



## Food Emergencies In NYC Rise

In the distressing news pile today, a new study was released revealing that people are still going hungry in NYC in increased numbers. According to a report by the NYC Coalition Against Hunger ([PDF](#)), the number of people seeking emergency food services has risen *nearly 21 percent from last year*. While the survey finds "fewer agencies ran out of food than the year before," thanks to federal stimulus money, some food pantries are struggling to meet the growing need.

Rev. Paul Block, a pastor who works at the Bronx's Transfiguration Food Pantry, [says](#), "In our neighborhood, there is an insatiable demand for food. **Food insecurity is a significant problem. Even though we have increased tremendously the amount of people we serve, there continues to be people who are turned away.**" And last week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture noted that [hunger in the nation](#) was at a 14-year high, with 49 million Americans in households lacking "consistent access to adequate food."

This seems like an appropriate moment to reflect on a different study released [earlier this month by NYCCAH](#) which found that **the 56 richest people in New York had 27 times the money of the 1.5 million people living below the poverty line**. More food for thought.

