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# Eastern Idaho

IMPACT REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024



## Statewide Coverage, Local Focus

The Idaho Foodbank is a statewide hunger-relief organization that distributes food and conducts direct-service programs through facilities in Meridian, Pocatello and Lewiston.

Pocatello has served as The Foodbank's distribution hub for Eastern Idaho since 1998.

## Solving Hunger in Eastern Idaho

FISCAL YEAR 2024

<b>7,067,160</b>	pounds of food for 5,889,300 meals
<b>48</b>	community partners
<b>16</b>	counties served
<b>54,320</b>	people served monthly, on average
<b>7,916</b>	volunteers provided 16,580 hours of service



When someone is food insecure, they are making difficult choices on how to make ends meet, such as paying for rent, putting gas in the car, or having the food they need.

In Eastern Idaho, hunger doesn't affect everyone equally – some groups such as children, seniors, rural communities, as well as Hispanic/Latino, and Native Americans face hunger at much higher rates. Disparities in access to nutritious food for individuals and communities lead to increased health challenges that have both short- and long-term implications.

Our collaboration of food distribution partners in Eastern Idaho is vital to better serve these communities.

Just one example of this is our partnership with Community Food Basket in Idaho Falls and our work together to get food out to Idahoans in need, as well as provide information and other resources to help people get out of the cycle of food insecurity.

They have set up their food pantry in a way that allows their neighbors to have a positive shopping experience by having them walk through the pantry and choose from a great selection of food. Community Food Basket has worked with organizations to incorporate nutritional nudges in their food pantry so that people in need of food can find nutritious food options, as well as easy recipe ideas for preparing this food. They also have information about other kinds of assistance that are available, as well as some non-food items for people in need, including diapers and hygiene items.

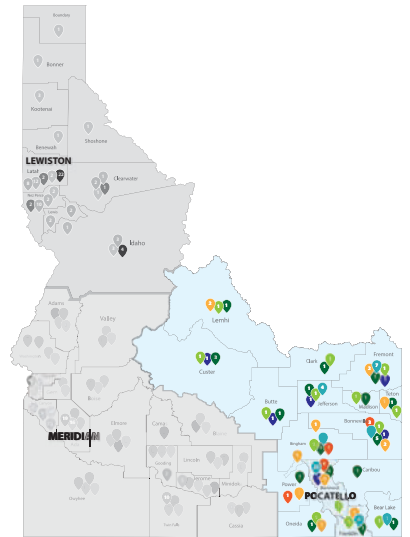
These kinds of partnerships are important to helping Idahoans in Eastern Idaho and across the state.

## Counties Served by Programs and/or Services

- Bannock
- Bear Lake
- Bingham
- Bonneville
- Butte
- Caribou
- Clark
- Custer
- Franklin
- Fremont
- Jefferson
- Lemhi
- Madison
- Oneida
- Power
- Teton

## Programs impacting Neighbors:

- Mobile Pantries ..... **17**
- Backpacks provided by partnering with 65 schools..... **20,108**
- School Pantries ..... **12**



*Programs and food distributions are coordinated through facilities in Meridian, Pocatello and Lewiston.*

Over **400** community partners  
**44/44** Idaho counties receiving programs and/or services

### 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 more than 21.8 million meals to Idahoans living with food insecurity. The Foodbank distributes food through a network of more than 400 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](http://idahofoodbank.org) for more information. You can also find us on your favorite social media platform.



*The only Idaho nonprofit to receive a four-star rating for 15 consecutive years.*