

## Food Hardship in Florida's Congressional Districts (2008-09)

National Rank out of 436 Cong Districts	Congressional District Representative	% of Households with Food Hardship
13	Kendrick Meek	29.6
20	Alcee L. Hastings	27.1
24	Corrine Brown	26.0
36	Kathy Castor	25.1
54	Mario Diaz-Balart	23.8
85	Jeff Miller	22.2
92	Alan Grayson	22.0
119	Cliff Stearns	20.7
133	Allen Boyd	20.2
150	Ander Crenshaw	19.6
157	John Mica	19.5
165	Suzanne M. Kosmas	19.3
191	Lincoln Diaz-Balart	18.7
198	Bill Posey	18.5
223	Gus M. Bilirakis	17.8
243	Adam Putnam	17.3
252	Virginia Brown-Waite	17.0
255	Connie Mack	16.9
255	Tom Rooney	16.9
287	C. W. Bill Young	15.6
315	Vern Buchanan	14.7
318	Ron Klein	14.4
328	Debbie Wasserman Schultz	14.0
384	Vacant	12.0
386	Ileana Ros-Lehtinen	11.9

To keep up with the dramatic increase of those in need of food stamps, DCF must be adequately staffed. DCF conducted a workload study and initially requested 300 new positions at a cost of \$23 million (part state and part federal). Citing budget limitations and other priorities, this request did not make it into the Governor's budget. Instead DCF proposes to convert 56 temporary OPS positions (beyond the current 4,642 working in the Economic Self-Sufficiency Services' eligibility division) to full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.

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