



## FACT SHEETS SOURCES AND METHODS 2018: HOW MEALS ON WHEELS IS FUNDED

FUNDING SOURCES FOR LOCAL MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAMS VARY BASED ON THE NEEDS AND RESOURCES OF THE COMMUNITY, AND ARE MADE UP OF FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND PRIVATE DOLLARS

Older Americans Act (OAA) funding breakdown come from Administration for Community Living's (ACL) State Program Reports' (SPR) 2016 Expenditures data for 50 States + DC & Territories (<https://agid.acl.gov/customtables/>):

Total Expenditures \$ = Total Home-Delivered Meals Expenditures + Total Congregate Meals Expenditures

OAA Nutrition Program Funding \$ = Title III Home-Delivered Meals Expenditures + Title III Congregate Meals Expenditures

Other \$ = Total Expenditures \$ – OAA Nutrition Program Funding \$

OAA Nutrition Program Funding % = OAA Nutrition Program Funding \$ / Total Expenditures \$

Other % = 100 – OAA Nutrition Program Funding %

“More than 2.4 million seniors each year” figure comes from the ACL's SPR 2016 data for the 50 States + DC & Territories, with home-delivered meals and congregate meals data aggregated. (<https://agid.acl.gov/customtables/>)

THIS HYBRID FUNDING MODEL MAKES MEALS ON WHEELS A SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP THAT NEEDS TO BE BOLSTERED TO KEEP UP WITH THE DEMAND

Data for the “Percent decrease since 2005” graph comes from ACL's SPR 2005 thru 2016 Clients data for 50 States + DC & Territories and ACL's State-Level Population Estimates 2005-2016 data for Ages 60 and Older for 50 States + DC & Territories (<https://agid.acl.gov/customtables/>):

Proportion of Seniors Served = Total Seniors Served (Home-Delivered Meals + Congregate Meals) YEAR / Total Senior Population YEAR

% Change = [Proportion of Seniors Served 2006<sup>1</sup> – Proportion of Seniors Served 2005 / Proportion of Seniors Served 2005] \* 100

<sup>1</sup>Repeated for years 2007 thru 2016

“Less than 2% of all corporate, community and family philanthropy” figure comes from a 2015 post by John Feather on American Society on Aging’s *Generations* Blog.  
(<http://www.asaging.org/blog/engaging-private-philanthropy-aging-its-time-new-approach>)

“Meals on Wheels is now serving 16M fewer meals” figure comes from ACL’s SPR 2005 and 2016 Units data for 50 States + DC & Territories (<https://agid.acl.gov/customtables/>):

[2005 Counts Home-Delivered Meals + 2005 Counts Congregate Meals] – [2016 Counts Home-Delivered Meals + 2016 Counts Congregate Meals]

“8 out of 10 low-income, food insecure seniors” figure comes from 2015 Government Accountability Office’s (GAO) Older Americans Act: Updated Information on Unmet Need for Services report. Full report available at: <https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-15-601R>