



Fact Sheet – WTFB

History

The West Texas Food bank was established by a small group of local concerned citizens in 1985 to address the critical issue of hunger in the West Texas area by securing donations of surplus foods and grocery products for distribution through a network of charitable organizations dedicated to feeding the hungry covering 45,000 square miles in 22 West Texas Counties

Mission

West Texas Food Bank works to alleviate hunger through community partnerships.

The Food Bank distributes over 5 million pounds of food per year through a network of more than 170 partner agencies in 22 counties covering over 45,000 square miles.

The WTFB's 22-county area is affected by high rates of hunger, poor nutrition, and related health problems.

For every dollar donated to the Food Bank, \$11 dollars worth of food and grocery product is provided to the hungry. 96% of all revenue is allocated for food distribution and programs, only 4% is utilized for administration and fundraising expenditures.

Odessa

- Over 73 partner agencies
- 2.8 million pounds of food distributed per year
- Approximately 67,000 people served

El Paso

- Over 71 partner agencies
- Almost 2 million pounds of food distributed per year
- Approximately 46,000 people served

Alpine

- Over 20 agencies
- Almost 500,000 pounds of food distributed per year
- Approximately 4,700 people served

Texas is the most food insecure state in the nation. Defined, food insecurity is when you are so limited in resources to buy food that you are running out of food, reducing the quality of food that your family eats, feeding your children unbalanced diets, or skipping meals so your children can eat. **2004 USDA/Economic Research Service

12% of Texas seniors are living in poverty. That is more than one-quarter of a million seniors! *U.S. Census, Current Population Survey, Annual Social & Economic Supplement 2005

4.9% of Texas' population experience hunger on a regular basis – more than one million people. *USDA/Economic Research Service

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