



**What CANstruction
means to our
community**



The state of hunger

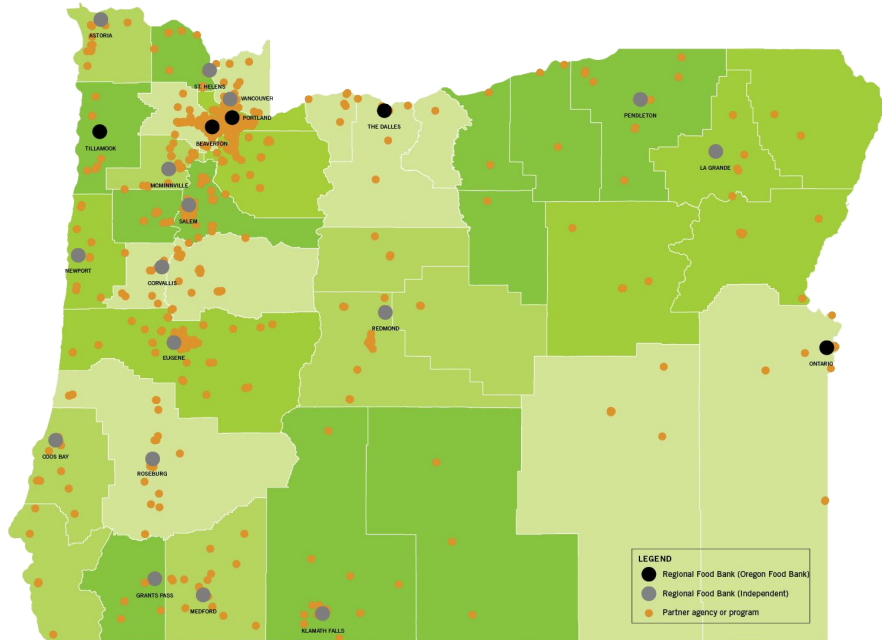


Today, nearly 1 in 8 people, and 1 in 6 kids, are going to bed hungry in Oregon.

Last year, we saw 2.5 million visits to food assistance sites through the Oregon Food Bank Network — a 31% increase from the previous year. *This is a record number of visits.*



About Oregon Food Bank | Food for Today



The Oregon Food Bank Network is made up of **21 regional food banks partnering with more than 1,200 free food markets, pantries, meal sites and delivery programs**. We build community connections to help people access nourishing, familiar food when and where they need it.

Our strength is this Network, which **sourced and distributed nearly 110 million pounds last year** – more than half of which was fresh produce, dairy, and protein!

Many locations are shopping-style markets that allow families to select food that matches cultural and dietary needs.



About Oregon Food Bank | Ending Hunger Tomorrow



We can feed people who need help today, but if we don't fix bigger problems like the high cost of housing and healthcare, people will still go hungry tomorrow. That's why we build community power to transform food systems, and change laws and policies that keep people in poverty.

OFB invests in growers & BIPOC farmers, native fishers, local community partners, cultivates healthcare and education collaborations, and advocates for policy change like free school meals. Last year, more than **3,000 people** took action to advance anti-hunger policy.



The urgency right now

Food is what unites us. Whether we face hunger personally or not, our communities are better off when everyone has access to food.

OFB has seen a cancellation of 30 truckloads of food (1.5 million lb) - and expect 60 more for the rest of this year due to USDA cuts. That's equal to about \$6 million, or 4.5 million pounds total, in the form of dairy, pork, chicken, eggs, blueberries, and more. That's less for Oregonians who need it. Threats to SNAP, WIC, Medicaid, and school meals all indicate an increased need for food banks - SNAP alone provides 7 meals for every 1 meal a food bank provides.

CANstruction is how YOU provide food to our neighbors raise and public awareness of hunger!



The CANstruction Impact



This is where YOU come in.

The food you donate. The awareness you bring. The dollars you raise. The media that takes notice. These are essential to meeting the need, and you are doing it!

Last year:

- ❖ CANstruction PDX collected **19,958 pounds of food** - the equivalent of nearly 17,000 meals!
- ❖ More than **\$1,500** was donated by teams and supporters (and this goes a long way when food banks can buy in bulk!)
- ❖ And the media exposure was enormous - Placements in **The Oregonian, Willamette Week, the Portland Tribune PDX Parent, KPTV, KGW, KATU, KOIN.** This awareness, shining a light on this issue, is incalculable.

What can we achieve together this year?





*You're part of our community,
and together we can end hunger for good.*

*Whether you distribute food, volunteer,
donate money or advocate for policy changes,
every action makes a difference.*

*Hunger is an ongoing crisis.
And with your ongoing love and support,
we can end it for good.*

Thank you.



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more about our work?

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