



2024

# Muskingum County Hunger Impact Report

## Who's Hungry in our County?

**84,075**

people live in Muskingum County

**13,148 (16%)**

residents are living in poverty<sup>1</sup>

**28,857 (34%)**

are eligible for charitable food assistance<sup>2</sup>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2023 American Community Survey estimates, Table C17002

## Families served here:

**72%**

had at least 1 senior or child in their home

**37%**

had 1 or more children in their home (under 18)

**43%**

had 1 or more seniors in their home (60+)

Service and Household data source: Mid-Ohio Food Collective PantryTrak system

## Feeding Muskingum County

How much food did Mid-Ohio Food Collective and its partner network distribute to Muskingum County in 2024?

**2,032,861**

pounds of nourishing food!

**35%** of food distributed came from government sources.

## How many times did Muskingum County families get food?

**35,893**

service visits in 2024

**17% more**

visits than in 2023

## Food is Health

Research shows that consistent access to fresh food improves health outcomes for individuals, families, and communities.

**61%**

of food distributed was fresh food, including meat, dairy, eggs, fruits, vegetables, bread, and other perishable items.

## Leading Agency Partners

- Eastside Community Ministry Food Pantry
- Word of God Community Church
- Muskingum County Center for Seniors

Mid-Ohio Food Collective supplies food to more than 600 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, after-school programs, senior housing sites, and produce markets in 20 counties in central & eastern Ohio.

**For more information or to volunteer, donate, advocate visit: [www.mofc.org](http://www.mofc.org)**

<sup>1</sup> Household is living below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level based on family size and income.

<sup>2</sup> People residing in a household with income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level based on family size. State of Ohio guidelines determine these people may have trouble meeting basic needs, including consistent access to food.