Committed to Solving Hunger in Idaho

The Idaho FoodBank



*Last year we distributed food for more than **22 million** meals through our statewide network of Partner Agencies and direct-service programs. Through these programs and our network, we provided food for almost **200,000** Idahoans every month.*

Programs that Make a Difference





Children

Our school programs and partners are focused on ensuring children have the support they need to learn, grow, and thrive.

Backpack

The Backpack Program provides children with a bag of nutritious, easy-to-prepare foods that can be placed in their backpacks on the last day of the school week, ensuring they have food to eat through the weekend when school meals aren't available. All food items are kid-friendly, non-perishable, and nutritious.

School Pantry

The School Pantry Program aims to help alleviate student hunger by making food easily available to students and their families. Pantries are located within a school and intended to increase access to food and resources through a convenient, safe, and comfortable environment.



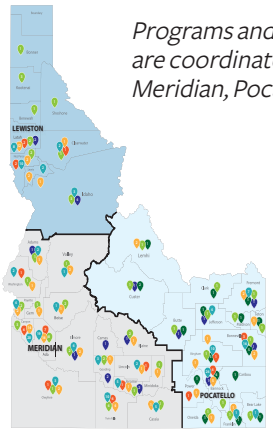
Health and Nutrition

The Idaho Foodbank collaborates with Partner Agencies and Community Partners statewide to make the healthy choice the easy choice. Through nutrition education classes, food demonstrations, and access to healthy food options, we help individuals and families build the skills and confidence to maintain better health. By also connecting neighbors to essential resources, such as housing, education, healthcare, economic assistance, supplemental nutrition programs, and care navigation tools, we address the root causes of hunger and support long term health and well-being.

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Education is a powerful tool in the fight against hunger. By teaching practical, budget-friendly cooking and shopping skills, we empower participants to prepare healthy meals and stretch their food dollars. Through the Cooking Matters program, an initiative of The Food Trust, participants learn to make nutritious choices that fit their resources and lifestyles. Those who participate report greater confidence in the kitchen, increased use of fruits and vegetables, and improved ability to plan balanced meals, helping create healthier communities across Idaho.

FISCAL YEAR 2026



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

1984
The Idaho Foodbank Warehouse opened its doors in Boise.

255,365 lbs
Food distributed in 1985

26.5 million lbs
Food distributed in FY26

"It really helps me and several family and friends or anyone struggling. This food helps give us peace of mind that we at least have food on our tables. Every bit helps and I'm thankful for everything!"

–Parent, Boise

"This food bank has been a life saver. We are truly struggling right now. Our bills are paid but even though we both work full time, there is just nothing left over. If it wasn't for this food bank, I don't know how we would eat."

- Neighbor using Mobile Pantry



Families and Individuals

More than 280,000 people are facing food insecurity in Idaho. Providing food access across the entire state is possible thanks to our network of Partner Agencies that are working to end hunger, one community at a time.



Mobile Pantry

Not everyone lives in a community that has a grocery store or has access to a brick and mortar food pantry. This happens in both rural and urban communities. To address this need, The Idaho Foodbank sends a truckload of food to designated communities in hard-to-reach or high-need areas, enabling participants to receive nutritious food closer to home.



Senior Nutrition

According to Feeding America 8% of Idaho seniors experience food insecurity. One way that The Idaho Foodbank is improving the health and well-being of seniors age 60+ is through a program to specifically provide seniors with nutritious food.



The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) Food Boxes

In partnership with the Idaho Commission on Aging, The Idaho Foodbank distributes these CSFP senior food boxes through our Partner Agency Network in all 44 counties of Idaho. Designed specifically for Idaho Seniors, monthly items can include: milk, cheese, peanut butter, cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, beans, and meat.



Volunteers Make It Work

The Idaho Foodbank provides hunger relief to thousands of Idahoans in need thanks to the support of dedicated volunteers. Every day, volunteers perform essential tasks from sorting and repackaging donated food in our warehouses to assisting with programs.

FOOD Rescue

Donated food fills the distribution network

In Fiscal Year 2026, 85% of the food distributed by The Idaho Foodbank was donated; 15% was purchased.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 DONATED FOOD:

- **26%** came from manufacturers, distributors, and growers
- **34%** came from food rescue grocery store partners
- **7%** came from came from TEFAP and CSFP (Government Programs)
- **3%** came from food drives
- **15%** came from sharing truckloads of food with other food banks

93%
of donations go to programs and services

29,795
Volunteers

82,507
Volunteer hours

The Idaho Foodbank

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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