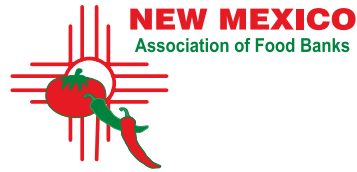
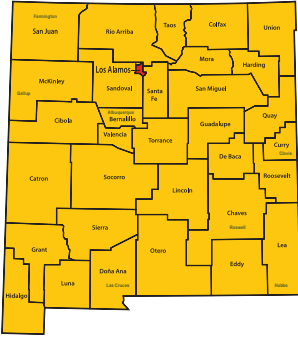


# LOS ALAMOS

The Food Depot serves Los Alamos County



## Hunger and Increased Need During Pandemic



### OVERALL HUNGER

During pandemic

**1 in 8**

Pre-pandemic

**1 in 12**

Percentage during pandemic

**11.8%**

Percentage pre-pandemic

**8.1%**

### CHILD HUNGER

During pandemic

**1 in 5**

Pre-pandemic

**1 in 7**

Percentage during pandemic

**19.5%**

Percentage pre-pandemic

**13.4%**

## POUNDS OF FOOD & NUMBER OF MEALS DISTRIBUTED

2019 pre-pandemic

**Pounds 108,464**

**# Meals 90,387**



2020 during pandemic

**Pounds 192,433**

**# Meals 160,360**

## HOW NEW MEXICO LEGISLATORS CAN HELP

### Do No Harm:

- **Do not reinstate the Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) on any food.** 25% of our fellow New Mexicans are poor, unemployed and do not qualify for ANY Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamp) benefits.
- **Do not tax nonprofit organizations.** Taxing nonprofits could result in significant decreases or elimination of key programs New Mexicans count on.
- **Do not cut budgets for state agencies providing and administering critical services.** Cuts may decrease the agencies' ability to deliver timely aid and delay services for New Mexicans in poverty.

### Keep funding emergency food for food banks at current levels:

- Preserve – do not cut – the \$1.2 million appropriation for FY2021 for food banks to source and purchase fresh produce.
- Preserve – do not cut – the \$500,000 appropriation for FY2021 for food banks to source and purchase shelf-stable foods.
- Provide an additional appropriation of \$5 million for food banks to meet increased demand for emergency food during the pandemic. Please see HB132.

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ATTACHMENT A

# New Mexico's Food Banks



## How do we do it?

### Food is:

- Donated
- Purchased
- Rescued from retailers
- Received through contracts



Food Banks pick up and receive truckloads



of food every week.



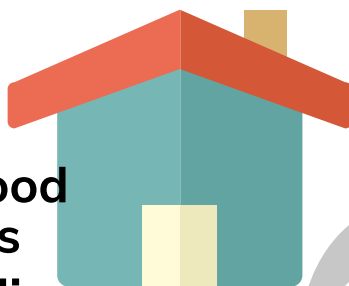
Food is distributed to each of New Mexico's 33 counties.

### Volunteers help:

- Box
- Sort
- Repack
- Relabel



Food is supplied to free food programs including:



- Food Pantries
- School Partners
- After-school Programs
- Community Kitchens
- Daycare Centers

- Emergency Shelters
- Soup Kitchens
- Senior Meal Sites
- Low-income Housing
- Chapter Houses
- Health Partners

Hunger relief is provided to **tens of thousands of New Mexicans each week.**

