

BROWN COUNTY, OH

Total population: **43,710**

Residents eligible for foodbank services (200% FPL): **13,850**



THE REALITY: HUNGER AND HARDSHIP

As everyday costs continue to rise faster than wages, many families struggle to afford groceries.

Households with children are especially impacted, often forced to make difficult choices between food, rent, and utilities. Ongoing pressure on household budgets contributes to continued need for help with food.



17.5%
overall food
insecurity rate



7,640
food insecure
individuals



21.9%
child food
insecurity rate



2,190
food insecure
children



17.60%
disability rate



17.40%
overall
poverty rate



7,498
individuals living
below the poverty level



\$69,990
household
median income



4.4%
unemployment
rate

THE BIGGER PICTURE: SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AFFECT FOOD ACCESS

Work support programs like Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Women, Infant, and Children (WIC), Medicaid, and Marketplace coverage help families stay stable. By putting food on the table and ensuring access to health care, they prevent short-term struggles from turning into long-term crises.



792
participants in
Women, Infant, and
Children (WIC)



12,594
individuals with
Medicaid health
insurance



8.3%
uninsured
rate



2,332
individuals with
Marketplace
health insurance



5,889
individuals
participating in SNAP



13%
residents
participating in SNAP

GOOD NEWS: FOODBANKS ARE HERE TO SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

Ohio's foodbanks and local partners provide nutritious food statewide. Through pantries and hunger-relief agencies, they serve families, children, and seniors, distributing millions of pounds of food each year to strengthen communities and fill gaps when other supports fall short.

The data shown is drawn from multiple sources (see footer). *Ohio Foodbank network data reflects duplicated counts of households and individuals served, so these numbers represent total instances of service, not unique households or individuals. This data is collected only at pantry visits.

In SFY 2025, Freestore Foodbank and their 9 food pantries and hunger relief agencies in Brown County provided take-home grocery services



31,187
times to
children*



52,755
times to
adults*



31,326
times to
older adults*



43,420
households*



115,268
total services
provided*

1,561,396

total pounds of food were distributed to Ohioans in need in SFY 2025 thanks to the programs and efforts led by this foodbank and their partners