

AVOYELLES PARISH

IMPACT REPORT FY2023 July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023

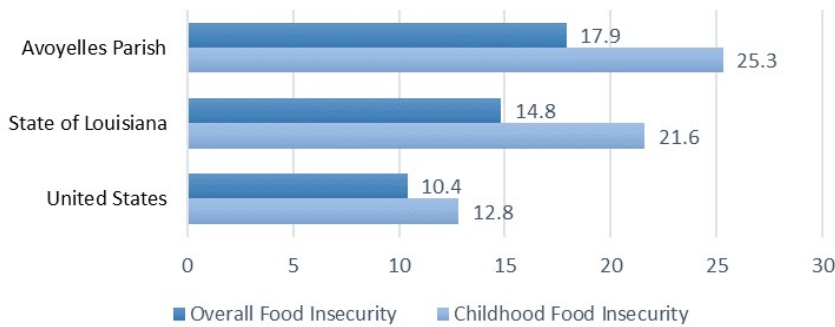
FOOD BANK
OF CENTRAL
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Food Insecurity

Food insecurity is defined as not having access to enough food for an active, healthy life. Louisiana ranks third in the nation for overall food insecurity, and first for food insecurity among children and seniors. Avoyelles Parish exceeds Louisiana state averages.

Estimated Food Insecurity Rates
(% of Population)



Food Bank Partner Agencies

These local programs provide groceries and meals to those in need in their communities.

- Abram Temple Church
- Avoyelles Parish Council on Aging
- Avoyelles Parish School District
- Avoyelles Progress Action Committee
- Avoyelles Sleeves Up
- Avoyelles Ward One
- Mansura Care and Hope Center
- Marksville Ministry Outreach
- Refuge Baptist Church
- T.A.S.T.E. of Saint John

434,788

Meals Provided

18%

More than
one in six
Avoyelles Parish
residents is
food-insecure

521,745

Pounds Distributed

Feeding Families



A Monthly Mobile Food Pantries in Simmesport served families a total of **90,792 pounds of food**.

Partner Agency Programs provided **430,953 pounds** of food to neighbors through food pantries, meal programs, shelters, and community services.



A Community Garden with Move Bunkie Forward provided neighbors training and space to grow their own food.

SNAP Assistance helped **60 families** complete & submit applications for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance



Strengthening Children

The Backpack Program at **seven schools and youth programs** provided food for children to take home on weekends.



Gardens at three Avoyelles Parish schools taught kids how to grow their own produce and enabled them to taste many foods new to them.

Nourishing Seniors



1,042 fifty-pound Grocery Boxes were provided to neighbors aged 65 or older in the Senior Program with food bank partner agencies.

Food Bank Board

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