

King County Pandemic Community Advisory Group

August 13, 2020

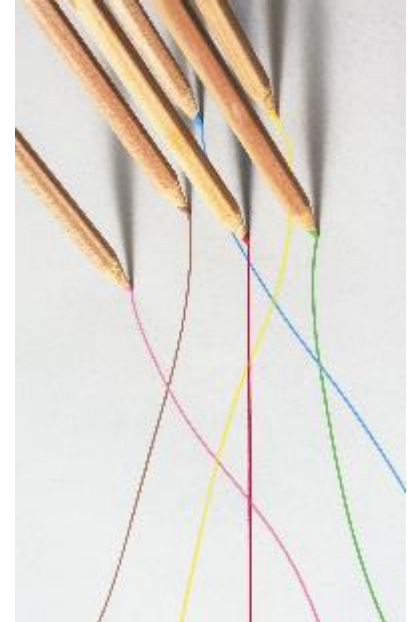
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Welcome 10:30 – 10:35
2. Food security 10:35 – 11:00
 - CARES Act Request for Application (Elizabeth Kimball)
 - Food security: draft of new data brief (Eva Wong)
3. Planning for a future COVID-19 vaccine 11:00 – 11:30
 - (Libby Charhon Page, Public Health Immunization Program Manager)

Participation guidelines – creating inclusive conversations

- **Be present** – bring your full attention to the process and listen deeply.
- **Try on new ideas and perspectives** – remember, “try on” is not the same as “take on.”
- **It’s OK to disagree** – avoid discounting or judging the beliefs and views of others.
- **Check out assumptions** – do not assume you know what is meant by a particular communication, especially when it triggers you
- **Step up, step back** - if you are a person who shares easily, leave space for others to step into. If you are a person who doesn’t speak often, consider stepping forward and sharing your wisdom.
- **Practice both/and thinking** - making room for more than one idea at a time means appreciating and valuing multiple realities.
- **Intent is different than impact** – both are important. It is also important to own our ability to have a negative impact in another person’s life despite our best intention.



CARES Act – Food Security Assistance Program

Public Health is investing \$4.75 M towards food security due to COVID-19

www.kingcounty.gov/rfa/cares

Applications are due on August 21

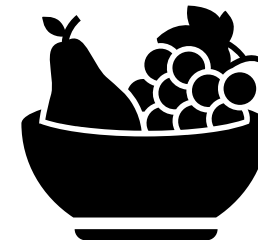
Soliciting applications for three project areas:

- Distribute Food Vouchers
- Distribute Culturally Appropriate Foods
- Increase Infrastructure Capacity

Pre-application conference

August 13, 2020, 1:00pm - 2:00pm (Technical Assistance 2:00pm - 3:00pm)

Conference call 1-206-263-8114 Conference ID 555700



Food Needs in King County, WA

August 2020

Economic, Social & Overall Health:

Key indicators dashboard

[www.kingcounty.gov/
covid/impacts](http://www.kingcounty.gov/covid/impacts)

Click on any box below for more detailed information

Economic	Social	Health	
<p>Unemployment</p> <p>451,800+ new unemployment claims filed by King County residents from March 1 to July 25, 2020</p>	<p>Food Insecurity</p> <p>↑ 17,300 more King County households received Basic Food assistance in June than January 2020, a 17.6% increase</p>	<p>Healthcare</p> <p>↑ 10,000 more King County residents were enrolled in Medicaid in May than in January 2020</p>	
<p>Housing</p> <p>38% of calls to 2-1-1 hotline requested housing-related assistance from April 29-May 19, 2020</p>	<p>Food Insecurity</p> <p>↑ 7% more women and children were enrolled in PHSKC's WIC nutrition program in April than January 2020</p>	<p>Behavioral Health</p> <p>↑ 22% increase in calls to behavioral health crisis line in June 2020 compared to 2019</p>	
<p>Traffic</p> <p>↓ -25% decrease in local highway traffic on August 2, 2020 compared to 2019</p>	<p>Domestic Violence</p> <p>↑ 16% increase in domestic violence calls to Seattle Police from Jan-April 2020 compared to 2019</p>	<p>Mental Health and Suicide</p> <p>16% of middle and high school youth made a plan to attempt suicide in the past year before COVID-19</p>	
	<p>Internet Access</p> <p>67,000 King County households (7.5%) have no internet access</p>		
Key Dates:	<p>March 15, 2020 Schools, entertainment, bars, restaurants closed</p> <p>March 23, 2020 Stay Home, Stay Healthy order; businesses closed</p>	<p>May 5, 2020 Phase 1 of Safe Start plan to reopen WA State</p>	<p>June 5, 2020 King County enters Modified Phase 1 of Safe Start Plan</p> <p>June 19, 2020 King County enters Phase 2 of Safe Start Plan</p>

Key Points: Food needs in King County



Food insufficiency has near doubled after implementation of strategies to slow the spread of COVID-19: About 9%, or 268,000 adults, in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties combined report that their households did not have enough food in the last week (as of June), compared to about 5% experiencing this before March.



Food needs increased 7X, becoming the second most common reason for King County residents to call seeking assistance with social services in Spring 2020. Latinx, Black, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander populations are disproportionately represented among callers seeking food assistance.



Enrollment in Basic Food assistance programs increased by 15% among King County households from January to June 2020, an increase of 17,800 households. Many have never before enrolled.



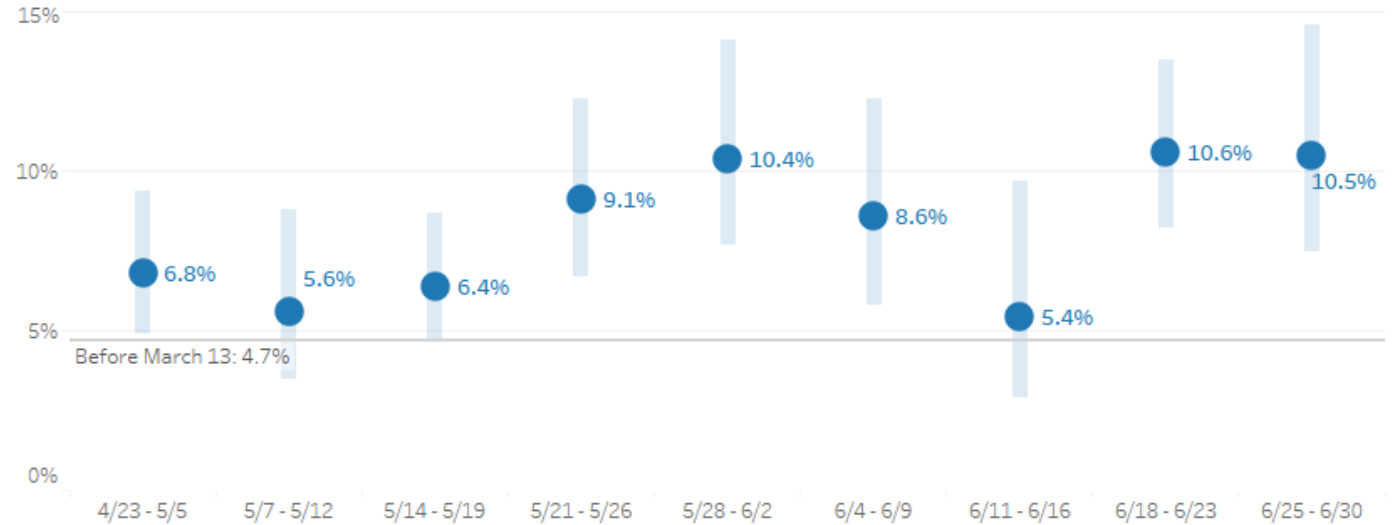
Policies have enabled new resources or expanded existing resources, but some are set to expire. Barriers to accessing food such as transportation or documentation status still exist.

Food Insufficiency Adults

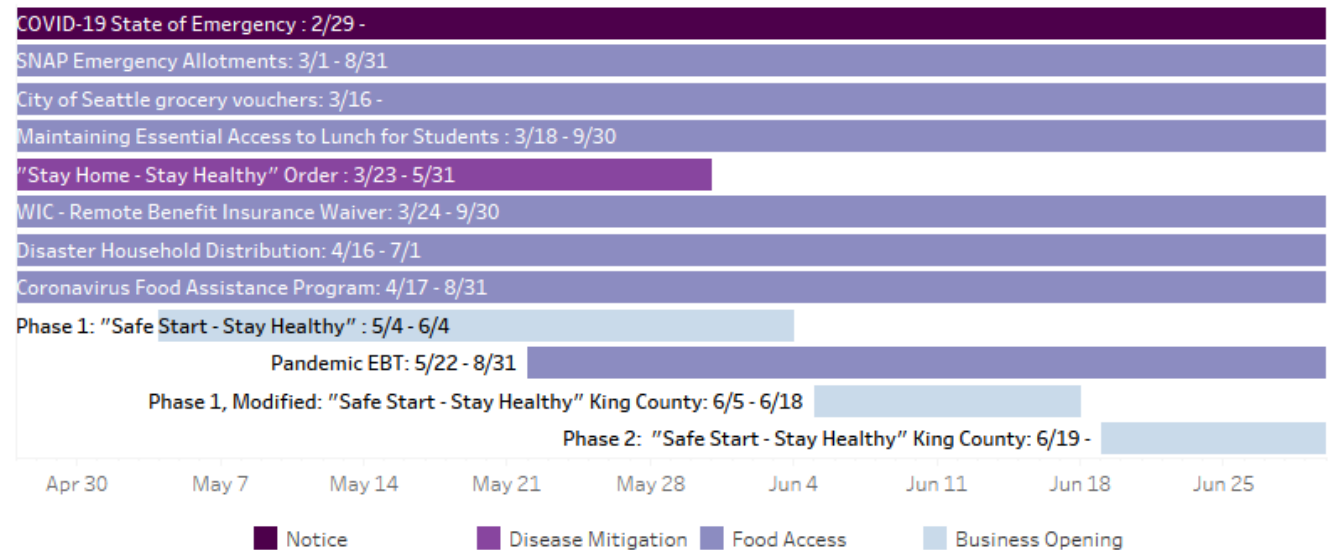
Food insecurity peaked during the week of 5/28-6/2, then dropped and increased again in late June

- For households with children, peaked in early June to 13%

Percent of adults in Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue MSA who sometimes or often did not have enough food to eat, April 23 - June 30, 2020



Policy Timeline

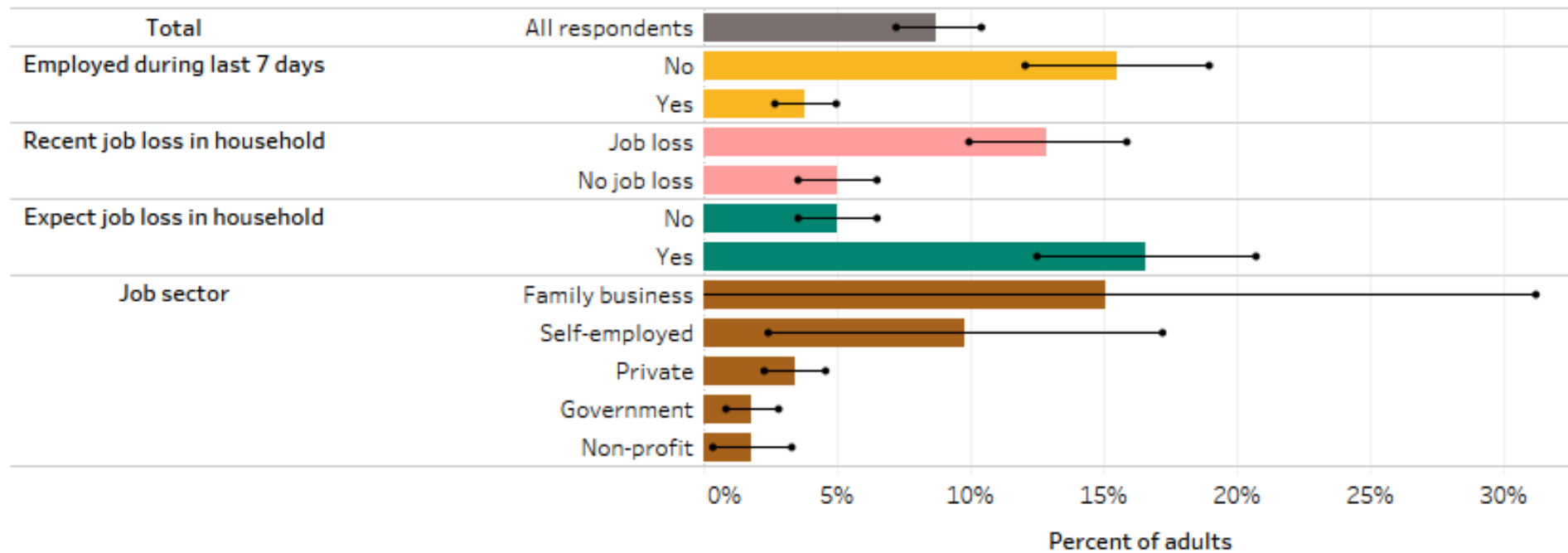


Food Insufficiency - Employment and job characteristics

Highest among:

- Unemployed during last 7 days
- Recently lost job or expected to lose job
- Family business or Self-employed

Percent of adults in Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue MSA who report sometimes or often not having enough food to eat during the last 7 days, May 14 - June 9, 2020

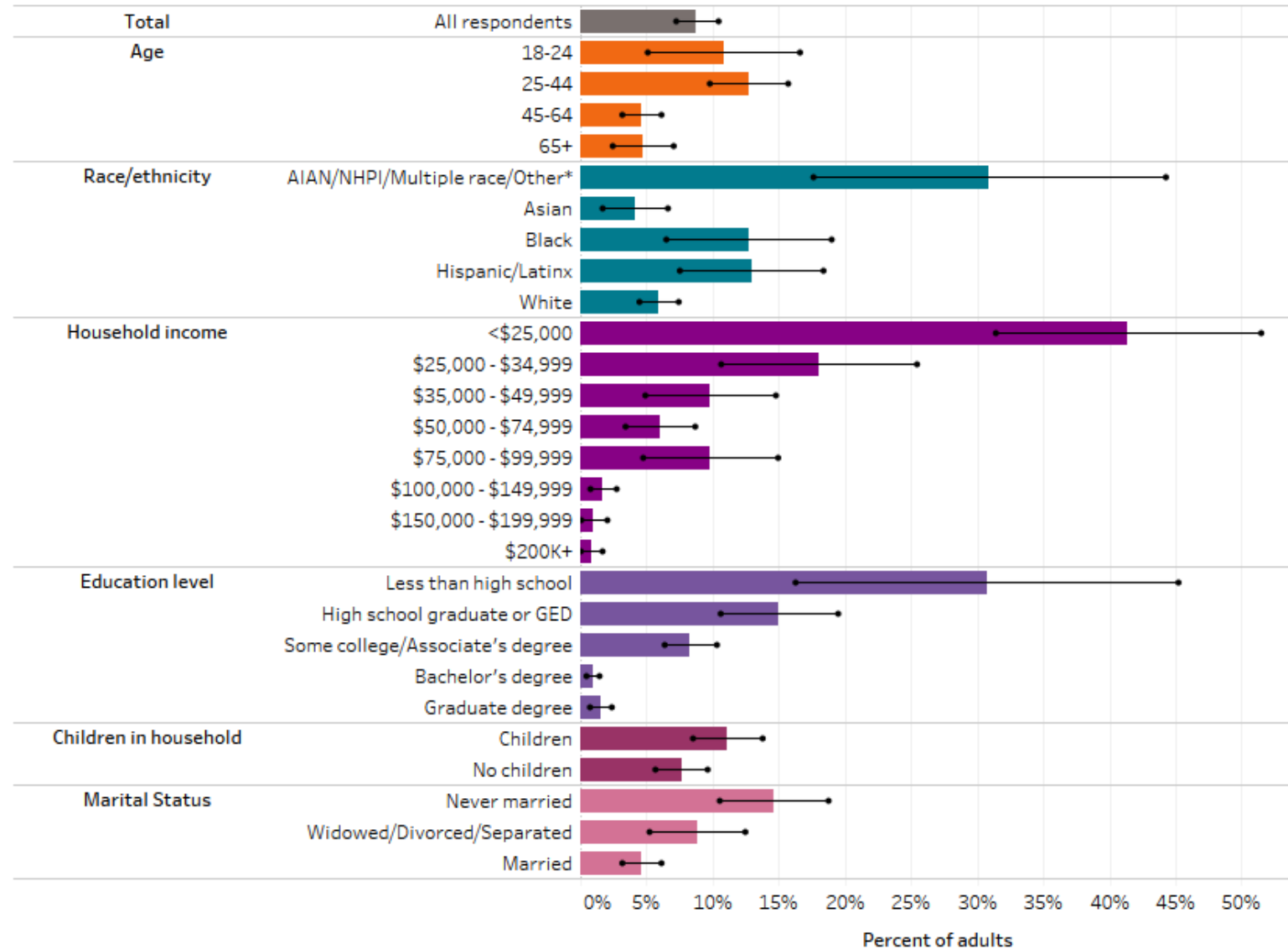


Food Insufficiency Demographics

Highest among:

- Low-income households <\$25,000
- AIAN/NHPI/Multiple race/Other
- Less than high school education
- Younger adults 18-44 years of age

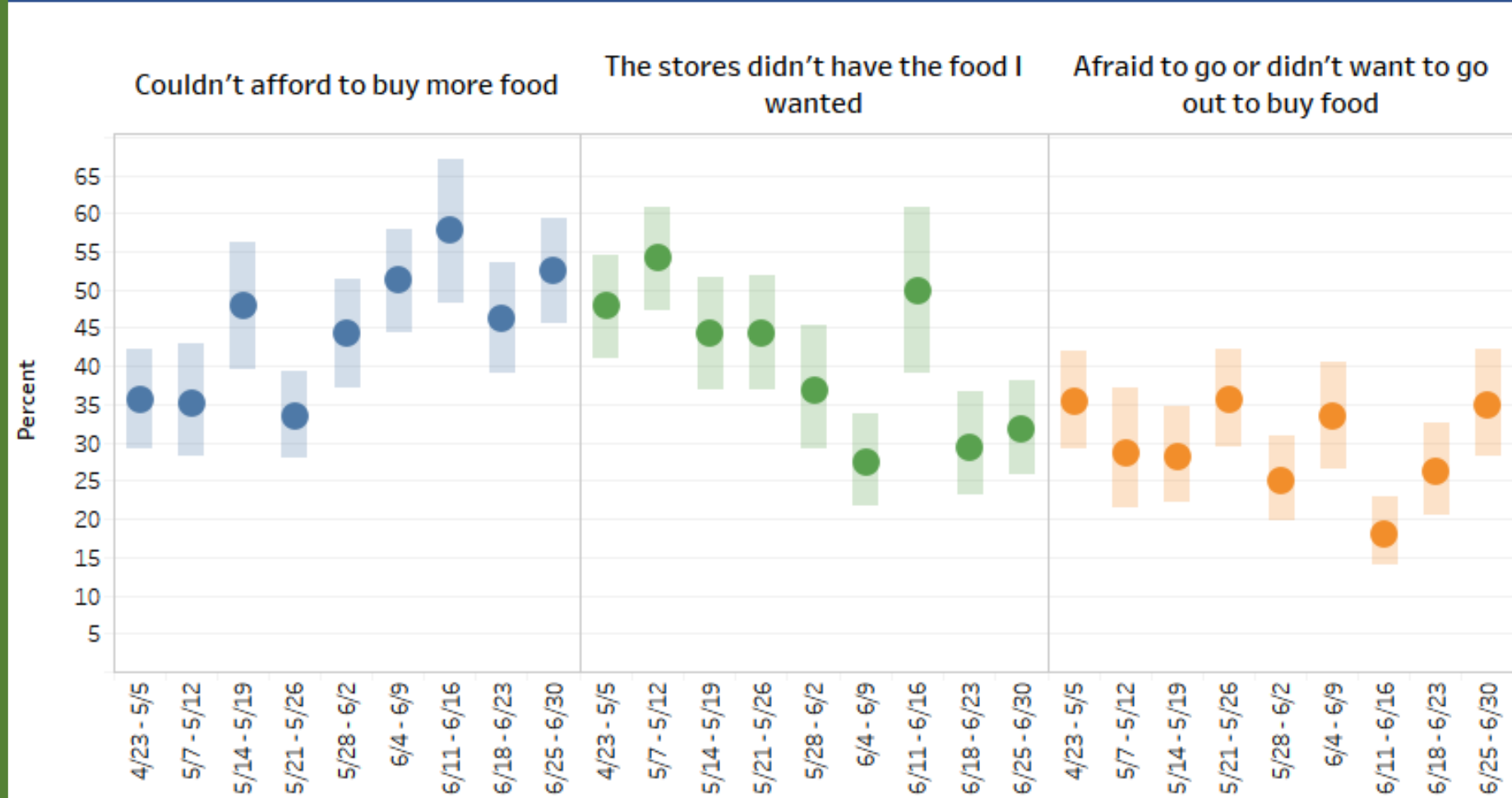
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Three most common reasons why adults did not have enough food to eat

Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue MSA
April 23-June 30, 2020

- The percent of respondents who lacked sufficient food because they couldn't afford to buy more increased from 36% to 52%
- The percent that said stores didn't have the food they wanted decreased from 50% to 33%
- Between a quarter and a third cited being afraid or not wanting to go out to buy food



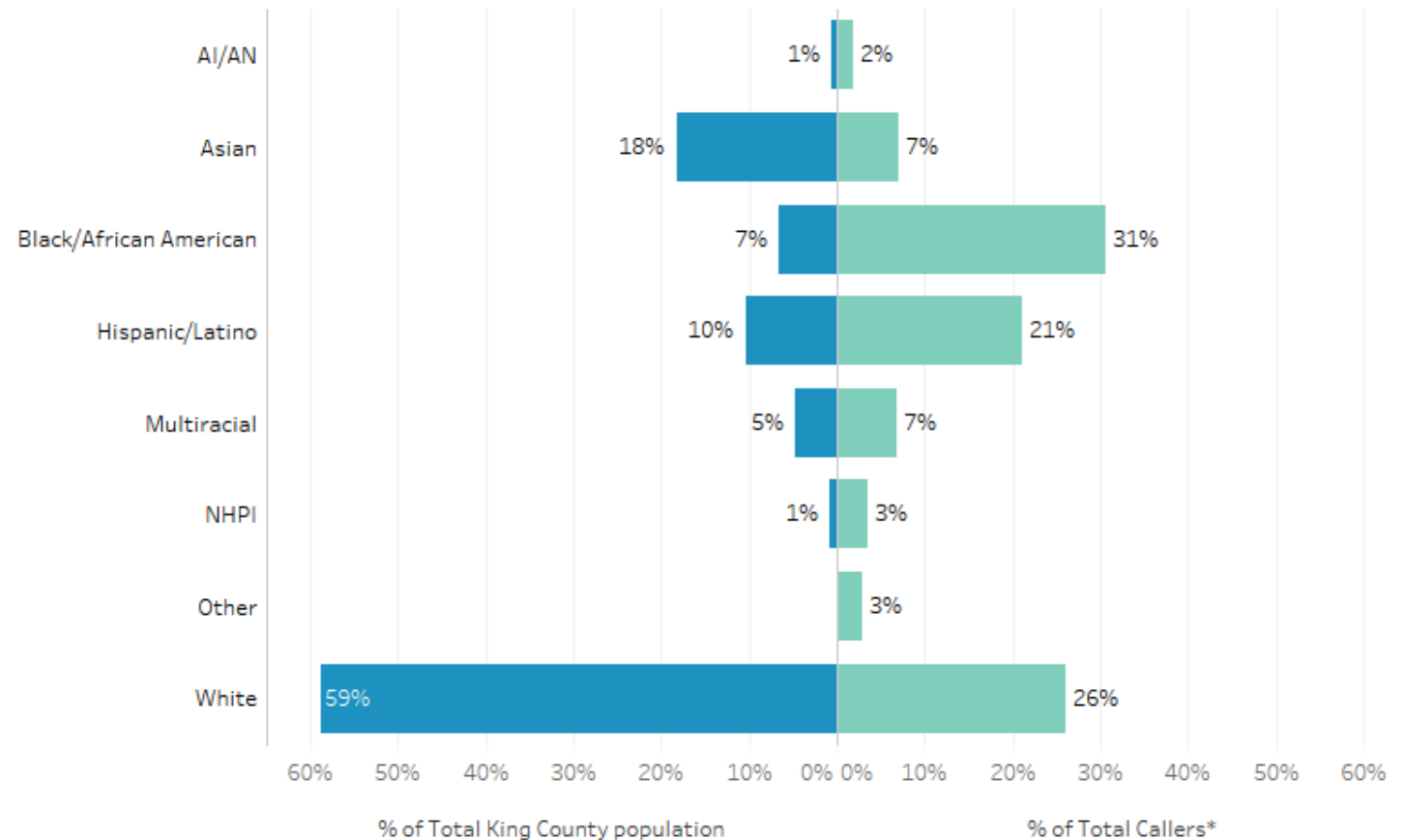
Crisis Connections 2-1-1 Calls and demographics

- The number of calls seeking assistance with accessing food increased 7x between early February and end of March
- Food was 2nd most common social service need requested April 1-May 19
- Latinx, Black, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander populations are disproportionately represented in calls seeking food assistance

Crisis Connections 2-1-1: Social services needs in King County, February-July 2020

Black, Latinx, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native populations are disproportionately affected.

Race/ethnicity of King County population vs. 211 callers seeking assistance with food/meals*
April 1, 2020 - July 14, 2020

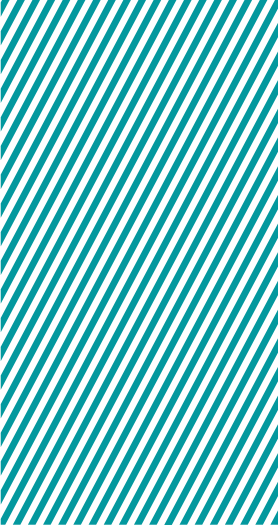


For discussion

1. From your perspective, does this reflect the experience of your sector or in your community?
2. What questions does this raise for you?



Flu and COVID Vaccine Planning



LIBBY PAGE
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM MANAGER



COVID Vaccine – What we know

- 200 vaccines in development, 6 clinical trials in U.S.
- Doses available late 2020 / early 2021
- Vaccines not interchangeable
- Tiered groups for allocation of initial vaccine supply
 - Framework for equitable distribution
- Vaccine confidence is low

COVID Vaccine – What we don't know

- Herd immunity threshold
- Number of doses needed & how long immunity will last
- Vaccine schedule & clinical indications
- Guidance re: vaccine allocation, distribution, administration
- Cost of vaccine administration & insurance coverage

Flu & COVID Vaccine Planning Assumptions

■ BOTH FLU AND SARS-COV-2 CIRCULATING THIS FALL

Potential to overwhelm the healthcare system

■ DISPARITIES ARE PREVALENT

Disparities in influenza vaccine uptake and treatment often disproportionately impact BIPOC communities

■ SIMILAR HIGH RISK GROUPS

Older adults, people with chronic medical conditions, pregnant women most at risk

■ ENSURING EQUITABLE ACCESS AND BUILDING TRUST IS KEY

Requires collaboration across the community

Requires acknowledgement of racism in US healthcare system

Questions

- What questions do you have?
- What information would be helpful?
- How would you like to engage in COVID-19 vaccine planning?



For Reference:

COVID-19 Updates & Resources

Pandemic Community Advisory Group staff contacts:

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Food assistance resources

If you are an individual seeking assistance:

- Resources at www.kingcounty.gov/covid/emergency-food

Pandemic EBT – Emergency School Meals Program:

- Learn more at: <https://medium.com/@waOSPI/what-is-pandemic-ebt-a7a086caf94>
- For any family with a child in grades K-12 who is eligible for free or reduced-price school meals, including children who go to a school where meals are free for *all* students.
- Available regardless of citizenship or immigration status. Pandemic EBT is not considered under a public charge.
- Apply online at www.WashingtonConnection.org or call 877-501-2233 (DSHS Customer Services Contact Center – language translation available)
- Complete the application **before 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2020**

New funds to support workers announced by Gov. Inslee

- **The Immigrant Relief Fund** will provide \$40 million to assist Washington residents who are unable to access federal stimulus programs due to their immigration status yet are among those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.
- **The Food Production Paid Leave Program** will provide \$3 million of financial resources to certain food production workers who remain home when ill.

The governor and his staff worked closely with a coalition representing 430 immigrant rights and social services organizations, and labor advocacy leaders, to develop the funds.

The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services has issued a request for proposals to select a nonprofit that will administer the Immigrant Relief Fund. The institution will then partner with community organizations to manage applications and awards of \$1,000 per eligible individual. Initial awards are expected to be made later in the fall.

Read the governor's [press release](#) for more details and see information about the [RFP](#).

Ways to stay connected

Weekly Covid-19 webinar for Spanish-speaking community

- A conversation between community members and Public Health-Seattle & King County. Facilitated by Giselle Zapata-Garcia and Penny Lara.
- **Every Tuesday, 5:30 – 6:30 PM**
- For more info follow <https://www.facebook.com/CondadodeKing>
- Join Zoom Meeting
<https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/95001879122>
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Looking for a speaker about COVID-19?

- **Speaker's Bureau - Contact Steve Stamper –**
steve.stamper@kingcounty.gov
- Where possible please give us 48 hours notice of webinar presentations
- More at: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/support/presentation-requests.aspx>



Ways to stay connected

Community Partners Call

- Every other Monday 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.
- Email phpartnerships@kingcounty.gov to receive Zoom call-in information
- Hosted by the Community Mitigation Group's Community and Faith-based Task Force

COVID-19 Homelessness Response

- Email covidhomelessnessresponse@kingcounty.gov to be added to list serve and get information on calls, webinars, and resources.
- Visit www.kingcounty.gov/hch for up to date information

City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods COVID-19 Community Webinars

- Visit: <https://frontporch.seattle.gov/2020/03/24/get-connected-to-our-weekly-covid-19-community-webinars/>

Important Resources to Stay Informed on COVID-19

- Subscribe to Public Health's website: www.kingcounty.gov/covid
- Subscribe to the Public Health blog: www.publichealthinsider.com
- Anti-stigma resources: www.kingcounty.gov/ncov/anti-stigma
- King County COVID-19 data dashboards: www.kingcounty.gov/covid/data
- Information on face coverings: www.kingcounty.gov/masks
- King County face coverings distribution program: www.kingcounty.gov/maskdistribution
- Information about COVID-19 testing: www.kingcounty.gov/covid/testing
- Follow us on social media @KCPubHealth [Facebook](#), [Insta](#), and [Twitter](#)
- Healthier Here COVID-19 Resource Hub: www.healthierhere.org/covid
- WA State Dept of Health: www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus
- WA State: <https://www.coronavirus.wa.gov/>