The Idaho Foodbank

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Eastern Idaho

IMPACT REPORT | FISCAL YEAR 2026







Statewide Coverage, Local Focus

Pocatello has served as The Foodbank's distribution hub for Eastern Idaho since 1998. This facility and our agency partners served over 43,000 people per month and covers almost 30,000 square miles in eastern Idaho.

Solving Hunger in Eastern Idaho

FISCAL YEAR 2026

6,763,792	pounds of food for 5,636,493 meals
151	partner agencies
16	counties served
43,598	people served monthly, on average
8,769	volunteers provided 17,065 hours of service



Bannock County Thanksgiving Distribution

The Bannock County Thanksgiving Food Box Distribution has become one of Eastern Idaho's most impactful annual events, bringing the community together to ensure families have the ingredients they need to prepare a holiday meal.

Each year, The Idaho Foodbank's Pocatello warehouse coordinates this large, region wide effort, partnering with local businesses, organizations, and volunteers to support neighbors who otherwise would not have the means to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. The work begins in October, when community partners launch friendly food drive competitions to collect staples like stuffing, canned vegetables, and baking ingredients. In November, the turkey donation drives begin. Barrie's Ski & Sports lead their "Cranksgiving" turkey drive, ceremonially delivering donated frozen turkeys directly to the The Foodbank's Pocatello warehouse with a bicycle parade.

On distribution day, the impact of this collaboration becomes clear. Hundreds of volunteers arrive—rain, snow, or shine—to help hand out the food collected over the previous two months. In 2025, the event provided 61,000 pounds of food, supplying full Thanksgiving meal ingredients to nearly 1,000 families. For many of these families, it meant they could experience the joy and dignity of celebrating a holiday meal.

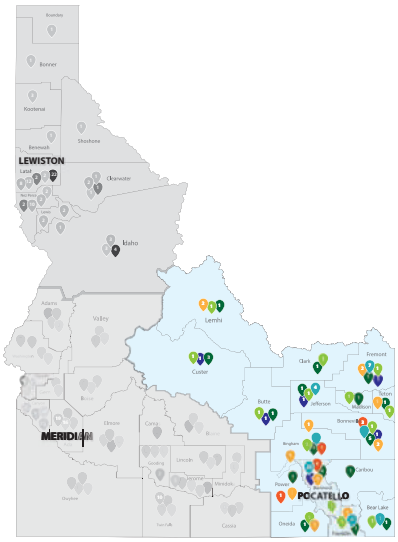
While the Bannock County Thanksgiving Distribution is just one of many programs supported by the Pocatello warehouse, it stands as a powerful example of what Eastern Idaho can accomplish when the community comes together. Collaboration and community partnerships are essential to The Idaho Foodbank's work to serve neighbors facing food insecurity all year long.

Counties Served in this Region

- 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 78 schools..... **23,554**
School Pantries **12**



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. It is a statewide and community-anchored organization that is the largest distributor of free food assistance in Idaho. The Idaho Foodbank's mission is to nourish, educate, and advocate to support thriving, food-secure communities across Idaho. It is uniquely situated as a statewide connector of people, partners, and solutions.

The Idaho Foodbank was established in 1984 and 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 22 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, shelters, mobile pantries, and churches. Visit idahofoodbank.org for more information.

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