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A customized social needs assessment for [REDACTED]



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Understanding Social Needs

Food

Many individuals and families need help buying or obtaining food or finding free or low-cost meals. Among food-related needs, requests for food pantries are the most common. Other needs include holiday meals, help buying food, soup kitchens, home-delivered meals, and feeding children.

The chart below lists the 10 ZIP codes with highest rates of food requests per 1,000 residents in the study area.

The map below shows three ZIP codes with highest rates of food requests.

On the facing page, there is one chart for each of the three ZIP codes with the highest rates of food requests. These charts show how many requests were received in the study period and what percentage of those could not be met because there was no help available from local agencies.

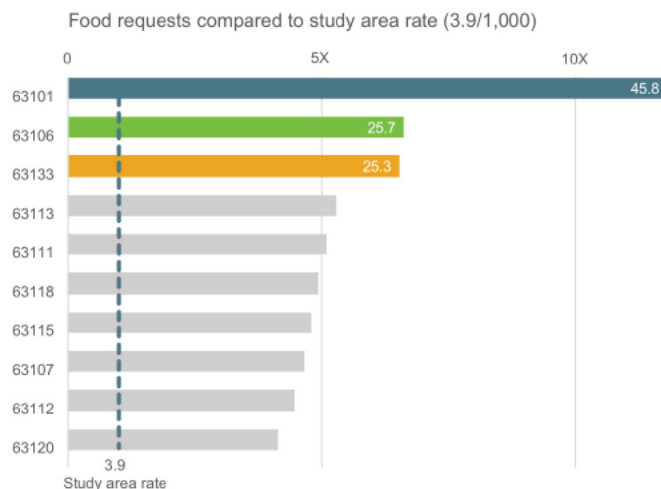


Fig. 12

Figure 12 shows the 10 ZIP codes in the study area with the highest rates of requests for food assistance.

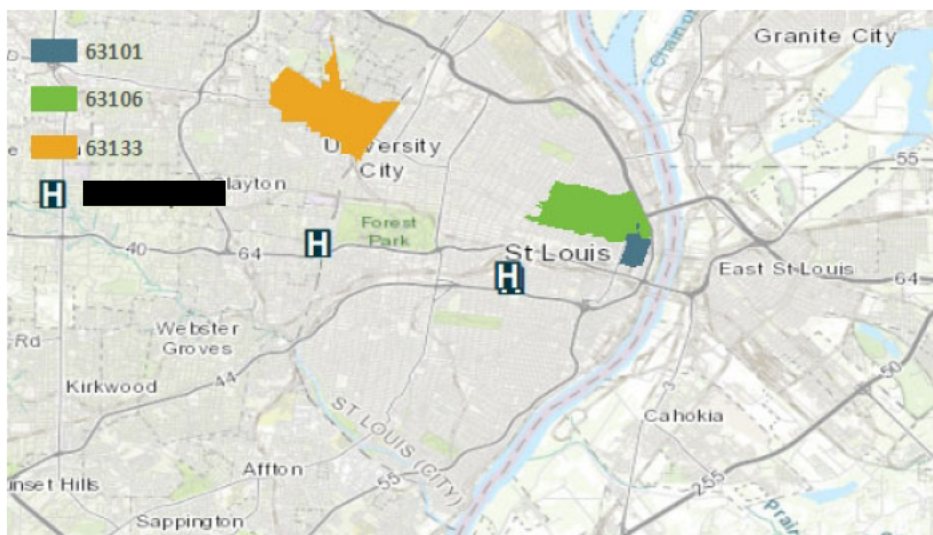


Figure 13 maps the location of the three ZIP codes in the study area with the highest rates of requests for food assistance.

Fig. 13

Top food needs

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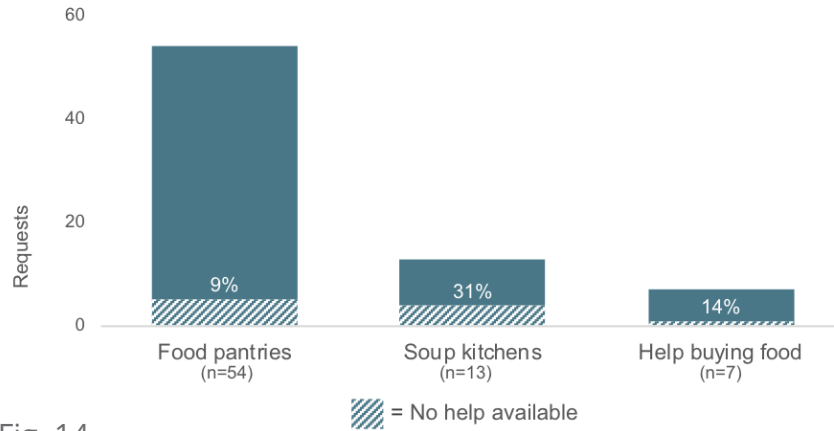


Fig. 14

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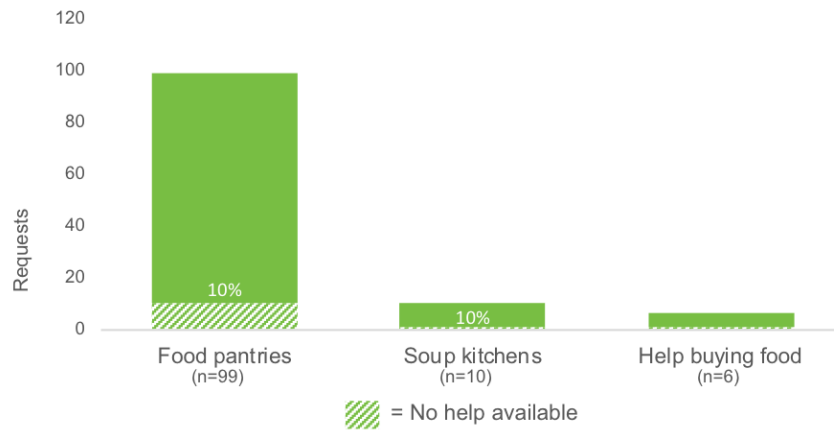


Fig. 15

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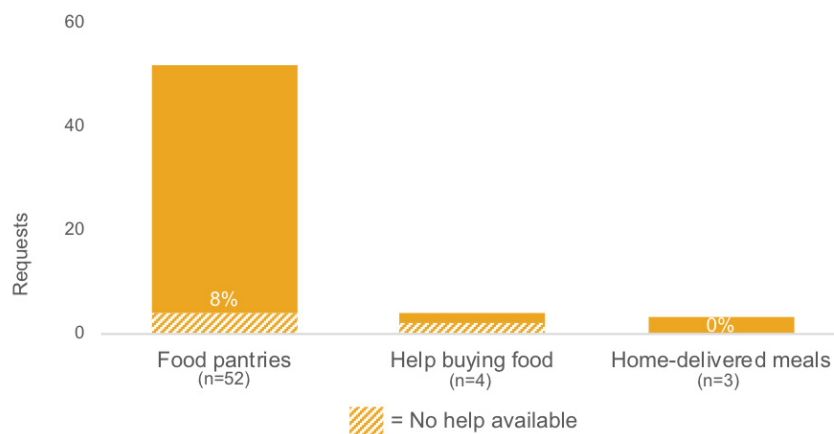


Fig. 16

Getting focused

The previous pages have identified **98 different ZIP code and social need combinations** that might be priorities for action. To help determine which ones might focus on, we rank each based on its trend score and population impact.

Trend score considers two factors: the rate at which a need is increasing over time in a ZIP code, and how that rate compares to the overall rate in the study area. Trend scores range from 0 to 4, where 0 indicates a need that is not increasing and is not different from the overall study area and 4 indicates a need that is increasing at a high rate and increasing more or faster than in the overall study area.

Population impact, also with a score of 0 to 4, considers the size of the population in the ZIP code and the rate of requests for help with a given need. The ZIP codes with the largest populations and highest rates receive higher scores, while those with smaller populations and lower rates receive lower scores.

Adding the trend score and population impact score yields a total score of 0 to 8, with higher numbers suggesting a greater priority for a given problem in a given ZIP code. The table below (and on the facing page) lists the top 20 total scores. A complete list of all 98 combinations is presented in Appendix D.

ZIP	NEED	TREND SCORE (0-4)	POPULATION IMPACT (0-4)	TOTAL (0-8)
63103	Rent assistance	4	3	7
63106	Rent assistance	4	3	7
63115	Tax preparation	3	4	7
63120	Appliances	4	3	7
63101	Crisis intervention & suicide	4	2	6
63101	Substance abuse & addictions	4	2	6

Prioritizing for Action

Prioritizing among top 11 targets

The table below summarizes ratings of local vulnerability, health impact and resource shortfall for the 11 priority combinations of ZIP code and need. Detailed analysis of each combination are provided on the pages that follow.

ZIP	NEED	LOCAL VULNERABILITY	HEALTH IMPACT	RESOURCE SHORTFALL
63103	Rent assistance	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
63106	Rent assistance	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
63101	Crisis intervention & suicide	HIGH	HIGH	Moderate
63101	Substance abuse & addictions	HIGH	HIGH	Moderate
63103	Low-cost housing	HIGH	HIGH	Moderate
63103	Shelters	HIGH	HIGH	Moderate
63106	Low-cost housing	HIGH	HIGH	Moderate
63133	Clothing	HIGH	Moderate	Low
63115	Tax preparation	Moderate	Moderate	Low
63120	Appliances	Moderate	Low	Moderate
63120	Home furnishings	Moderate	Low	Moderate

63103 low-cost housing

local
vulnerability
HIGH

In 63103, the rates of requests for housing, mental health and addictions, government and legal assistance, and transportation are all among the highest rates in the entire service area. In addition, three other ZIP codes that share a boundary with 63103 have high levels of need spread across all 11 social need categories.

health
impact
HIGH

There is strong scientific evidence that having unmet needs for low-cost housing is associated with worse health outcomes. There is also some scientific evidence that addressing those needs will improve health outcomes.

resource
shortfall
MODERATE

A high percentage of requests (40%) for assistance with low-cost housing go unmet due to a lack of resources or service agencies to address the need. Potential partners for addressing low-cost housing in 63103 include Beyond Housing, Cardinal Ritter (seniors only) and Lutheran Senior Services (seniors only).

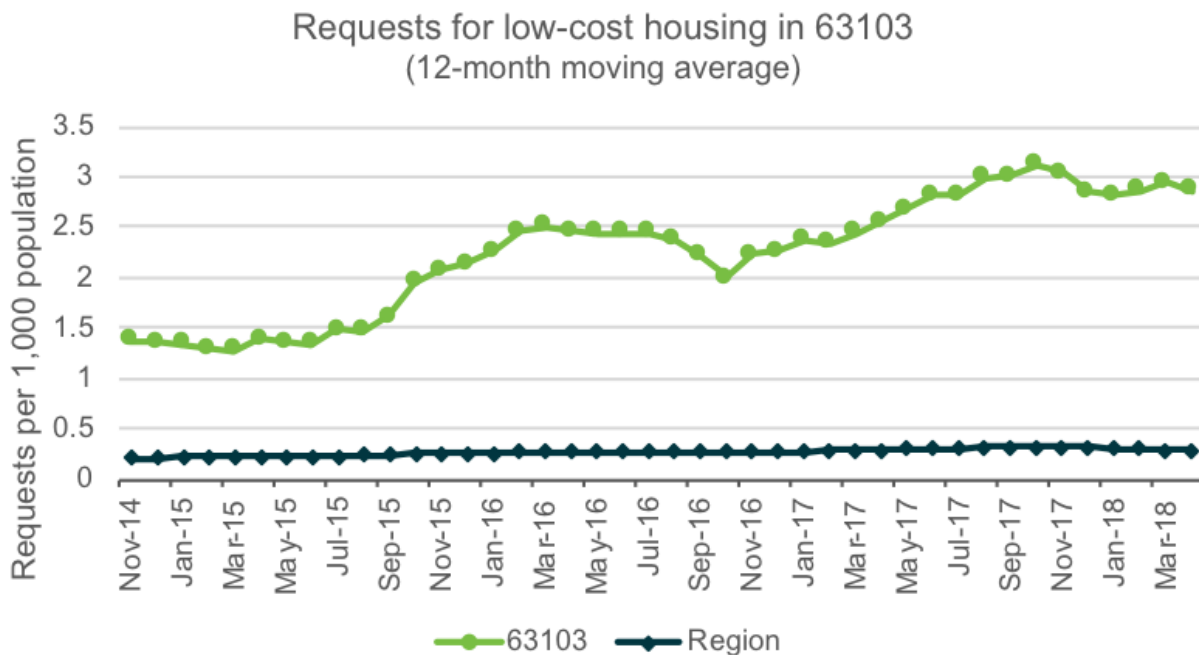


Fig. 61

