The Idaho Foodbank

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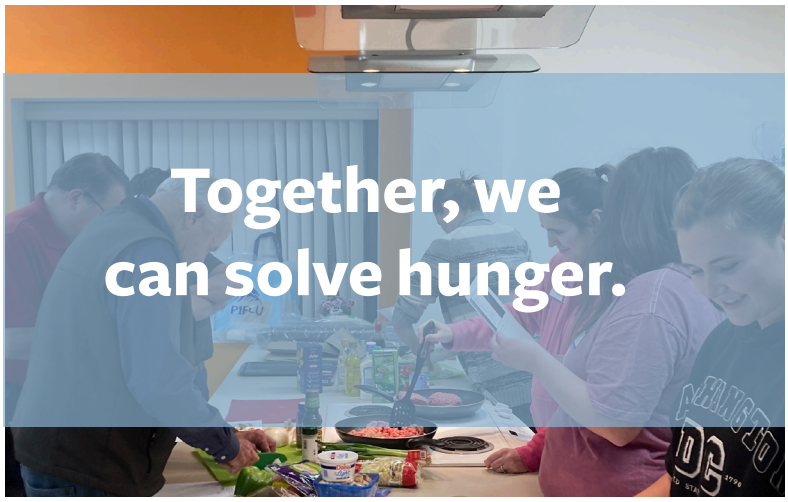
South Central Idaho

IMPACT REPORT | FISCAL YEAR 2026







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. We have staff in our Agency Relations, Development, Operations, and Health & Nutrition departments that are dedicated to serving the South Central region. With its regional population growth, South Central Idaho is an important community for addressing food insecurity in Idaho.

Solving Hunger in South Central Idaho

FISCAL YEAR 2026

3,016,630	pounds of food for 2,513,859 meals
69	partner agencies
8	counties served
16,901	people served monthly, on average

South Central Idaho:
Strengthening Partnerships and Expanding Impact

The South Central region in Idaho deepened collaboration with local partners and expanded programs to better meet community needs. The Idaho Foodbank hosted its first Partner Conference in Twin Falls, bringing together partner agencies from across the region for a full day of learning, connection, and shared vision. Partners discussed challenges facing human services organizations, The Foodbank's 2030 strategy, and participated in hands-on nutrition education activities designed to support pantry operations. The conference strengthened relationships across the network and reinforced the collective role The Foodbank's partner agencies play in nourishing South Central communities.



In Minidoka and Cassia counties increased need, which was identified through community health data, led to the expansion of programs and services. The Foodbank added new access points in the region, including the Boys & Girls Club in Rupert as a food pantry partner and Rupert Elementary as a Backpack



Program partner. The programs provide weekly food support to approximately 35 students throughout the school year.

Across South Central Idaho The Foodbank ramped up our nutrition education outreach, delivering additional nutrition education classes and store based lessons to help families build confidence in preparing healthy meals. This included over 60 Cooking Matters classes and reaching nearly 150 nutrition education class participants. Nutrition toolkits – including recipe cards, signage, and food demo materials – were provided to 10 partner agencies, further strengthening local nutrition education efforts.

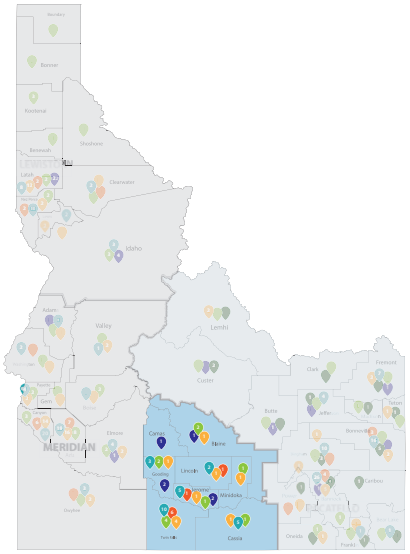
Together, these expanded partnerships and programs reflect a region growing in both capacity and connection. By listening to community needs, investing in local relationships, and increasing access points , The Foodbank continues to collaborate to help families across the region have reliable access to nutritious food and supportive resources in South Central Idaho.

Counties Served in this Region

- Blaine
- Camas
- Cassia
- Gooding
- Jerome
- Lincoln
- Minidoka
- Twin Falls

Programs and People Served:

Mobile Pantries **10**
Schools providing Backpacks **24**
School Pantries **3**



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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