

ARKANSAS FOOD BANK FACT SHEET



WHO WE ARE

The Arkansas Foodbank is the foundation in the fight against hunger. We find pathways to connect people, resources, and food to reach those in need, providing dignity, hope and a brighter future for all Arkansans.

HOW WE WORK

Donations are made: We secure donations from the food and grocery industries, government agencies, individuals, and other organizations.

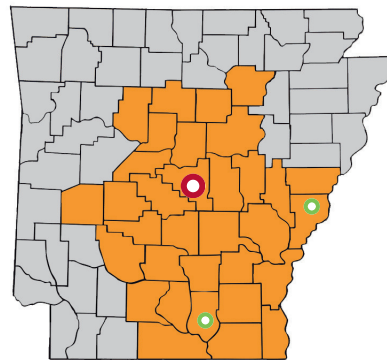
Food is stored: The food that is donated or purchased is then stored in our 73,000-square-foot warehouse and processed by volunteers.

Food is distributed: Arkansas Foodbank arranges pick-ups and deliveries to more than 400 partner agencies and provides pop-up pantries throughout the state.

Food reaches those in need: Food is provided to people in need at food pantries, soup kitchens, youth programs, senior centers, schools, colleges, and emergency shelters.

WHO WE SERVE

Our network spans over 400 local partners across 33 counties in central and southern Arkansas. Operating from our main warehouse in Little Rock, along with branch locations in Warren and Lexa, the Foodbank serves 280,000 Arkansans facing food insecurity.



1 in 5

Arkansans do not know where their next meal may come from

Arkansas ranks

1st

in the nation for food insecurity according to USDA's report

1 in 4

children are at risk of going hungry

1 in 13

seniors in Arkansas are facing hunger

2024 IMPACTS:

41.7 million

total pounds distributed

through our partners and pantries in 2024.

34.8 million

meals provided

to more than 207,000 Arkansans across our 33 county service area.

11.5 million

pounds of fresh produce distributed

to ensure equitable access to nutritious food.

104,210

backpack kits

sent home with thousands of children in over 80 schools.

51,766

volunteer hours served

saving the Foodbank \$1,400,000 in staffing and labor cost.

18,897

volunteers

donated their time and effort to help families facing hunger.





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Help us fight hunger in Arkansas by donating food and raising funds in support of our mission!

\$1  =  5 Meals

Scan the QR Code to host your own Food Drive with the Arkansas Foodbank!



Most Needed Items

Below is a collection of the most needed items for our programs. As a general rule, we are looking for non-glass, shelf-stable foods.



Canned Meats, Vegetables, Fruits, and Soup (Low sodium/low sugar options preferred)



Breakfast Items (cereal, granola bars, instant oatmeal, toaster pastries) and Peanut Butter (Low sugar/whole grain options preferred)



Meal Entrees (Hamburger Helper, pasta skillet meals, canned pasta meals), Rice, and Dry Beans (Whole grain options preferred)



100% Juices, Juice Boxes, & Water

Items We Cannot Accept



Glass Jars

Alcohol

Homemade Food and Canned Goods

Pet Food

Opened or Damaged Cans

Volunteer With Us



Sort & Pack

What: Sorting, packing, and repacking food for distribution

When: Monday-Friday from 9am-12pm and 2-4pm; some Saturday and Tuesday evening availability



Food for Senior Deliveries

What: Delivering food boxes to homebound seniors in Little Rock and North Little Rock

When: The fourth Saturday of each month



Agency Partners

What: Serving in a local food pantry or distribution

When: Various dates and times
Visit our website for more details



Special Events

What: Summer Cereal Drive, Packathon, Empty Bowls, and more!

When: Various dates and times
Visit our website for more details

Visit arkansasfoodbank.org/volunteer or scan the QR Code for more information and to register for a volunteer shift.

