



FACT SHEETS SOURCES & METHODS 2019: 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

“Total Expenditures” figures come from the Administration for Community Living’s (ACL) 2017 State Program Reports (SPR). Figures reflect outlays/payments made using OAA Title III federal funds **plus all other program income** spent to provide allowable congregate or home-delivered nutrition services and is for 50 states, DC and territories. Calculated by adding *Total Expenditures* for *Congregate* and *Home-Delivered Meals*. **Data available in ACL’s AGING Integrated Database (AGID) under *Expenditures – Total Expenditures***: <https://agid.acl.gov/CustomTables/SPR/Year/>

“Older Americans Act (OAA) Nutrition Program Funding” figure come from ACL’s 2017 State Program Reports (SPR). Figures reflect outlays/payments made using OAA Title III federal funds to provide allowable congregate or home-delivered nutrition services and is for 50 states, DC and territories. **Data available in AGID under *Expenditures – Title III Expenditures***: <https://agid.acl.gov/CustomTables/SPR/Year/>

Calculated by adding *Title III Expenditures* for *Congregate* and *Home-Delivered Meals*. Percentage calculated by dividing “OAA Nutrition Program Spending” from “Total Expenditures” and multiplying by 100 percent.

“Other sources” figures reflects program income other than OAA Title III funds, such as state, local and private dollars, spent to provide allowable congregate or home-delivered nutrition services. Calculated by taking the difference between “Total Expenditures” and “OAA Nutrition Program Expenditures.” *Note*: See “Total Expenditures” and “OAA Nutrition Program Spending” above for sources and methods.

“Seniors served” figure comes from ACL’s 2017 State Program Reports (SPR). Count is for 50 states, DC and territories; calculated by adding counts for *Congregate Meals* and *Home-Delivered Meals*. *Note*: Figure includes seniors served meals funded in part by the OAA and does not include meals that are funded exclusively by private dollars. **Data available in AGID under *Clients – Persons Served, By Service***: <https://agid.acl.gov/CustomTables/SPR/Year/>

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

“Senior food insecurity” graph figures come from *The State of Senior Hunger in America in 2017*, a report prepared for Feeding America by J. Ziliak and C. Gunderson (2019). Estimates are for the population ages 60 and older who are *marginally food insecure* (i.e., “threatened by hunger”), *food insecure* and *very low food secure*. *Note*: Values for each of the three categories are not mutually exclusive (i.e., the count for *marginally food insecure* seniors includes seniors who are *food insecure* and *very low food secure*; count for *food insecure* seniors includes seniors who are *very low food secure*). **Full report available at**: <https://www.feedingamerica.org/research/senior-hunger-research/senior>

“Seniors receiving OAA meals” graph figures come from ACL’s 2005-2017 State Program Reports (SPR). Counts are for 50 states, DC and territories; calculated by adding counts for *Congregate Meals* and *Home-Delivered Meals*. *Note*: Figure includes seniors served meals funded in part by the OAA and does not include those provided meals that are exclusively funded by private dollars. **Data available in AGID under Clients – Persons Served, By Service:** <https://agid.acl.gov/CustomTables/SPR/Year/>

“Increasing costs and stagnant funding” comes from *Older Americans Act*, an AARP Public Policy Institute *Spotlight* report by K. Ujavari et al. (2019). **Full report available at:** <https://www.aarp.org/ppi/info-2019/older-americans-act.html>

“Aging issues and philanthropy” figure comes from an analysis by J. Feather published in 2015 American Society on Aging’s *Generations*. **Available at:** <http://www.asaging.org/blog/engaging-private-philanthropy-aging-its-time-new-approach>

“Serving fewer meals today” figure comes from ACL’s 2005 and 2017 State Program Reports (SPR) and is for 50 states, DC and territories. *Note*: Figure includes meals funded in part by the Older Americans Act (OAA) and does not include meals that are funded exclusively by private dollars. **Data available in AGID under Units – Counts:** <https://agid.acl.gov/CustomTables/SPR/Year/>

Calculated by adding counts for *Congregate Meals* and *Home-Delivered Meals* for each year then subtracting the 2017 meal count from the 2005 meal count.

“Seniors not receiving meals” figures come from *Older Americans Act: Updated Information on Unmet Need for Services*, a U.S. Government Accountability Office’s (GAO) report (2015). **Full report available at:** <https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-15-601R>