

2023 HUNGER AWARENESS REPORT

The need for food assistance has doubled from just one year ago. In the first three months of 2023 alone, the Emergency Community Food Pantry spent \$39,748 to stock our shelves and freezers. With the rising cost of groceries, rent, and utilities, we know even more community members will need our help. We see food insecurity taking its toll on kids in school, families with medical debt, folks in substance-use recovery, and others, and we are grateful for every donor, volunteer, and community partner joining our mission to help feed our neighbors.



COMMUNITY HUNGER

- 12.4%** of Franklin County households are food insecure.
- 16.9%** of Kentucky children live in food-insecure households.
- 73%** of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants in Kentucky are in families with children.
- 36%** of SNAP participants in Kentucky are in families with members who are older adults or are disabled.

WHO RECEIVED HELP IN 2022?*

- 2,635** households in Franklin County
- 6,543** individuals in Franklin County
- 1/3** of those receiving food assistance were children.
- 350** households were new to our food pantry services. (That's more than double the new families in 2021.)
- 351** households receiving food assistance were headed by senior citizens.

* Clients receiving assistance through Emergency Community Food Pantry community-partner requests

ADDITIONAL FOOD PANTRY PROGRAMS IN 2022

Voucher program

Nearly 900 families with medical issues or with children used Food Pantry Vouchers to purchase fresh food from the Franklin County Farmers Market, Locals Food Hub, and Save-A-Lot.

Emergency food bags

The Mission Clinic, the Franklin County Health Department, Vital Behavioral Health, and city and county schools distributed 627 emergency food bags.

Mini-meal bags

Through local schools, 1,618 mini-meal bags, along with information about food-access resources, were distributed to students facing food insecurity.

Volunteer service

The Emergency Community Food Pantry is 100% volunteer run, thanks to generous administrative support from the Resource Office for Social Ministries (ROSM) and to more than 60 volunteers.

Community partners

Churches, substance-use recovery centers, The Salvation Army, and other social-services agencies—more than 30 in total—help ensure our neighbors can access food from the Emergency Community Food Pantry.

**TOTAL MEALS
PROVIDED IN
2022**

143,810

3 WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Make a donation online or by mail.
- Host a food drive.
- Become a volunteer.



The Emergency Community Food Pantry of Franklin County is a United Way of the Bluegrass agency.

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