

Would you like to volunteer and/or to learn about improving food systems? We have volunteer positions and paid and unpaid internships for students and others wanting to learn and gain experience.

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Our mission: To empower faith communities, farmers, and neighborhoods to build rural-urban alliances partnerships for just and sustainable food systems that promote community health.

3. Local Food Producers

- 56% of respondents sometimes shop at a farmer's market or farm stand.

4. Food Growing, Storing, and Preparation

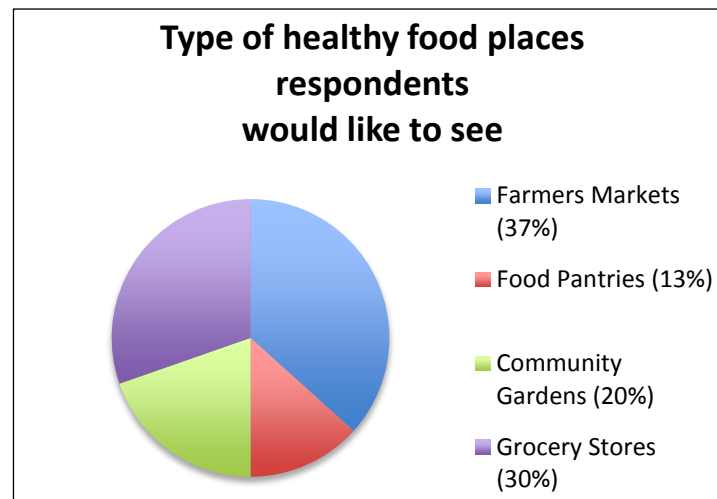
- 16% of respondents grow their own food.

5. Food Security

- 66% of residents surveyed have a hard time stretching their food budget to the end of the month.
- 36% of residents surveyed don't know where to go for emergency food needs when their food stamps run out.

6. Health

- 97% of Rockwood residents surveyed would like better access to healthy food in the neighborhood.

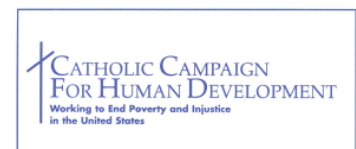


Food for Rockwood



Highlights from the Rockwood Community Food Assessment

Conducted by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership in collaboration with We Are Oregon and community Members Funding provided by Presbyterian Hunger Fund, Jackson Foundation and



What is a community food assessment?

A Community Food Assessment is a collaborative and participatory process to tell the story about what is happening around food in a community. Using a variety of tools such as surveys and community conversations an assessment focuses on the strengths of a community and looks at a broad range of community food issues and assets to inform action and engage the community.

Why a food assessment in Rockwood?

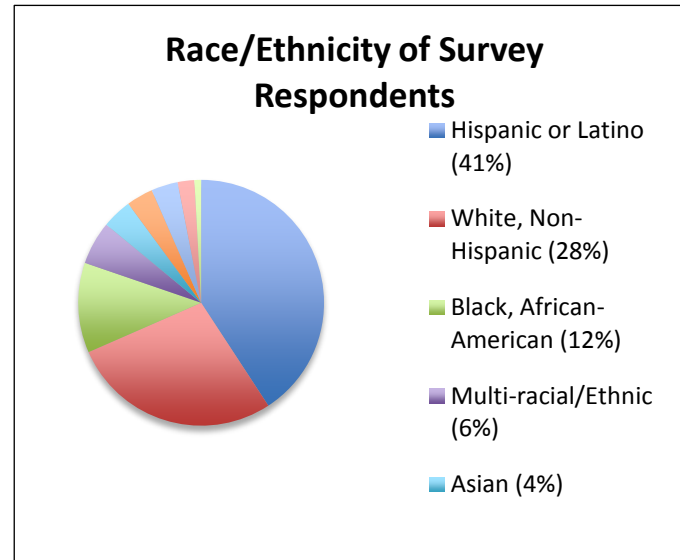
The Rockwood neighborhood of Gresham has 26% of residents at or below the poverty level and has poor access to healthy food. Rockwood also has many assets. It is racially and ethnically diverse and has a strong community advocacy presence.. These are assets to build on.

Food assessment background

- Started in fall 2012
- A Neighborhood Assessment Team of eight individuals from the community formed to carry out the assessment.
- 235 surveys in English and Spanish.
- Three community conversations in English, Spanish and Russian.
- An Advisory Group of community leaders to support the project.
- Three Community forums to share the results

Survey background

Door to door surveys were conducted by the Neighborhood Assessment Team during September and October 2012.



Survey Results

1. Where You Shop & Transportation

- Over 43% of respondents cite transportation as a challenge to getting groceries.
- 76% of respondents shop at Winco.

2. Children

- 72% of respondents have children living with them.
- 77% of respondents said having children determines what they buy.
- 40% of respondents aren't happy with the school lunch program.

Contact Information Get Involved!

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in working on the following projects to help improve food access in Rockwood

- ____ Participating in a community garden
- ____ Starting a community garden
- ____ Starting a food coop
- ____ Improving fresh produce options in convenience and corner stores
- ____ Inventory of land for garden space
- ____ Inventory of kitchens for cooking classes, microenterprise, etc.
- ____ Conducting more surveys
- ____ Starting a grocery store shuttle
- ____ Starting a farmers market or farm stand
- ____ Working on better public transportation
- ____ Advocating for new affordable grocery stores.
- ____ Taking a cooking ____ food preservation ____ nutrition ____ or gardening class
- ____ **Please keep me informed about this project**