



## Families and Individuals

Together, we can solve hunger.



More than 11% 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 67,000 kids.

When 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 2024

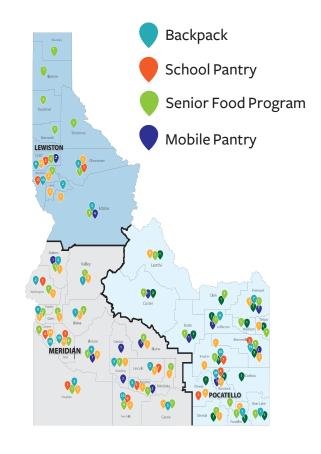
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mobile distributions statewide	
people served (monthly average)	
communities served	
pounds of food for 3,155,612 meals distributed statewide	
volunteer hours	

"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



During the fiscal year ending April 30, 2024 we distributed more than 26 million pounds of food across Idaho enough food for 21.8 million meals. We distributed nearly all this food through a statewide network of over 400 Food Distribution Partners, including schools, community food pantries, senior centers, shelters, churches, and our Mobile Pantry program. These partners order food, free of charge, from The Foodbank on a monthly basis. Our partners pick that food up at one of our three warehouses or we deliver the food to them. By collaborating with this network, we can utilize our infrastructure – including warehouse space and trucks - to efficiently source, store, and distribute large amounts of food across the state. Our partners can tailor their services to meet local hunger needs in their communities. Nationwide, rural counties typically have a higher rate of food insecurity and this holds true in Idaho where 35 of our counties are rural or frontier. Transportation, higher food costs, economic challenges, and limited access to grocery stores are some of the reasons for this. Many of these rural communities may not have a brick and mortar food pantry. The Mobile Pantry Program enables The Foodbank to take large quantities of food to hard-to-reach or underserved communities. Our trucks transport the food and then local volunteers help unload and distribute the food to those in need. This system enables people living in these parts of our state to receive the nutritious and wholesome food they need to relieve hunger and stay healthy.

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 400+ Food Distribution Partners and direct service programs, The Idaho Foodbank provides food and resources in all of Idaho's 44 counties.



MOBILE PANTRY PROGRAM SUPPORTED BY:

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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 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 for more information. You can also find us on your favorite social media platform.



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