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Vermont Foodbank
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Vermont Foodbank Mission

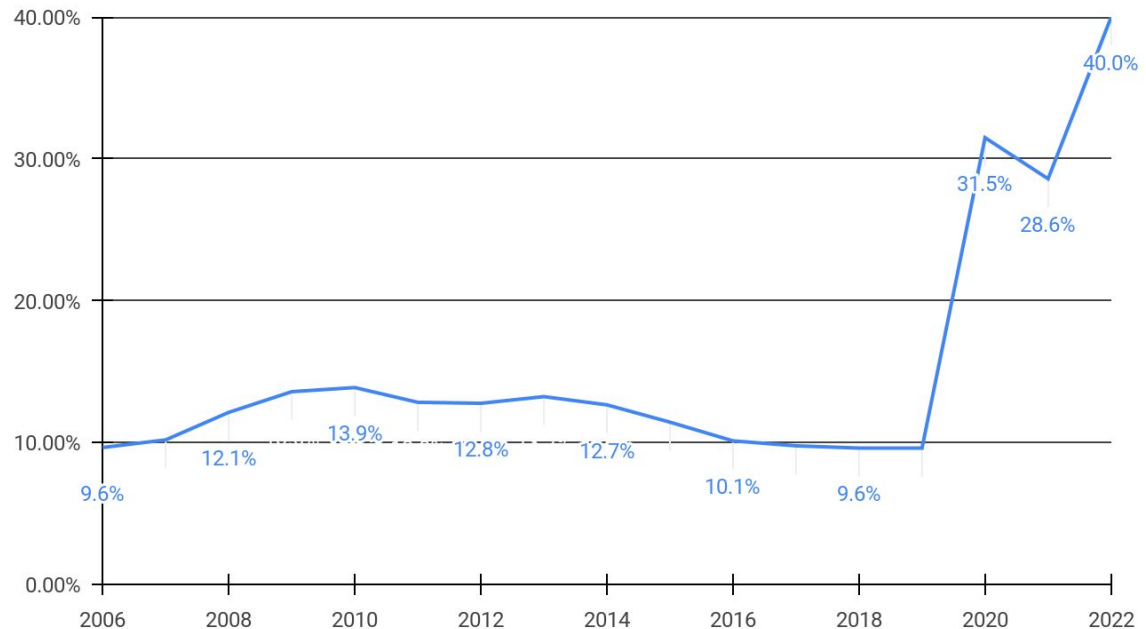
- **Mission:** to gather and share quality food and nurture partnerships so that no one in Vermont will go hungry
- A **food distribution** organization
- **Provide nutritious food to people in need** through a network of more than 300 network and community partners – food shelves, meal sites, senior centers, after-school programs, schools, and hospitals – in communities serving all 14 counties in Vermont.

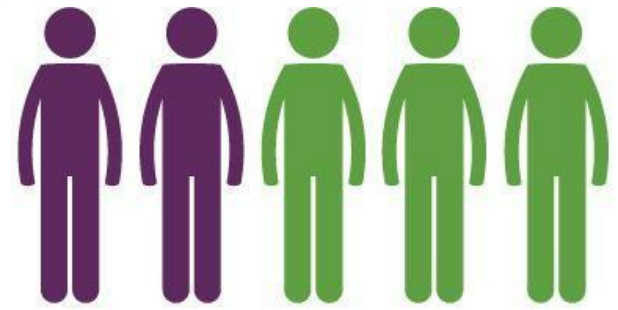
Hunger in Vermont



Hunger before & throughout the pandemic

- Food insecurity had been declining steadily since spiking during the Great Recession and had been holding steady at 1 in 10 Vermonters for several years
- It took 10 years to return to pre-recession levels of hunger
- The Vermont Foodbank was serving 1 in 4 people annually
- 1 in 10 is an unacceptable level of hunger to return to as the status quo





2 in 5

people in VT are
food insecure.

Today, even more people are experiencing food insecurity than at the height of the pandemic*.

*From University of Vermont NFACT research team at: ["A 2022 Assessment of Food Security and Health Outcomes during the COVI"](#) by Ashley C. McCarthy, Farryl Bertmann et al. (uvm.edu)

Hunger Inequities in Vermont

Due to the pandemic and current economic crisis, **food insecurity rates** are **higher** for certain groups of people:

1.8X People identifying as women were **1.8x** more likely to experience food insecurity than men.

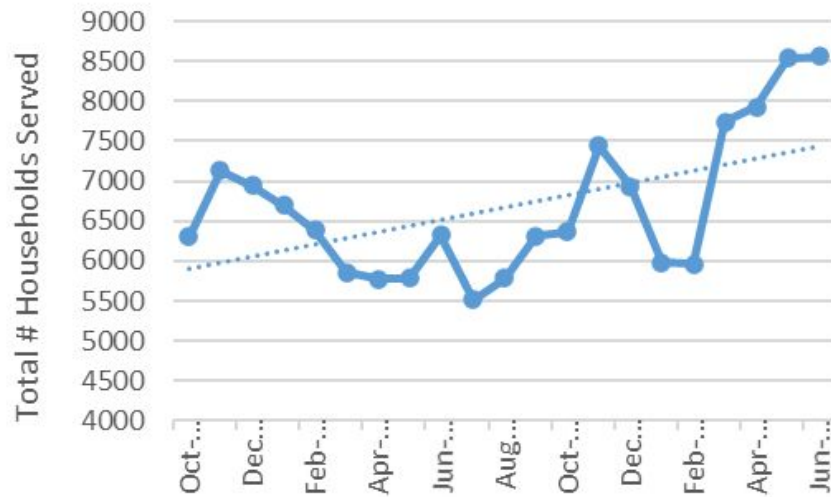
3.1X Households experiencing a job disruption during the pandemic were **3.1x** more likely to be food insecure than households without a job disruption.

6.9X Households with an annual income below \$50K were **6.9x** more likely to be food insecure than households making \$50k per year or more.

VT Foodbank Food Distribution Programs

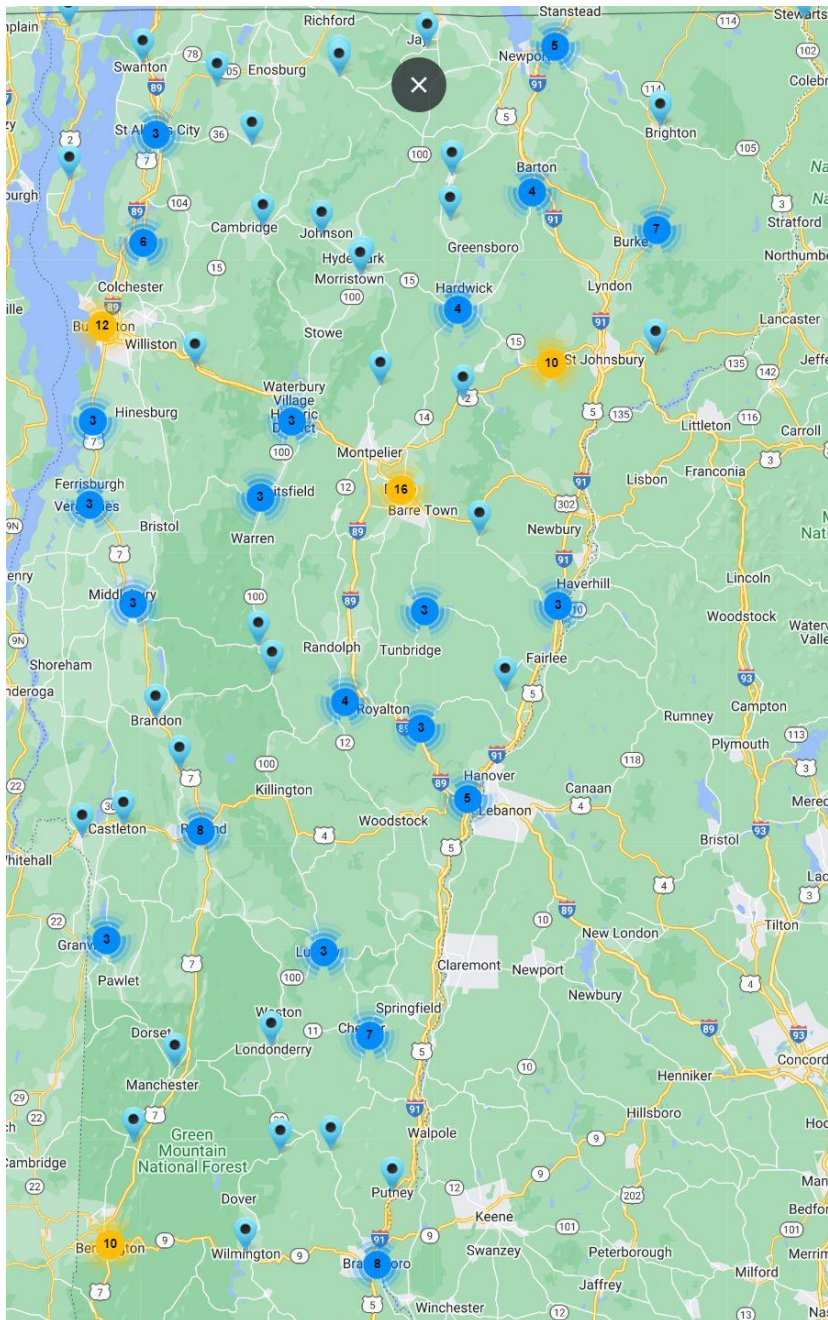
VeggieVanGo

of households served



- The Vermont Foodbank Distributed:
 - 11.7 million lbs of food in 2019 (pre-pandemic)
 - From 2020-2022, 49.7 million lbs of food were distributed across Vermont
- **VeggieVanGo saw a 127% increase in participation from 2019 to 2022**
- **60% of the Foodbank's network reports an increase in usage in the past year**

SERVICE



We Work With
MORE THAN 320
Food Shelves, Meal Sites, Hospitals,
Schools, & Community Partners

IMPACT

More Than



50 Million Pounds
of Food Distributed
Since 2020

More Than



300 Vermont Farms
Supported Through
Purchasing & Gleaning

More Than



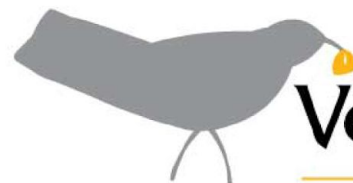
\$2.4 Million
Stayed in the Local
Economy in FY22

What you can do:

Fund the Vermont Foodbank & our network's continued efforts to provide food to food-insecure households with \$3 million in base funding.



Thank you for your time.



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