

# THE FOOD PANTRY SERVING WAUKESHA COUNTY

## MISSION

Provide food, hope, and dignity to county residents in need, and advocate to increase awareness of hunger through community partnerships.

## 2025 IMPACT

January through December

**38,639**

Total household visits. A 114% increase since 2021.

**111,733**

Total individual household member visits. A 138% increase since 2021.

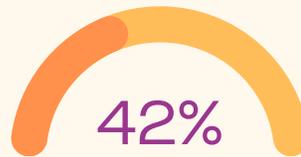
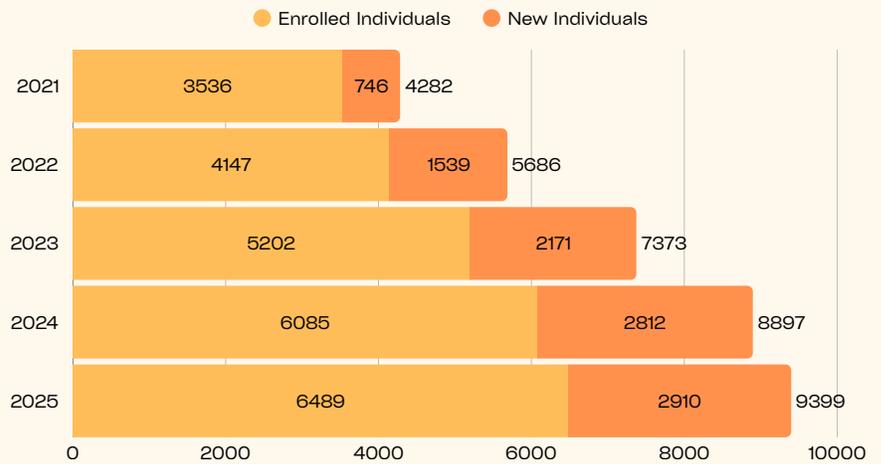
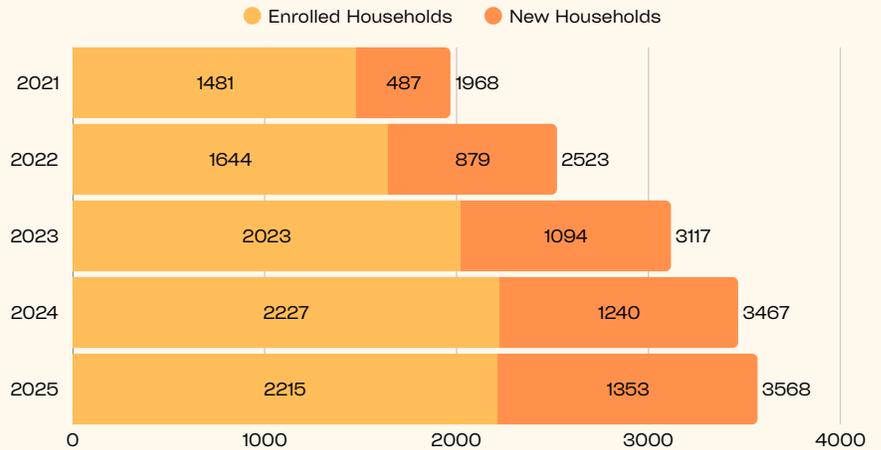
**9,399**

Unduplicated individuals receiving assistance through The Pantry.

**1,353**

The number of first-time households enrolling for services. A 178% increase since 2021.

## WHO WE'RE SERVING



Reported that someone in the household skipped meals to save money



Reported running out of food before the end of the month.

### 31% CHILDREN

Baby care supplies, like diapers, are a growing need.

### 14% SENIORS

We have distributed 2,207 stockboxes to 435 seniors.

## TESTIMONIAL FROM A CLIENT

"There isn't a lot of help for families in the middle like ours, we don't qualify for Foodshare or other assistance. Coming here means bills get paid on time, and can make a difference in getting to enjoy little extras."

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## INCREASED NEED

Food purchases have increased by 260% since 2021. The number of assistance programs for both our clients and our agency has decreased or ended in that time period.

## 2025 SERVICES

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**\$142.00**

The value of 47 pounds of food each family receives on average per visit.

**28,839**

The number of hours provided by 1,218 individual volunteers

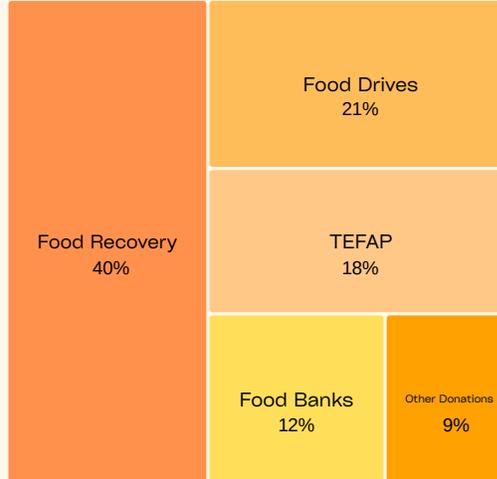
**1.8 MIL**

Nearly two million pounds of food has been donated and distributed into the community.

**40,280**

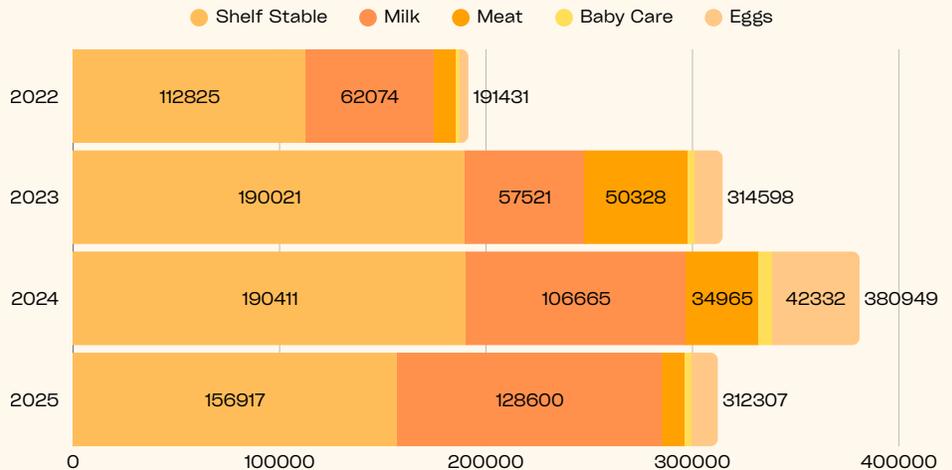
The number of gallons of milk that was purchased and distributed to the community.

## WHERE WE SOURCE OUR FOOD FROM



Through food recovery, businesses have donated 674,799 pounds of food this year. The combined value of donated food through recovery, food drives, and food banks is \$5,182,745. We do not have full control of what types and quantities of food are offered through these sources. We balance our inventory and the staples most needed with food purchases.

## FOOD PURCHASING



As we purchase food for distribution we are not immune to cost increases and supply chain issues. In 2025, we had particular challenges with meat and egg purchases. Vendors for those items did not regularly have the options available at quantities and prices we could afford to meet the service demands. To supplement offerings for clients we searched for cost effective alternatives, like cheese.

## FOOD RECOVERY COSTS

**\$9,909**

Gas & Supplies

**\$13,767**

Vehicle Maintenance

**\$6,607**

Trash, Recycling, & Compost

## HOW TO HELP OUR MISSION

- Donating healthy shelf-stable food items, including: low-sugar canned fruits, low-salt canned vegetables, and low-fat proteins like tuna or chicken.
- Making a financial contribution to support The Food Pantry's mission. Scan the QR code to donate today.

