



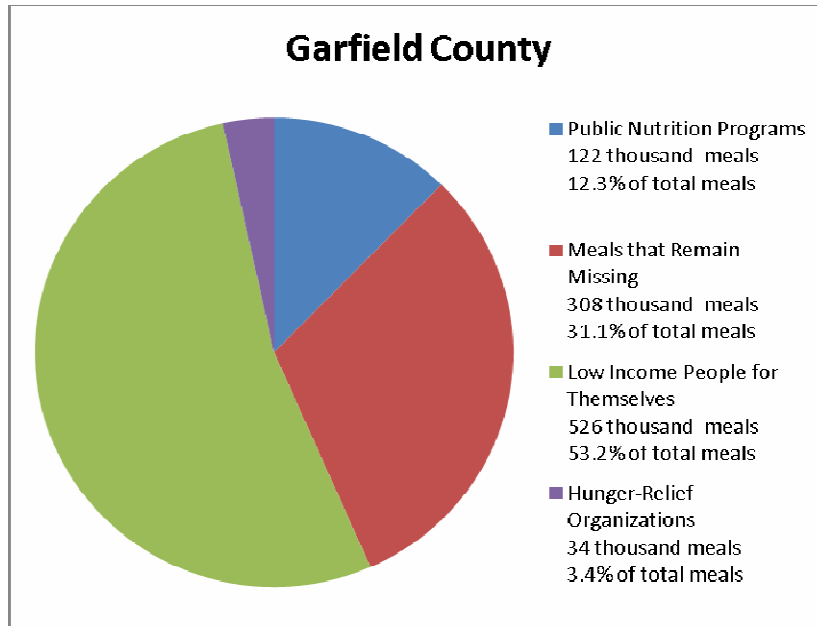
**Hunger in Garfield County**

**Food Insecurity**

Washington State has a 10.1% food insecurity rate. This means that 255,000 households are financially stretched to the point where they cannot be certain that all of their household members will not go hungry. (USDA, *Household Food Security in the United States 2007*, November 2008)

Garfield County has a 1% food insecurity rate, so 1 in 100 people in Garfield County are unsure of the source of their next meal. (Children’s Alliance, *Hungry in Washington*, November 2008)

**Missing Meals**



The Missing Meals Report shows that 308,000 more meals are still needed each year in Garfield County to ensure that all low income families and individuals have three nutritious meals a day. This means that these individuals utilize federal nutrition programs and nonprofit food banks and meal programs, as well as spend all that they can afford on food, 31.1% of the food they need is still missing. (Food Lifeline, *Missing Meals*, September 2008)

**Local Food Bank Statistics**

In October 2008 alone, 1,334 families in Asotin, Columbia, Garfield and Walla Walla Counties received food through TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program, operated by General Administration). This is 20% more families than the same month last year.