

# 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.

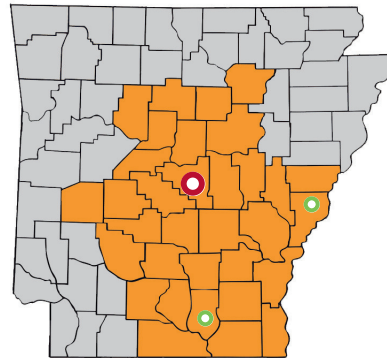
Food is stored: The food that is donated or purchased is then stored in our 73,000-square-foot warehouse and processed by volunteers.

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 more than 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 8

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 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.





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  
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[arkansasfoodbank.org/volunteer](https://arkansasfoodbank.org/volunteer)  
or scan the QR Code for more information and to register for a volunteer shift.

