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**Chapter 4.5 – Estimate of the Number of Kitchens  
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#### 4.5 ESTIMATES OF NUMBER OF KITCHENS IN THE NETWORK

Our analysis of the number of emergency kitchens served by FA food banks uses the same analytical steps as the analysis of pantries. There were 3,550 agencies that, based on the information developed in compiling the sample frame, appeared to be operating kitchens (Table 4.5.1, Line 7). After taking into account that some agencies were operating more than one kitchen program, we estimate that 3,941 kitchens are being served by FA food banks participating in the study. An adjustment for nonparticipating food banks raises the total estimate of kitchens to 4,453.

TABLE 4.5.1  
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF KITCHENS IN THE FA NETWORK

1.	Total operating agencies listed in the files of the participating food banks	49,386
2.	Percentage of agencies listed as operating at least one pantry, kitchen, or shelter <sup>a</sup>	60.3
3.	Subtotal	29,802
4.	Percentage of agencies in Line 3 that were found no longer to be operating or to be operating only types of agencies other than pantries, kitchens, or shelters	14.4
5.	Subtotal	27,909
6.	Percentage of agencies in Line 5 that operate kitchens <sup>b</sup>	12.7
7.	Agencies operating kitchens	3,550
8.	Average kitchen providers per agency operating kitchens	1.11
9.	Final estimate of kitchens in participating food banks	3,941
10.	Adjustment factor for nonparticipating food banks	1.13
11.	Final estimate of kitchens	4,453

Source: Lines 1-7 are based on client survey records; Line 8 is based on tabulations of agency survey data.

<sup>a</sup>Remaining agencies were listed in an “other” category as operating some other type of provider with food service operations, such as a day care center or a halfway house program.

<sup>b</sup>Some additional ineligible agencies were found during the survey work.