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# North Central Idaho

IMPACT REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2025



**Together, we  
can solve hunger.**



## 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. Lewiston has served as The Foodbank's distribution hub for North Central Idaho since 1994.

## Solving Hunger in North Central Idaho FISCAL YEAR 2025

<b>2,290,176</b>	pounds of food for 1,908,480 meals
<b>87</b>	partner agencies
<b>10</b>	counties served
<b>31,213</b>	people served (monthly on average)
<b>3,061</b>	volunteers provided 9,014 hours of service



In July 2024, lightning ignited the GWEN Fire in North Central Idaho, scorching over 2,800 acres and destroying 156 structures—including 38 homes. The Idaho Foodbank joined emergency response efforts alongside the Rocky Mountain Complex Incident Management Team, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), Red Cross, and the Nez Perce Tribe. The Foodbank donated pallets of drinking water to affected areas and staffed a Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC), distributing snack bags and resource flyers to connect displaced residents with food and other resources.

As evacuations began in Juliaetta and Kendrick, the teams at JK Good Samaritan Food Pantry and Senior Center stayed behind to provide food, water, and cleaning products. Juliaetta

Elementary opened its cafeteria as a MARC to assist with recovery needs. The adjacent thrift store offered free clothing to families who lost everything. The Senior Center cooked meals for firefighters and hosted a spaghetti fundraiser for fire victims.

The Nez Perce Tribe played a vital role in coordinating support. They provided food for evacuees, stocked the Field Kitchen feeding wildland fire crews, and partnered with the Red Cross and Idaho Department of Lands to establish a long-term operating base for emergency responders. Lapwai Elementary hosted community planning sessions, public information briefings, and was a hub for resources throughout the crisis.

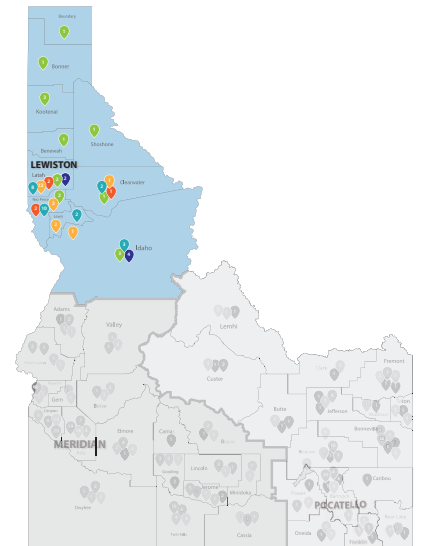
The Foodbank is honored to assist disaster response organizations when our communities need help.

## Counties Served in this Region

- Benewah
- Bonner
- Boundary
- Clearwater
- Idaho
- Kootenai
- Latah
- Lewis
- Nez Perce
- Shoshone

## Programs and People Served:

Mobile Pantries ..... **13**  
 Backpacks provided by partnering with 24 schools..... **10,277**  
 School Pantries ..... **6**



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

Over **400** Partner Agencies  
**44/44** Idaho counties receiving programs and/or services

### About The Idaho Foodbank

The Idaho Foodbank is an independent, donor-supported, nonprofit organization with a mission to nourish, educate, and advocate to support thriving, food-secure communities across Idaho. 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 million meals to Idahoans living with food insecurity. The Foodbank distributes food through a network of more than 400 Partner Agencies including schools, food pantries, senior centers, feeding sites, shelters, mobile pantries, and churches. 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.

