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## THE STATE OF FOOD & HEALTH FACT SHEET

#### 1. MONEY AND RESOURCES ARE BEING WASTED

- Shoppers spend 40% more at the store when they shop without a grocery list<sup>1</sup>
- American families throw away >\$2K of groceries per year $^2$  that contribute to 25% of our methane emissions $^3$

#### 2. HEALTHY EATING AND COOKING ARE STILL CHALLENGING

- Only 23% of meals include a vegetable  $^4$ ; children, teenagers and adults get less than 50% of the recommended amount of vegetables  $^5$
- 28% of Americans say they do not know how to cook; 25% state they do not cook because they do not want to clean  $up^6$
- ullet 28M Americans eat at McDonald's everyday $^7$

#### 3. OBESITY AND OTHER DISEASES ARE ON THE RISE

- The US has the highest obesity rate globally<sup>8</sup>
- 36% of adults are obese. At the current trajectory, all 50 states will have obesity rates over 44% by the year 2030. By 2020, obesity will increase cases of heart disease, Type II diabetes, and stroke by 10x.9

#### 4. FAMILIES ARE NOT SPENDING ENOUGH TIME AT THE TABLE TOGETHER

- On average, sharing 3 or more family mealtimes per week reduces the odds for children and adolescents being overweight by 12%, eating unhealthy foods by 20%, and disordered eating by 35%.
- Compared to teens who frequently have family dinners (5 to 7 / week), those who have infrequent family dinners (fewer than 3 / week) are twice as likely to use tobacco and one and a half times likelier to use marijuana.  $^{11}$

### FOOD WASTE FACTS & FIGURES

SHOPPERS
SPEND MORE
WITHOUT A
GROCERY LIST<sup>1</sup>



20 LBS

FOOD TOSSED PER MONTH BY A FAMILY OF 4<sup>2</sup>

\$\$\$ THROWN AWAY / YEAR<sup>2</sup> \$2K

(10X)

FOOD WASTE OF AMERICANS VS. SE ASIANS<sup>12</sup>



OF METHANE
EMISSIONS
DUE TO FOOD
WASTE<sup>3</sup>

## GROWING OUR FOOD REQUIRES:







US energy budget 13

US land<sup>14</sup>

US freshwater<sup>15</sup>

BUT 40% OF FOOD PRODUCE IS WASTED<sup>16</sup> 2.5% OF FOOD WASTE GETS RECYCLED<sup>3</sup>

#### PAST CHANGES AND FUTURE CHANGES:

We waste 50% more than Americans did in the 1970's 16

Reducing food waste by

15%

Would be enough to feed 25 M more

Americans<sup>17</sup>

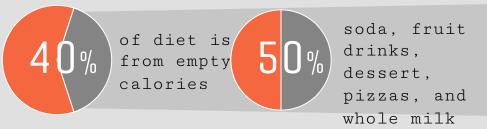
## HOW AMERICANS EAT & COOK

#### SURVEY OF WHY PEOPLE DON'T COOK:



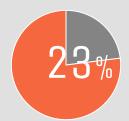
EVERYDAY<sup>7</sup>

#### DIET OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS<sup>19</sup>:



#### WE'RE NOT EATING ENOUGH FRUITS & VEGETABLES<sup>20</sup>

Group	Recommended	Actual
Children	2.5-4.5 cups	1.43 cups
Teenagers	4-6 cups	1.76 cups
Adults	4-6 cups	1.81 cups



Meals include a vegetable<sup>4</sup>

# DINNERS THAT INCLUDED A SALAD IN:4



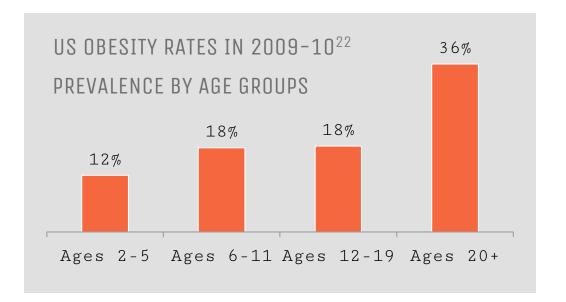
### **OBESITY FACTS & FIGURES**





IN THE US BY 2020, MAY INCREASE CASES OF:

- TYPE II DIABETES
- HEART DISEASE
- STROKE
- HYPERTENSION BY:<sup>9</sup>





States with Rates >60%

States with Rates >50%

States with Rates >44%

9 STATES MAY SEE OBESITY-RELATED HEALTHCARE
COSTS INCREASE BY < 20%9

### COOKING & FAMILY MEALS MATTER

SHARING 3+ FAMILY MEALTIMES
PER WEEK REDUCES ODDS OF
CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS<sup>23</sup>:



#### FAMILY DINNERS HAVE MANY HEALTH BENEFITS:

- The more frequently a family eats together, the fewer emotional and behavioral problems, greater emotional well-being, more trusting and helpful behaviors toward others and higher life satisfaction, regardless of gender, age or family economics.<sup>24</sup>
- Compared to teens who frequently have family dinners (5 to 7 / week), those who have infrequent family dinners (fewer than 3 / week) are twice as likely to use tobacco and one and a half times likelier to use marijuana. 11

#### COOKING CAN LEAD TO LONGER LIVES<sup>25</sup>

Cooking
5+x / wk
can lead
to a 47%

Higher chance of being alive 10 years later

The relationship between frequent cooking and mortality is strong.

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