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**HUNGRY**

# Childhood Hunger in Multnomah County

Our Mission:

To eliminate hunger and its root causes  
*... because no one should be hungry.*



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# Children are disproportionately affected by hunger

- 20% of Multnomah County residents are 17 or under.
- 34% of those are eating meals from food boxes.
- More than 16,000 kids each month.





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# Chronic hunger forces families to make difficult choices

In the past year, 36% of families in Multnomah County have had to skip or cut the size of their children's meals.





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# Multnomah County families struggle to meet basic needs

Households with children are more likely to be:

- Living below the poverty line
- Struggling with unemployment



**Thomas**  
Portland

*My sister couldn't take care of her children, so I stepped up to take care of my nieces and nephews. Kids at their ages — they're 13, 15 and 11 now — eat like you wouldn't believe. Oh my god. Everything I put in that kitchen is gone.*



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# Childhood hunger impacts health and well-being

- Lower school achievement
- Impaired social skills, self-control, attentiveness
- At risk for obesity





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# OFB is on the front lines in the fight against hunger

- Emergency food distribution
- Education and community-building programs
- Public-private partnerships



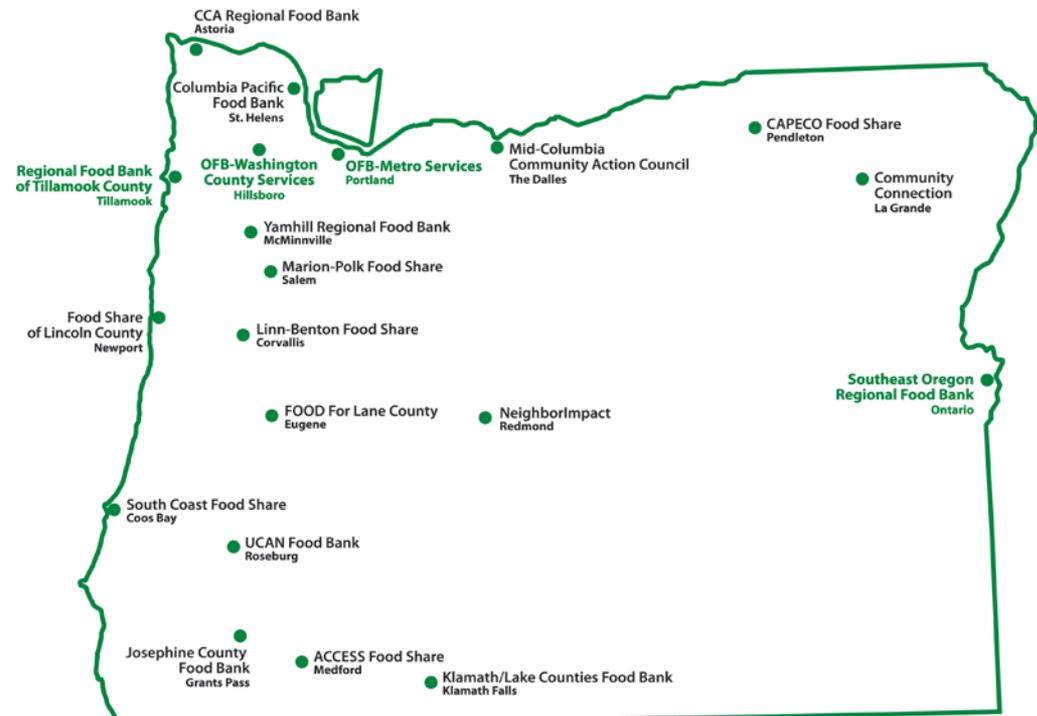


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# Networked for hunger relief

The Oregon Food Bank Network brings food and resources where they are needed most.

- 20 regional food banks
- 945 partner agencies





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# Children are best served when families are served



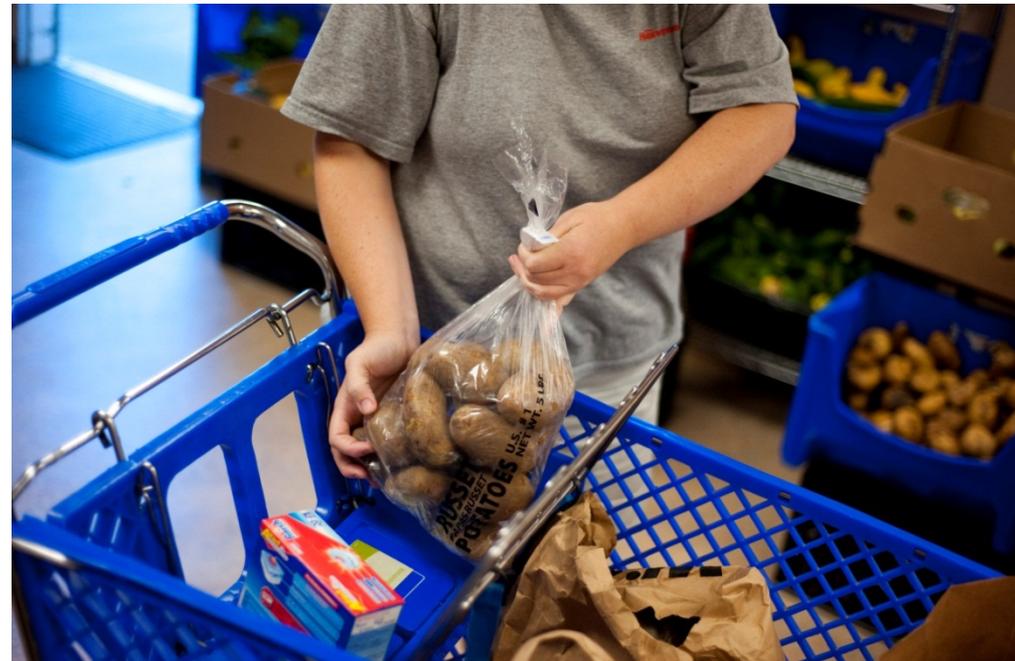


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# Essential resources for Multnomah County families

Last year, Metro Services  
distributed:

- 204,000 emergency food boxes to 610,000 people.
- 34 percent of these were children.





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# Beyond emergency food: New ways of thinking and doing

- Multnomah SUN school-based pantries
- Supplemental food
- Food security screening in clinics





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# Advocating for change through public policy

- Protect food assistance and safety net
- Advance economic opportunity
- Support strong local food systems





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# Public-private partnerships are key to addressing hunger

- SNAP program
- Oregon Hunger Response Fund
- Multnomah County CROPS
- Portland Children's Levy





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**Thank you  
for making a difference.**

