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The number of New Yorkers using food pantries and soup kitchens increased by 21 percent, according to a new report from New York City Coalition Against Hunger, but federal stimulus funding staved off many shortages. In the past year, 55 percent of providers didn't have enough food to meet demand. But in 2008, that number was 69 percent. The city received more than \$500 million in funding for food stamp and anti-hunger programs.