

1. In general would you say that things in New York City are headed in the right direction or would you say things in New York City are off on the wrong track?

	Right direction.....	29%
	Wrong track.....	48
VOL:	(Neither/mixed).....	14
VOL:	(Don't know/Refused).....	8

Now I am going to read you a list of possible problems facing New York City today. For each one I read, I want you to tell me if it is a major problem, somewhat of a problem, a minor problem, or if it is not a problem at all for New Yorkers and their families.

	PROBLEM		NOT PROBLEM		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Major	Some	Minor	Not at all		PROBLEM	NOT PROBLEM
• Jobs and unemployment.....	78%	17	3	1	1	95	4
• Access to affordable housing.....	64%	23	7	4	3	87	10
• Education.....	58%	26	7	7	3	83	14
• Hunger and poverty.....	50%	34	11	3	2	84	14
• Taxes.....	47%	32	14	5	2	79	19
• Access to healthcare.....	47%	31	11	8	2	78	20
• Crime.....	42%	38	16	2	2	80	18

For each of the items I just read, please indicate if it should be a top priority, a high but not top priority, not that high a priority, or not a priority at all for the Mayor and the City to address over the next year.

	PRIORITY		NOT PRIORITY		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Top	High	Not that	Not at all		PRIORITY	NOT PRIORITY
• Jobs and unemployment.....	71%	24	3	*	1	96	3
• Improving New York City's schools.....	65%	26	4	3	2	91	7
• Increasing access to healthcare.....	54%	33	9	3	1	87	12
• Hunger and poverty.....	51%	34	11	3	1	85	14
• Increasing access to affordable housing.....	50%	34	11	3	2	84	14
• Reducing crime.....	48%	34	16	2	*	82	17
• Holding the line on taxes.....	40%	35	15	8	3	75	22

16. Thinking specifically about the issue of hunger, how much progress has been made over the past several years in addressing the issue of hunger here in New York City?

	Major progress.....	13%
	Some progress.....	42
	Only a little progress.....	20
	No real progress at all.....	12
VOL:	(Don't know/Refused).....	14
	PROGRESS (NET).....	55%
	NOT PROGRESS (NET).....	31

17. As far as you know, where does the majority of funding for food pantries and soup kitchens in New York City come from?

	Private donations.....	47%
	City government.....	11
	State government.....	11
	Federal government.....	9
	Other (SPECIFY).....	2
VOL:	(All of the above).....	3
VOL:	(None of the above).....	*
VOL:	(Don't Know/Refused).....	17
	GOVERNMENT (NET).....	31%

18. Who should be responsible for providing funding for New York City's food pantries and soup kitchens?

City government	37%
State government	35
Federal government	31
Private donors	18
Other (SPECIFY)	2
VOL: (All of the above)	11
VOL: (None of the above)	1
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	5
 GOVERNMENT (NET)	 76%

19. Historically, the federal government has provided funding for food pantries and soup kitchens. This past year, the federal government cut funding to New York City's food pantries and soup kitchens by forty percent. Do you favor or oppose restoring federal funding to New York City's food pantries and soup kitchens? [IF FAVOR/OPPOSE] Is that strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?

Strongly favor	60%
Somewhat favor	20
Somewhat oppose	7
Strongly oppose	9
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	4
 FAVOR (NET)	 80%
OPPOSE (NET)	16

20. Some people have said the federal government has an obligation to help provide for New Yorkers who go hungry every year. Do you agree or disagree that the federal government has an obligation to help provide for New Yorkers who go hungry every year? [IF AGREE/DISAGREE] Is that strongly or somewhat agree/disagree?

Strongly agree	55%
Somewhat agree	22
Somewhat disagree	12
Strongly disagree	8
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	2
 AGREE (NET)	 78%
DISAGREE (NET)	20

21. If you had to guess, how many people go hungry in New York City every day, meaning they eat less or skip meals because they cannot afford 3 meals a day?

Less than 1% of New Yorkers	4%
Less than 5%	9
5-10%	22
11-15%	13
16-20%	14
More than 20% of New Yorkers	28
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	11

22. Do you think the number of New Yorkers that go hungry has increased or decreased in the past year or two or has it stayed the same? [IF INCREASED/DECREASED] Has the number of New Yorkers that go hungry increased/decreased a lot or a little?

Increased a lot	49%
Increased a little	20
Decreased a little	4
Decreased a lot	2
Stayed the same	17
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	8
 INCREASED (NET)	 69%
DECREASED (NET)	5

23. Do you think demand for food assistance at food pantries and soup kitchens in New York City has increased or decreased in the past year or two or has it stayed the same? [IF INCREASED/DECREASED] Has demand increased/decreased a lot or a little?

Increased a lot	46%
Increased a little	17
Decreased a little	7
Decreased a lot	7
Stayed the same	15
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	8
 INCREASED (NET)	 63%
DECREASED (NET)	13

24. If you were to go to a food pantry or soup kitchen in New York City today, who would you be most likely to see waiting on line for food?

Families with children	19%
Homeless people	16
Non-working or unemployed adults	14
Seniors	11
Working adults who cannot afford food	6
Teens	1
VOL: (All of the above)	24
Other (SPECIFY)	4
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	4

25. Thinking back a few years ago...If you were to go to a food pantry or soup kitchen in New York City a few years ago, who would you be most likely to see waiting on line for food?

Homeless people	45%
Families with children	13
Seniors	12
Non-working or unemployed adults	8
Working adults who cannot afford food	2
Teens	*
VOL: (All of the above)	11
Other (SPECIFY)	4
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	6

26. Thinking about the neighborhood in which you live, how many food stores near you sell affordable nutritious and healthy food, including low-fat dairy items, lean meat, fresh fruits and vegetables - a lot, some, only a few, or none at all?

A lot	38%
Some	22
Only a few.....	31
None	8
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	2
SOME OR MORE (NET)	59%
ONLY A FEW OR LESS (NET)	38

27. Some people say that there is no point in increasing access to food for people who need it unless that food is healthy and nutritious. They say we should **only provide nutritious meals** that include fresh fruits and vegetables at New York City food pantries and soup kitchens.

Only provide nutritious meals	44%
It's more important that we increase access	48
VOL: (Neither).....	*
VOL: (Both).....	5
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	3

Other people say that while the nutritional content of the food served at New York City food pantries and soup kitchens is important, **it's more important that we increase access** to food generally, even if some of that food is canned or processed.

Which side do you agree with more?

Now I am going to read you a list of facts about New York City. Please indicate how personally concerned you are about each of the following.

	CONCERNED		NOT CONCERNED		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Very	Some	Not too	Not at all		CONCERNED	NOT CONCERNED
• The unemployment rate in New York City was 9 percent in June, 2011.....	74%	22	3	1	*	95	4
• Right now in New York City, 3 million people regularly have difficulty affording food.....	71%	23	3	1	1	95	4
• 1.6 million New Yorkers or almost 20% of New York City residents live below the poverty line.....	69%	25	3	2	1	94	5
• 1.4 million New Yorkers or almost 20% of New York City residents rely on food pantries or soup kitchens to feed themselves and their families.....	67%	26	4	2	1	92	7
• One in six senior citizens relies on a food pantry or soup kitchen to meet their nutritional needs.....	62%	31	3	2	1	93	6
• New Yorkers who live below the poverty line have higher rates of obesity and diabetes, but in many low-income neighborhoods, there are very few stores that sell fresh fruits and vegetables.....	62%	27	6	3	2	89	9

Please tell me whether you would be very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all to do each of the following to address the issue of hunger in New York City.

	LIKELY		NOT LIKELY		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Very	Some	Not too	Not at all		LIKELY	NOT LIKELY
• Sign a petition in favor of restoring federal funding to food pantries and soup kitchens in New York City.....	61%	24	6	8	1	85	14
• Donate money to a charitable organization working to address the issue of hunger.....	44%	33	10	12	1	77	22
• Write a letter, call, or send an email to your Congress person asking them to restore federal funding to emergency food pantries and soup kitchens in New York City.....	42%	33	10	15	1	75	25
• Volunteer your time to a charitable organization working to address the issue of hunger.....	40%	30	13	15	1	70	29

Please tell me whether you would be very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all to do each of the following to address the issue of hunger in New York City.

	LIKELY		NOT LIKELY		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Very	Some	Not too	Not at all		LIKELY	NOT LIKELY
• Meet with your Congress person to ask them to restore federal funding to food pantries and soup kitchens in New York City	33%	27	19	19	1	60	38
• Attend a public meeting or rally in support of anti-hunger groups in New York City	30%	31	19	19	1	61	38
• Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper or write a blog posting about the issue of hunger in New York City	27%	29	19	24	1	56	43

41. How concerned are you that you or someone you know will need help getting and paying for food in the next twelve months?

	Very concerned	44%
	Somewhat concerned	24
	Not too concerned	17
	Not concerned at all	14
VOL:	(Don't Know/Refused)	2
	CONCERNED (NET)	67%
	NOT CONCERNED (NET)	31

In the past month, have you or a family member...[IF YES] Was that you or a family member or both?

	YES			No	(DK/Ref.)	NET
	You	Family	Both			YES
• Bought less healthy foods because they were cheaper than buying fresh food	16%	8	13	60	2	38
• Had difficulty paying for food or groceries	15%	9	12	63	1	36
• Chose between paying for food and rent or some other household expense	14%	10	9	65	2	33
• Turned to family members or friends for help paying for food or groceries	10%	10	4	74	1	24
• Skipped meals or ate less because you could not afford food for three meals a day	9%	6	8	76	1	23
• Visited or received food from a food pantry or soup kitchen	6%	5	2	86	2	13