

## CFC FY25 IMPACT REPORT

### - Overview -

In Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25), the Community Food Connection (CFC) Program reached new levels of service and food volume distributed to address persistent food security needs across New York City. By the close of FY25, CFC successfully supported 703 providers to supply 47.1 million pounds of food across 170 Neighborhood Tabulation Areas (NTAs) and closed 19% of the Supply Gap citywide. In high-need neighborhoods, identified by New York City's Taskforce on Racial Inclusion & Equity (TRIE), CFC closed 24% of the Supply Gap and increased access by 34 pounds of supplemental food for each food insecure New Yorker.

#### *Supply Gap*

The methodology for analyzing the Supply Gap was updated for FY25, leading to revised FY24 figures for comparison. Utilizing this revised methodology, CFC's contribution to closing the deficit remained stable between the two fiscal years. Citywide, the Supply Gap was reduced by roughly 19% on average in NTAs with a supply deficit, matching the reduction figure for FY24. In CFC NTAs with a supply deficit, the supply gap was reduced by 24% on average in FY25, also matching the FY24 figure. While closure rates held steady, the volume of food per food-insecure person decreased by 8 pounds, from 42 pounds provided in FY24, to 34 pounds provided in FY25, an overall decrease of 19%. This change in food volume could be attributed to an increase in food insecurity rates citywide, change in cost for each person served, an increase in visits by individuals seeking food security supports, or a combination of these factors.

CFC's service network expanded slightly, serving 170 distinct NTAs in FY25 compared to 169 in FY24. This covered roughly 65% of all city NTAs, serving the areas where 92% of NYC's population experiencing food insecurity lives, accounting for 1.4 million people. This is an increase from the 91% (1.1 million people) of the population experiencing food insecurity reached in FY24.

#### *Providers*

The total number of CFC providers grew from 694 in FY24 to 703 in FY25, an increase of 9 providers (approximately 1.3%). This sustained growth means that CFC providers now make up 66% of all city providers reporting into the FeedNYC platform, an increase of two percentage points from 64% in FY24. Analysis of provider behavior in FY25 by size category shows large providers continue to dominate service volume. Large providers accounted for 59% (21.8 million) of total visits, 51% (\$26.5 million) of total spend, and 52% (24.5 million pounds) of total food supplied.

CFC providers delivered an astounding 47,073,256 pounds of food, roughly 3 million more pounds than FY24. The average cost per pound of food supplied by CFC stayed relatively stable at \$1.10. Although the cost per pound of food was stable, the proportion of CFC-funded emergency food providers and the number of visits both increased, leading to a decrease in the per person volume of food distributed.

## Reach

CFC providers reported a record number of visits in FY25 of 37,168,876. This figure is 1.9 million higher than the 35.3 million reported in FY24, representing a 5.4% increase in visits year-over-year. The average monthly visits also increased significantly, rising from 2.9 million in FY24 to 3.1 million in FY25, an increase of 200,000 (6.9%). This sustained trend of increasing monthly reach follows FY24's success, which increased by an average of 300,000 visits monthly compared to FY23's average of 2.6 million. The demographic breakdown of people served remained consistent between the two fiscal years:

- Adults - 49% (18.2 million) of those served in FY25, similar to 49% (17.3 million) in FY24.
- Children - 30% (11.2 million) in FY25, similar to 30% (10.5 million) in FY24.
- Seniors - 21% (7.7 million) in FY25, similar to 21% (7.4 million) in FY24.

## Food Supply

CFC significantly increased its total volume of food delivered to providers in FY25, demonstrating an ability to scale operations in response to need. The total pounds of food delivered reached 47.1 million pounds in FY25, an increase of 4.0 million pounds, or 9.3%, from the 43.1 million pounds delivered in FY24. CFC funding accounted for 20% of NYC's overall emergency food supply in FY25. This represents a two-percentage point increase from the 18% share of the city's total 234.6 million pounds of emergency food distributed in FY24. The overall city emergency food supply also grew from 234.6 million pounds in FY24 to 241.0 million pounds in FY25. City funding for emergency food has shown a long-term trend of growing as a share of the overall supply since pre-pandemic levels.

The composition of the food supply in FY25 demonstrated high-value distributions:

- Dry food continued to make up the largest portion at 60% (28.3 million pounds), consistent with the approximately 60% share seen in FY24 (59%) and FY23.
- Refrigerated food accounted for 33% (15.7 million pounds) of the supply in FY25, marking a slight one percentage point decrease from the 34% (14.9 million pounds) reported in FY24. This category had previously shown a strong upward trend, increasing from 30% in FY23 to 34% in FY24.
- Frozen food remained stable at 6% (3.1 million pounds) of the total supply.

The cost of service per visit saw a slight increase, in which average spending per visit rose to \$1.40 in FY25, compared to \$1.35 in FY24, an increase of 3.7% in cost per visit.

## Budget and Allocation

The CFC food budget increased from \$49 million in FY24 to \$51.9 million in FY25, a rise of \$2.9 million or 5.9%. Maintaining funding levels is critical given the persistent high need for food, rapid changes in food security program eligibility and volatile inflation and food prices.