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“Why”

- A healthy food security ecosystem includes members who can invest in and be active in the well-being of the community at multiple levels. The Nevada Food Security Strategic Plan is a systemic plan that is intended to be used by all partners to promote food security efforts across Nevada.



History of Nevada's Food Security Plan

2013-2022



2013 Food Security Plan: Nevada's Plan for Action

- Principles-

1. Incorporate economic development opportunities into food security solutions.
2. Use a comprehensive, coordinated approach to ending hunger and promoting health and nutrition, rather than just providing emergency short-term assistance.
3. Focus on strategic partnerships between all levels of government, communities, and nonprofit organizations including foundations, private industries, universities, and research institutions.
4. Use available resources in a more effective and efficient way.
5. Implement research-based strategies to achieve measurable results.





2013 Creation Process

- 1. Social Entrepreneurs, Inc. (SEI) contracted to lead the process**
- 2. Food Security Steering Committee created**
- 3. Created three workgroups (Grow, Feed, Reach). "Lead" workgroup was added later that year to coordinate the plan creation process. 50+ stakeholders participated in these groups.**
- 4. Stakeholder engagement:**
 - **Key informant interviews (17 individuals)**
 - **10 focus groups (90 residents)**
 - **Survey (1,673 resident respondents)**
- 5. Best practices research (review of other plans and best practices)**



2013 Goals for Secure Nevada

LEAD

Goal 1 Establish the systems and positions necessary to implement a permanent, sustainable, accountable state leadership structure for food security to increase all Nevadans' understanding, value and support of food security solutions.

Goal 2 Promote a policy agenda to increase food security in Nevada.

FEED

Goal 1 Maximize participation in each federal nutrition program available to the state.

Goal 2 Establish and integrate an actual or virtual “one-stop-shop” system to increase access to food and other services for food insecure Nevadans.

GROW

Goal 1 Increase the number of servings of nutritious foods consumed by Nevadans – with emphasis on foods that are produced in Nevada.

REACH

Goal 1 Change the current models of purchase (commodities) and distribution of nutritious foods to increase economies of scale, and link frequency of deliveries, and availability of local food to the specific needs of communities throughout the state (rural, urban, and food deserts).

Goal 2 Develop the technology to connect and share data among multiple state agencies, regional food banks, community agencies, and faith-based organizations for efficient and effective targeting of services and populations.



2018 Nevada's Plan for Action Update

LEAD

Goal 1 Align and enhance collaboration efforts of state and non-state agencies to strengthen statewide food security strategies.

Goal 2 Identify and support state and local policies that increase food security in Nevada.

FEED

Goal 1 Support strategies that increase participation in state/federal nutrition programs.

Goal 2 Support client-centered strategies that increase access to nutrition programs and resources that address determinants of hunger

GROW

Goal 1 Support initiatives to strengthen Nevada's food system and increase access to local foods.

REACH ■

DATA +

Goal 1 Establish evaluation and reporting processes to enhance data collection drive future strategies and track progress in improving food security.





2023 Food Security Strategic Plan

Objective:

Identify specific strategies that leaders from government entities and the private and nonprofit sectors can work on to address the root causes and negative impacts of hunger and food insecurity and improve the overall food security ecosystem of the Silver State.



2023 Creation Process

- BluePrint Collaborative was contracted to lead the planning process in July 2021
- Food Security Working Group Created
- Surveys
- Strategic Planning Sessions
- Focus Groups and Interviews

2023 Creation Process Cont.

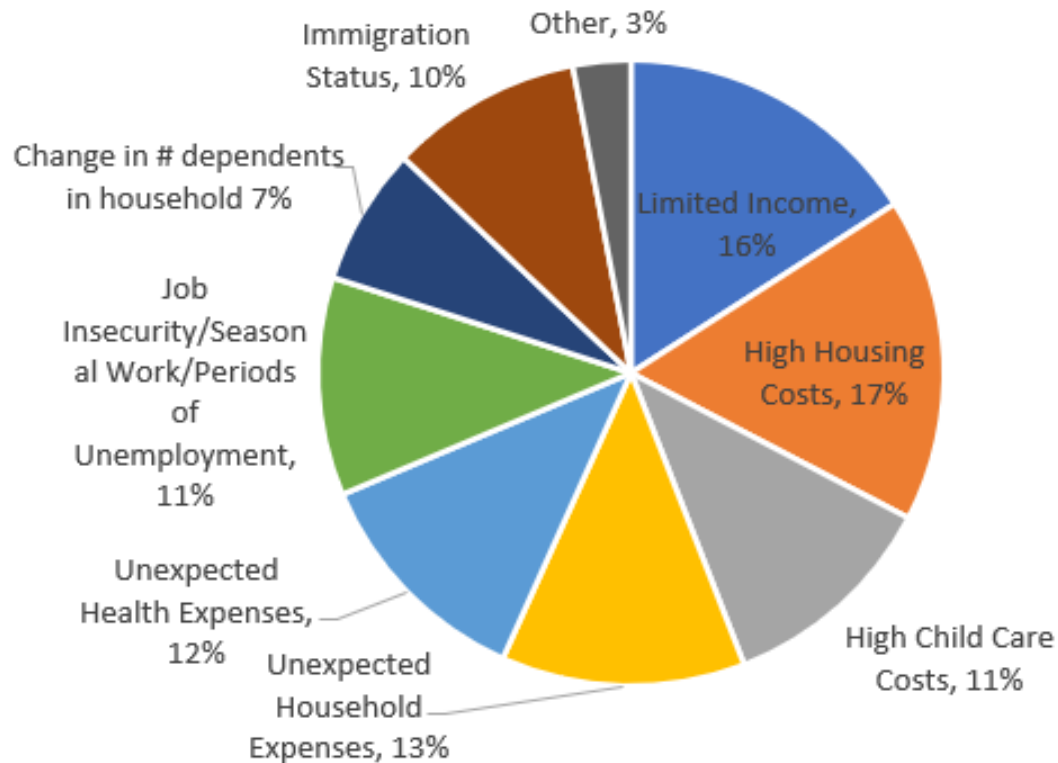
- Participation was broad and diverse:
 - More than 1,000 community members provided input via surveys
 - About 70 service providers of emergency food and resources completed a survey
 - 35 participants, representing the public and private sectors across Nevada, took part in a strategic planning session
 - 27 participants, representing the public and private sectors, participated in strategic planning sessions around each goal
 - Approximately 30 participants participated in several specific focus groups and key informant interviews.



Needs Assessment Results

Service Provider Survey

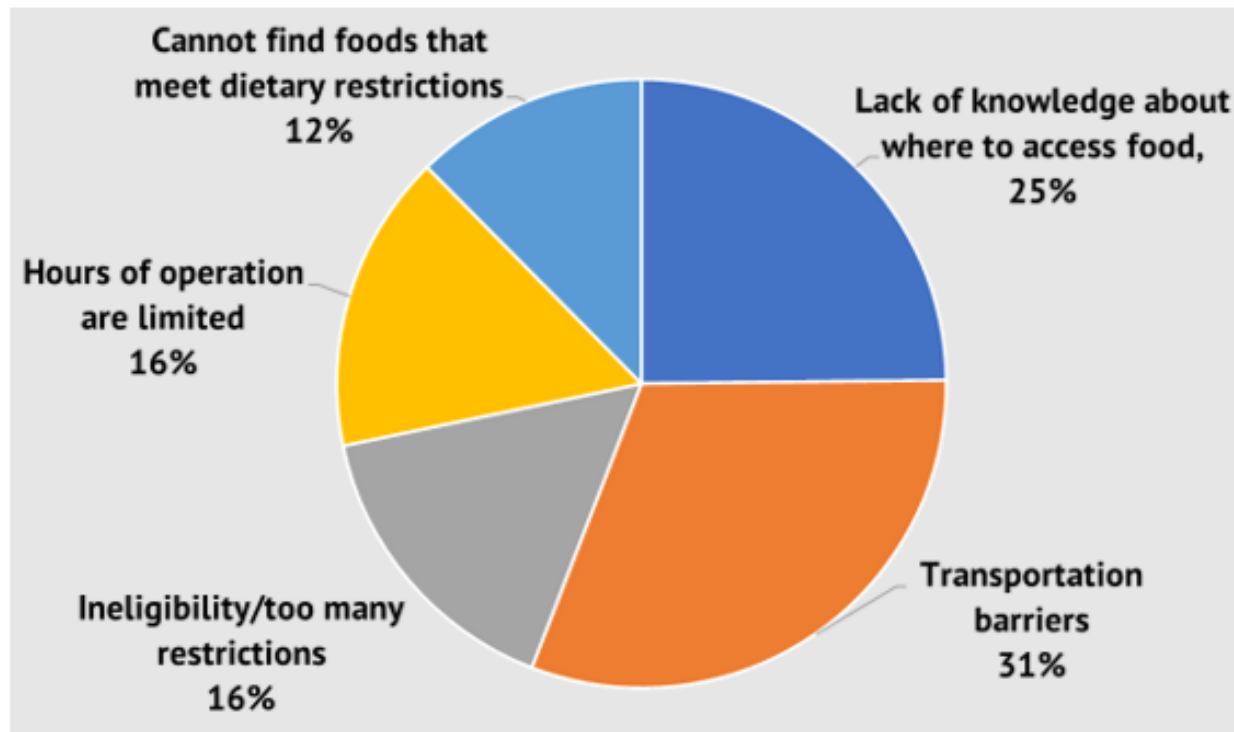
Figure 1. Structural Barriers Faced by Individuals Who are Food Insecure



Source: Guinn Center, Food Security Service Provider Survey, 2022

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Figure 2. Barriers Limiting Use of Emergency Food Resources

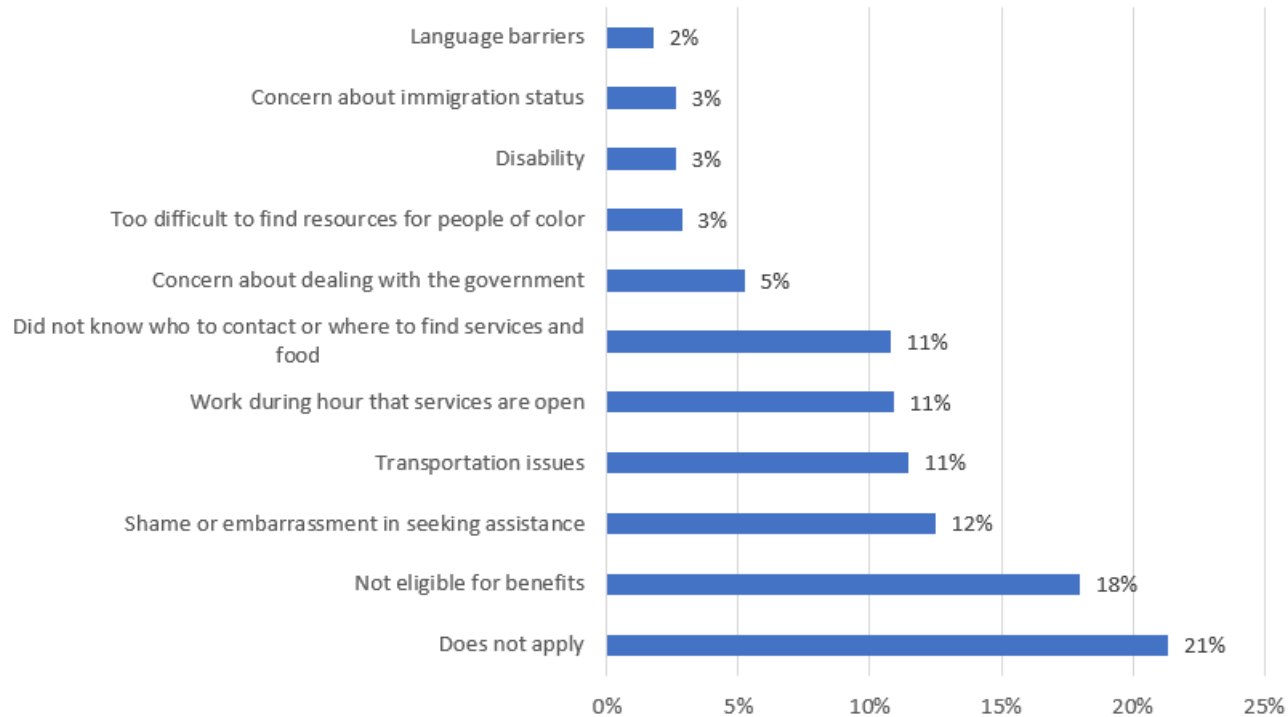


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Needs Assessment Results

Community Member Survey

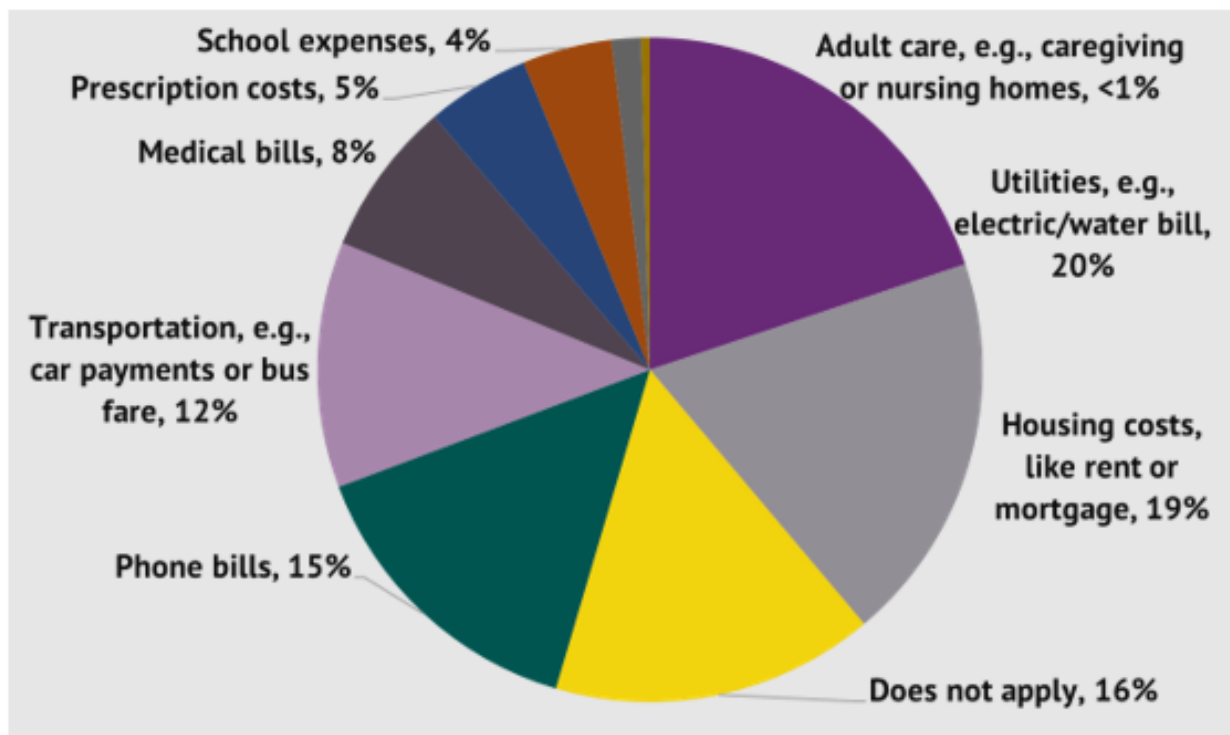
Figure 3. Challenges Accessing Emergency Food Resources



Source: Guinn Center. Food Security Community Survey. 2022.

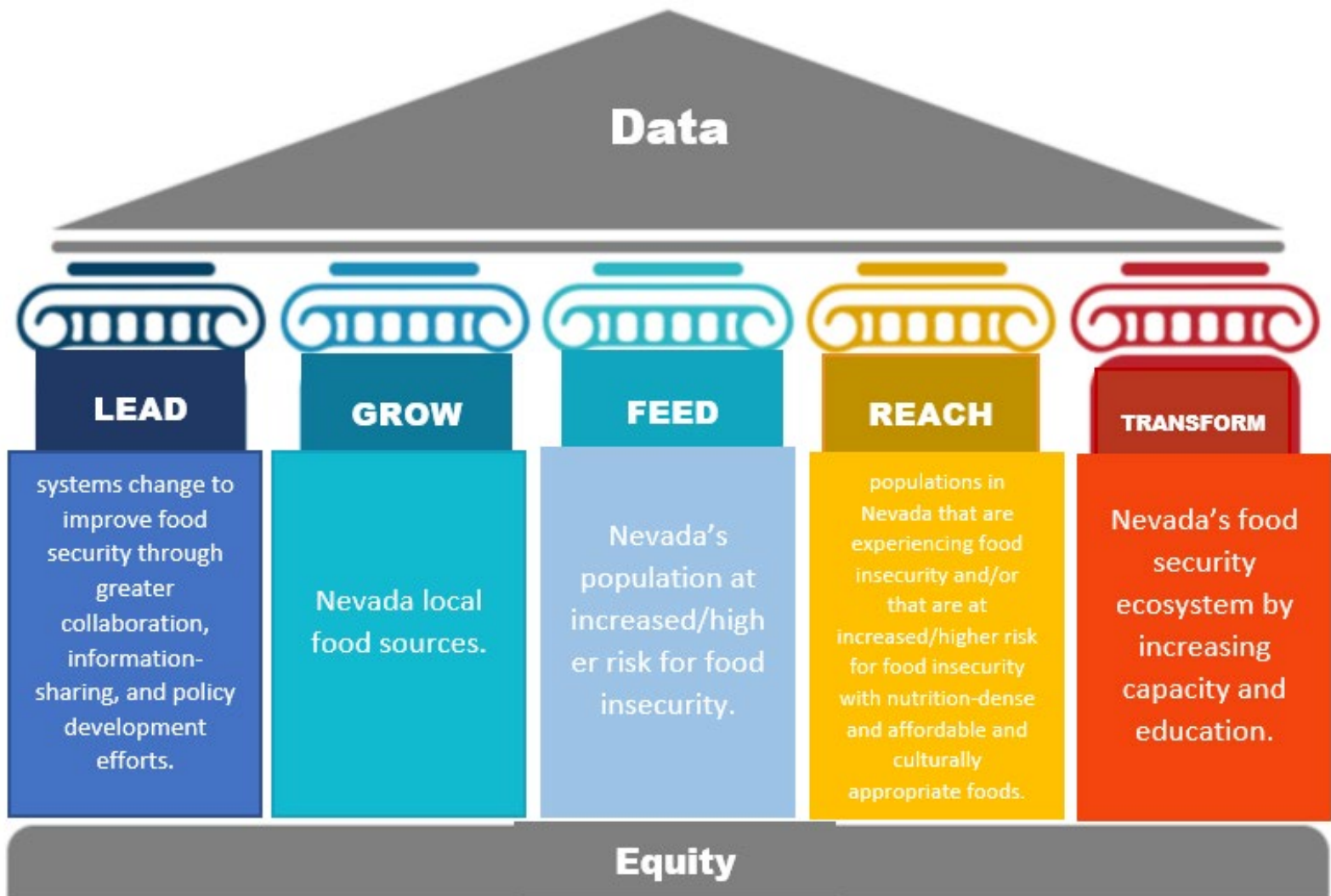
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Figure 4. Purchasing Food Versus Paying for Other Expenses



Source: Guinn Center. Food Security Community Survey. 2022.

2023 Pillars





Pillar: LEAD

- Goal 1. Enhanced cooperation, communication, and representation to support policy development and resource utilization.
- Goal 2. Policies and funding are in place that help reduce food insecurity.



Pillar: GROW

- Goal 1. Nevada feeds itself and local specialty crop production is consumed locally.
- Goal 2. Nevada's local farmers have access to information, capital, and programs to support specialty crop production.



Pillar: FEED

- Goal 1. Nevada has efficient logistics, distribution, transportation, and storage systems to address food insecurity.
- Goal 2. Nevada's food recovery efforts reduce food waste.



Pillar: REACH

- Goal 1. Increase participation in state/federal nutrition programs by those experiencing food insecurity and/or who are at increased/higher risk for food insecurity.
- Goal 2. Increase access to food through promotion of client-centered strategies.



Pillar: TRANSFORM

- Goal 1. Increase local and community capacity to provide food and reduce food insecurity.
- Goal 2. Resources and programs are available to populations that are experiencing food insecurity and/or who are at increased/higher risk for food insecurity.



Review/Release

- Timeline
- Evaluation plan

Release is still TBD



Questions?





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