

Study: Growing number of kids 'too hungry to learn'

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The vast majority of teachers and principals routinely see students that are “too hungry to learn,” according to a report released Tuesday by the No Kid Hungry organization.

The organization, which works to end child hunger, surveyed more than 1,000 teachers and principals around the country for the report, according to a press release. The results show that 73 percent of teachers said they regularly instruct hungry students who don't have enough to eat at home, and 87 percent of principals said they consistently see hungry students in school. As a result of such pervasive hunger, teachers spend nearly \$40 a month buying food for kids out of pocket, the survey found.

The results represent an increase since last August, when the organization found that 3 out of 5 teachers had students who regularly came to school hungry. Christy Felling, No Kid Hungry public relations director, told the *Huffington Post* that there are several potential reasons for the uptick in hunger.

“I think what has happened is the so-called economic recovery hasn't really reached low-income people. People are still really having a tough time, and that's what we're seeing,” Felling said in a phone interview. “We've seen it anecdotally with some of our campaigns around the country. People still haven't gone back to work, or they've blown through savings.”

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