

Demand for Food Increases

The demand for food has continued to increase in Toledo and surrounding communities. Last year, over **9,000,000 pounds of food** were distributed through 300 member agencies. This translates into over **7,850,000 meals** to over **556,000 people** in need. Many myths exist about the nature of domestic hunger and the people who struggle to have enough to eat.



Hunger affects people you see every day—the cashier at the grocery store, a child in your son or daughter's class, the senior down the street who requires expensive medications.

Hunger exists in every county and every congressional district in the nation. Hunger, which was once considered a problem for very low-wage earners, is now a problem for people from all walks of life.

Many people live one paycheck away from financial disaster. An unexpected illness, injury, car repair, or life change can put a self-sufficient person at risk of hunger.

1 out of 6 people are food insecure

5 out of 6 people can help

The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank currently provides food to more than 300 non-profit agencies in 8 counties: Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Williams and Wood.



Member agencies include: soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, non-profit daycare centers, rehabilitation centers, group homes, holiday food basket programs and special programs for children and the elderly.

Donations come from both local and national companies, food drives and individual donors.



The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank secures and provides food for families struggling with hunger; operates programs that promote self-sufficiency among the people we serve; educates the public about the problem of hunger; and advocates for legislation that protects people from going hungry.



Our mission is to enable other community organizations to end hunger. We strive to maximize community resources by effectively obtaining and distributing food through a food collection and distribution system.

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Volunteer Programs



Volunteers of all ages are always welcome at the Food Bank to sort and pack food, or help in the office with mailers. Volunteers are needed at special events throughout the year.

Volunteer hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with some Saturdays from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm for large groups of 15+. Please call for more information 419-242-5000.

Food Drives & Donations



Financial and Food donations are always welcome at the Food Bank. Hold a food drive at your school or place of employment. Every can will help those in need!

Donate online at www.toledofoodbank.org. Every dollar donated can provide 4 meals.

Tough Choices for People

The Food Bank is important to the local populations in need. We work with partner agencies to serve clients with unique needs and circumstances, thus playing a critical role in addressing hunger.



Over 71% of people served choose between paying for utilities or buying food. Over 68% of clients choose between paying for food or transportation or gas.



58% of households choose between paying for their medication or buying food.

56% of households choose between paying their rent or purchasing food.

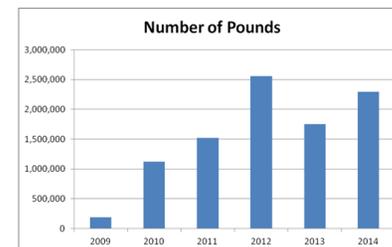
Children Served



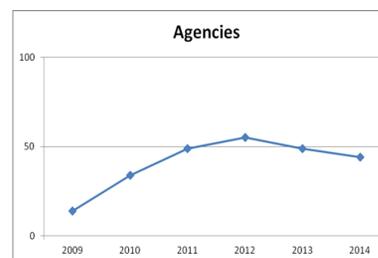
Almost 200,000 children were served in 2015. Over 28% of households have children; 88% of the children take part in the free or reduced lunch program at school. Backpacks are filled with nutritious food and child-friendly containers for children at risk of going hungry on weekends.

Mobile Food Pantry

Over 49 agencies are participating in our Mobile Food Pantry. This free source of fresh food helps to feed additional people in our area plus increases capacity for the agencies. The Mobile Food Pantry is filled with products of high nutritional value such as



fruits, vegetables, dairy, assorted breads and other



perishable foods. Our drivers deliver food products five to six days per week. Agencies immediately distribute the food.

Fruits and vegetables are an important part of a healthy diet. In 2015, we distributed over 2,845,000 pounds of fresh produce.



Emergency food from pantries is no longer being used simply to meet temporary acute food needs. A majority of the clients being served (54%) have visited a food pantry in six or more months during the past year. Due to cuts to SNAP benefits, more people are looking for additional help meeting their nutritional needs.