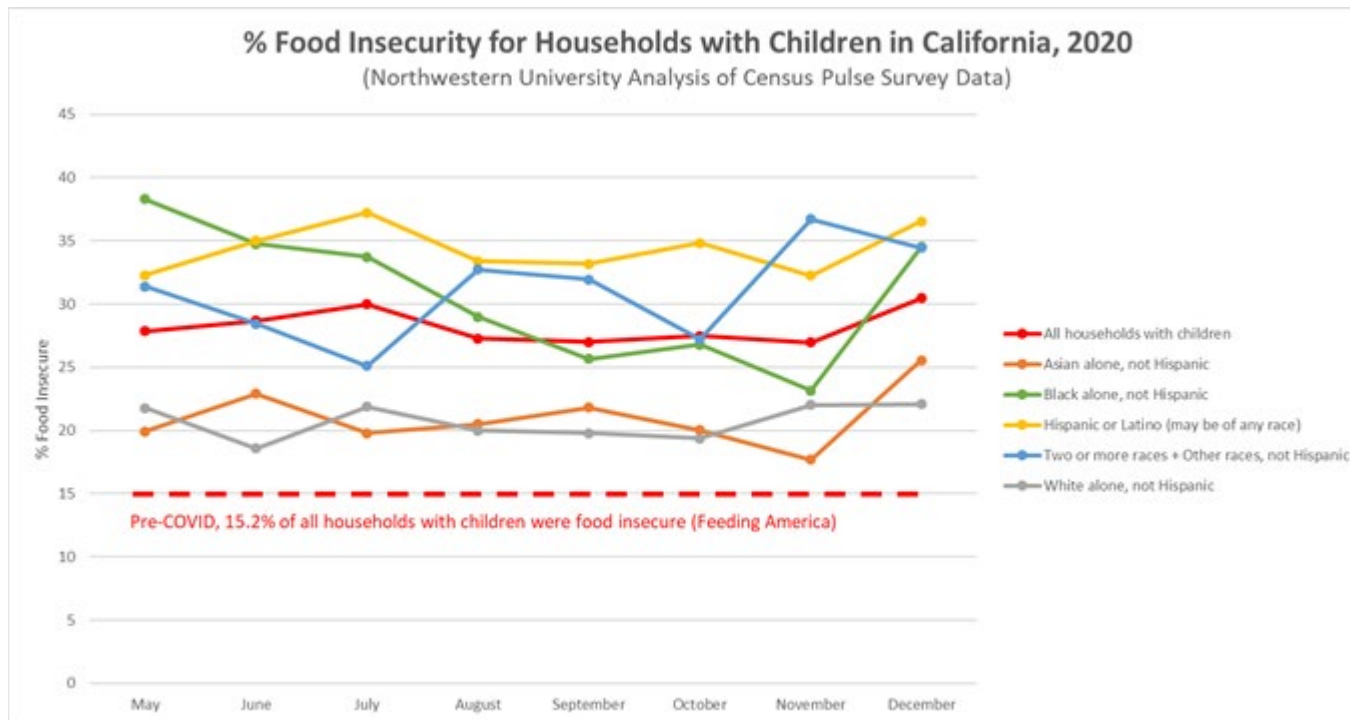
Food insecurity has more than doubled, with deep inequities



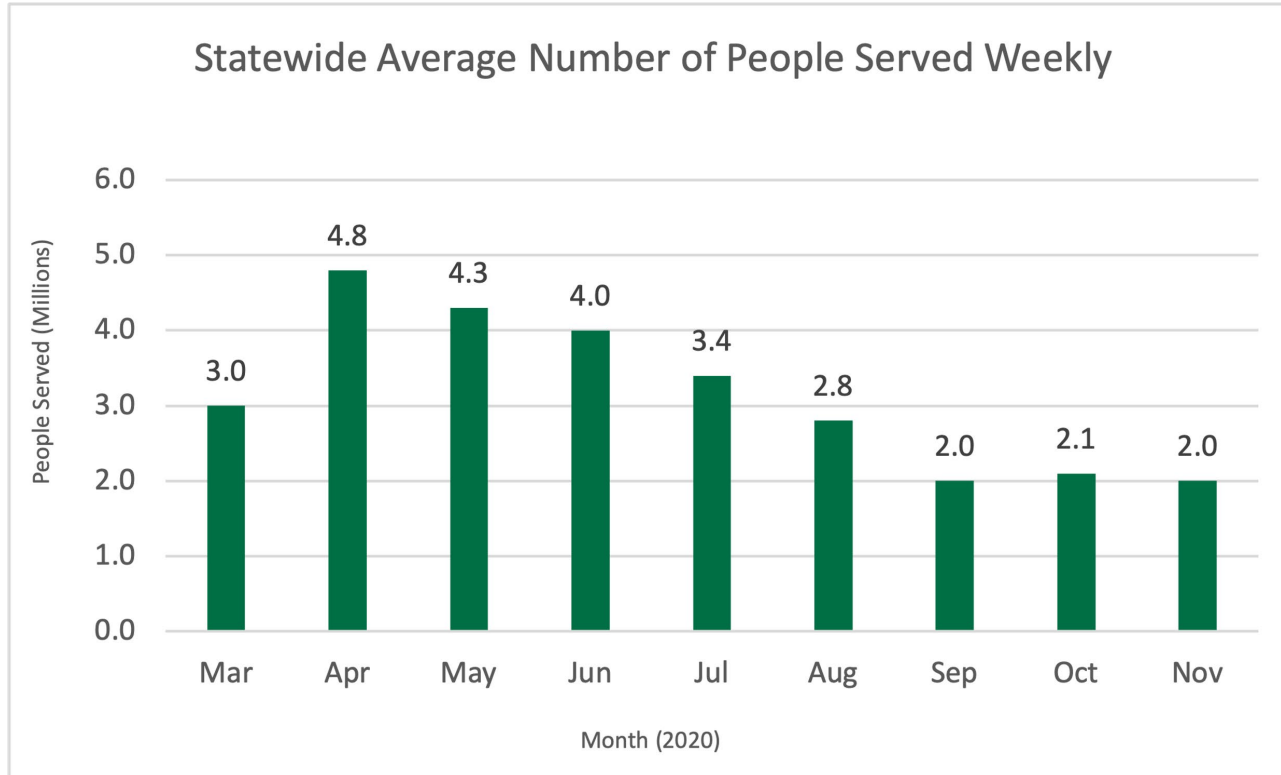
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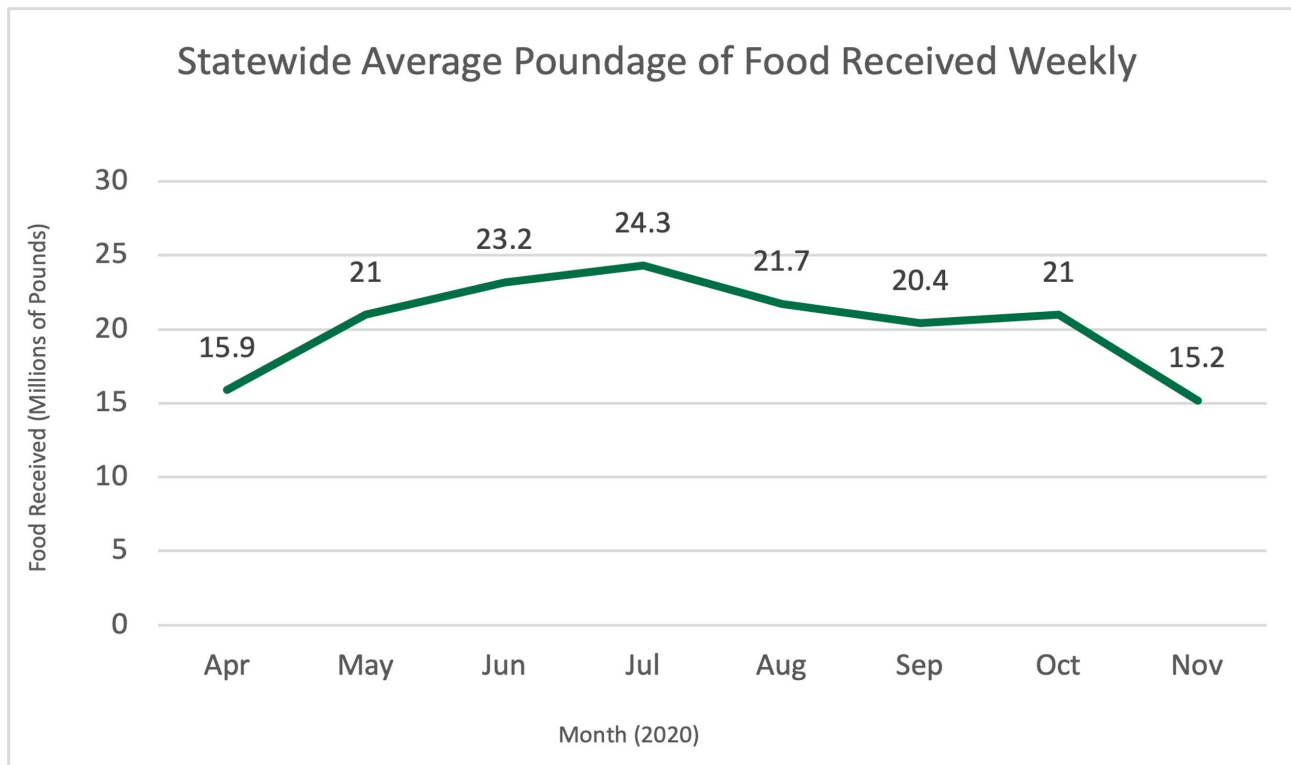
Childhood Hunger: Before and During COVID-19



Food Banks Nearly Expanded 5x Pre-COVID Levels, Remain at 200%



Food Supports Rose Through the Summer, then Fell Substantially



State Food Program Fights Hunger, Supports Good CA Jobs



Los Angeles Regional Food Bank



CAFB Photo

Food banks deepened commitment to serving unmet need



Central California Food Bank



Hoopa Mobile Produce Pantry - Food For People

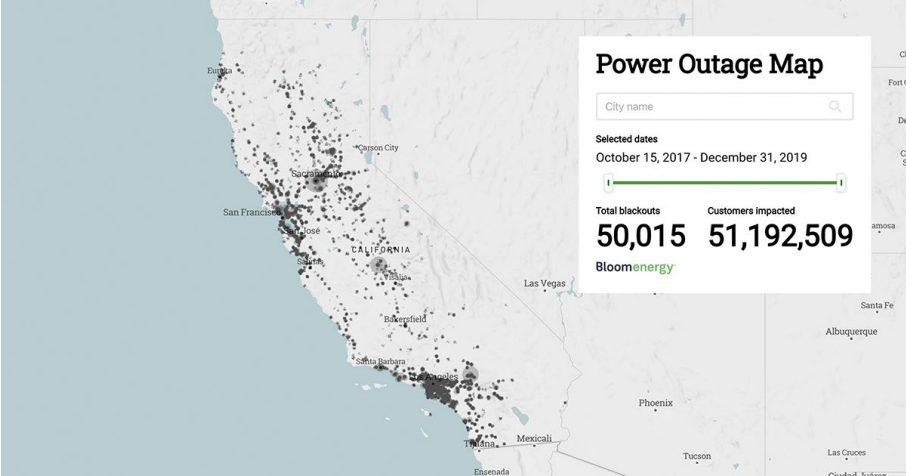
Disasters Never Stopped During COVID



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A map of California with a red dot and the text "Creek Fire" indicating the location of the fire in the eastern part of the state.



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Finalized
Active for 192 days

Last Updated	12/18/20 1:43 PM
Date Started	09/04/20 6:21 PM
Location Information	Both sides of the San Joaquin River near Mammoth Pool, Shaver Lake, Big Creek and Huntington Lake
Lat/Long	[37.19147, -119.261175]

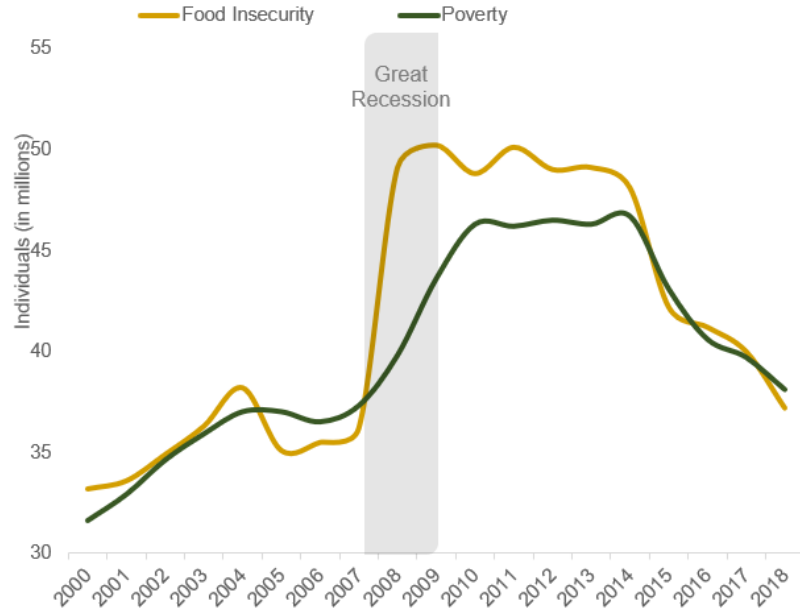
Conclusion: Learn From the Great Recession



- \$110M for COVID food relief
- \$32M for climate & disaster resilience
- Significant Capacity needs

Food Insecurity and Poverty Fall, but 1 in 9 Still At Risk of Hunger

Food Insecurity and Poverty, 2000-2018



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Thank you!

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