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The Idaho Foodbank

IMPACT REPORT

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Together, we
can solve hunger.



Overview

8.2% of people in Idaho are facing food insecurity– the lack of access at times to enough food to support a healthy and active lifestyle (Feeding America’s *Map the Meal Gap* report). This includes more than 40,000 kids.

When families and individuals are unable to access nutritious food, it can negatively affect their health and increase their risk of developing chronic diseases, including heart disease, high blood pressure, and diabetes. These health risks impact people and communities across the state. Nutrition at every age is critical for our health and well-being. We serve individuals and families in several ways, including school pantries, food boxes for seniors age 60 and older, and our Mobile Pantry Program.

Mobile Pantry Program

Solving Hunger in Idaho: FISCAL YEAR 2023

609

mobile distributions statewide

19,873

people served
(monthly average)

68

communities served

5,010,748

pounds of food for 4,212,037
meals distributed statewide

16,325

volunteer hours

“It’s a good resource for anybody that finds it challenging - so you can stretch it out a little bit longer until you get your paycheck.”

– Client, Mobile Pantry



Mobile Pantry Program Overview

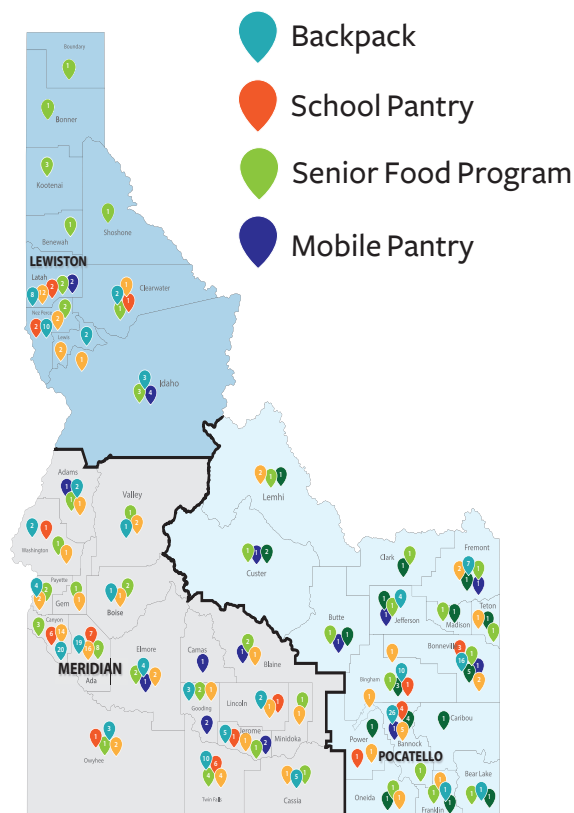
Food insecurity exists in every county in Idaho. However, not all communities, particularly in rural areas, have brick-and-mortar pantries to address the needs in that community. The Mobile Pantry Program helps address these needs with monthly or quarterly food distributions.

In each Mobile Pantry community, The Idaho Foodbank staff work with local leaders to assess needs, coordinate logistics, and identify a suitable site for the Mobile Pantry food distribution to take place. The site is usually a senior center, church, or other building that is well-known in the community. We provide the food in a refrigerated truck and local volunteers help spread the word and staff the distributions.

The strategy that guides the program is summed up by “keep it local.” At all sites, the program depends on relationships within the community and among neighbors. Many people are more willing to access food assistance when they are approached by people they know. Mobile Pantry’s collaborative model allows the program to effectively reach people in need while preserving their dignity.

Our Mobile Pantry Program is a uniquely effective way to provide hunger relief for underserved communities that do not have a permanent food pantry, or where permanent pantries don’t have the capacity to meet the local need.

Providing food access across the entire state of Idaho is possible thanks to a strong network of Food Distribution Partners working to end hunger one community at a time. Through our network of 440+ Food Distribution Partners and direct service programs, The Idaho Foodbank provides food and resources into all of Idaho’s 44 counties.



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About The Idaho Foodbank

The Idaho Foodbank is an independent, donor-supported, nonprofit organization. It is the largest statewide distributor of free food assistance in Idaho. The Idaho Foodbank was established in 1984 and since that time has distributed millions of pounds of nutritious food through its facilities in Lewiston, Meridian and Pocatello. In the last fiscal year, The Foodbank provided food for 23.8 million meals to Idahoans living with food insecurity. The Foodbank distributes food through a network of more than 440 partners including schools, food pantries, senior centers, feeding sites, shelters, mobile pantries and churches. Recognizing the crucial connection between hunger and health, The Idaho Foodbank focuses on providing nutritious food and collaborates with community organizations to promote nutrition education, wellness resources and healthy living. Visit idahofoodbank.org for more information. You can also find us on your favorite social media platform.



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