



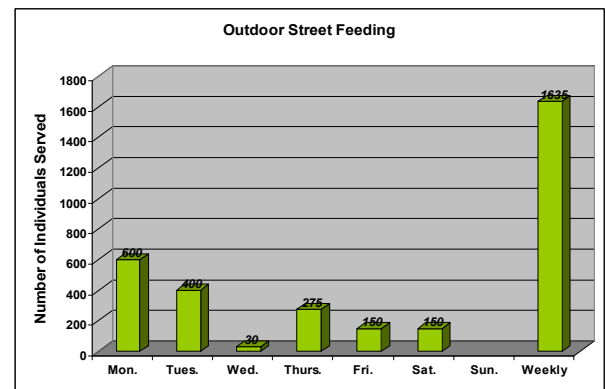
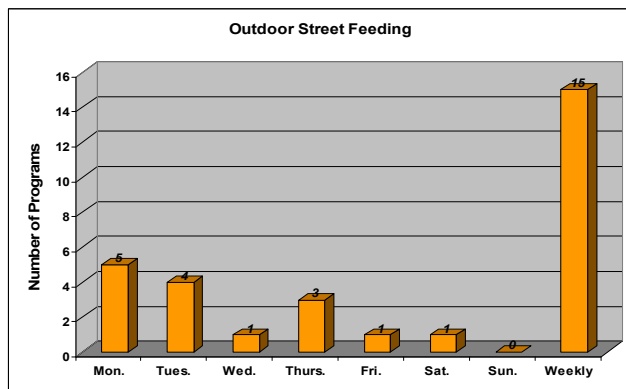
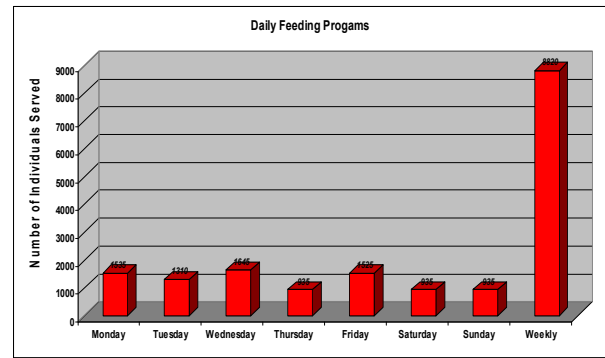
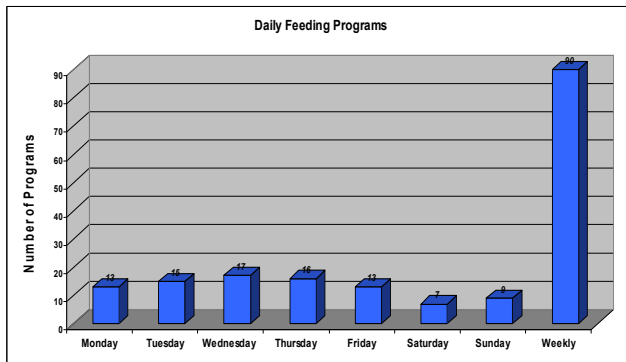
Hunger in Philadelphia: Increasing Requests for Emergency Food Assistance

National Increases in Requests for Emergency Food Assistance

On average in 2006, major United States cities witnessed a seven percent increase in requests for emergency food assistance, with forty-eight percent of individuals requesting emergency food assistance indicating that they were members of families.¹ The overall level of available resources also increased by thirteen percent in 2006; however, most cities noted that they had to decrease the per household quantity of provided food assistance.

Food Assistance in Philadelphia

It is extremely difficult to quantify the exact number of programs providing emergency food assistance and/or the number of individuals being served. However and through interviews with groups and organizations involved in visible emergency food distribution, it was found that over 100 programs provide emergency food assistance to approximately 1,500 individuals per week in Philadelphia.



Coordination & Communication

To meet this rising demand and support those groups and organizations currently serving so many in need, better coordination is needed. The Breaking Bread initiative seeks to open up lines of dialogue and communication so that our community can come together to meet the needs of all of its residents.

¹ United States Conference of Mayors. 2006 Hunger and Homelessness Report. Washington, D.C., December 2006.