



FY 08 CSBG Highlights

From the FY 2008 Community Services Block Grant Information System (CSBG IS) Survey Statistical Report

FY 2008 CSBG Network Resources

In the FY 2008 CSBG IS Survey, 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia reported:

- A network of **1,073** CSBG eligible entities, of which **88%** were Community Action Agencies (CAAs), was active in **99%** of U.S. counties;
- The local CSBG network's funding from all sources totaled nearly **\$11.9 billion**;
- Nearly **\$598 million** from CSBG supported the core activities of the State and local CSBG networks;
 - Every CSBG dollar was matched by **\$18.87** from Federal, State, local, and private sources;
 - Every CSBG dollar was matched by **\$5.96** from State, local, and private sources combined;
 - Including the value of volunteer hours, this figure rises to **\$6.43**; and
- Volunteers provided nearly **47.8 million** hours of support, the equivalent of **22,988** full-time employees' annual labor. If valued at only the Federal minimum wage (\$5.85/hour), the volunteers' time was worth **\$279.7 million**. If valued at the Independent Sector wage, which adjusts for skill levels of non-profit volunteers (\$20.25/hour), the volunteers' time was worth **\$968.2 million**.

FY 2008 CSBG Eligible Entities' Program Participants

CSBG eligible entities provided services to:

- Nearly **16.4 million** individuals in **7.1 million** low-income families—equal to **22%** of all people in poverty in 2008;
- More than **3.3 million** families with incomes at or below the Federal Poverty Guideline;
- More than **1.5 million** families in “severe poverty,” with incomes below 50% of the Poverty Guideline;
- More than **1.9 million** “working poor” families relying on wages or unemployment insurance;
- More than **1.3 million** families in which at least one family member was a retired worker;
- More than **425,000 families** receiving TANF—equal to **26%** of all TANF families nationwide; and
- More than **1.4 million** families headed by single mothers.

CSBG eligible entities' programs served:

- More than **4.2 million** children;
- Nearly **1.9 million** adults who had not completed high school;
- Nearly **1.4 million** people with disabilities; and
- Nearly **3.0 million** individuals who lacked health insurance.



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FY 2008 National Performance Outcomes

In the FY 2008 CSBG IS Survey, 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia reported that 28.7 million conditions of poverty were reduced or eliminated, as measured by:

- Increased Economic Asset Enhancement and Utilization
856,000 Low-income households achieved an increase in financial assets or financial skills as a result of Community Action assistance.
- Expanded Community Opportunities and Resources
4.6 million Community opportunities or resources were improved or increased for low-income people as a result of Community Action projects or initiatives, or advocacy with other public and private agencies.
- Procured Supports to Reduce or Eliminate Barriers to Employment
1.2 million Low-income participants obtained supports which reduced or eliminated barriers to initial or continuous employment through assistance from Community Action.
- Gained Employment
176,000 Low-income participants in Community Action employment initiatives got a job, obtained an increase in employment income, or achieved “living wage” employment and benefits.
- Improved Child and Family Development
3.3 million Infants, children, youth, parents, and other adults participated in developmental or enrichment programs facilitated by Community Action and achieved program goals.
- Empowered Communities through Maximum Feasible Participation
304,000 Low-income people mobilized to engage in activities that support and promote their own well-being and that of their community as a direct result of Community Action initiatives.
- Secured Independent Living for Low-Income Vulnerable Populations
2.2 million Low-income vulnerable individuals received services from Community Action and maintained an independent living situation as a result.
- Obtained Emergency Assistance
16.1 million Low-income individuals and families received emergency assistance from Community Action.



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