

NATCHITOCHEES PARISH

IMPACT REPORT FY22: July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023

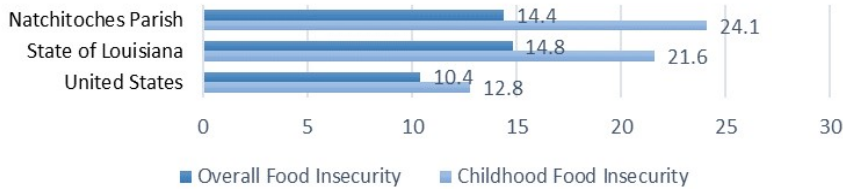
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Food Insecurity

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. Natchitoches 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.

- Boys and Girls Club
- Cane River Food Pantry
- First Presbyterian Church of Natchitoches
- Natchitoches Food Pantry
- Natchitoches Parish Council on Aging
- Natchitoches Parish Office of Community Services
- Old Pisgah Baptist Church
- Robeline First Baptist Church

459,902

Meals Provided

14%

One in seven
Natchitoches
Parish
residents is
food-insecure

551,882

Pounds Distributed

Feeding Families



Monthly Mobile Food Pantries in Campti and Powhatan served families a total of **237,261 pounds of food**.

Partner Agency Programs provided **314,620 pounds** of food to neighbors through their food pantries and meal services.



Community Gardens at the **Ben D. Johnson Center and the Council on Aging** provided neighbors training and space to grow their own food.

SNAP Assistance helped **50 families** complete & submit applications for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps).



Nourishing Seniors

916 fifty-pound Grocery Boxes were provided to neighbors aged 65 or older participating in the Senior Program.

Food Bank Board

Lottie Bash	Christina Hathorn	Marie Simpson
Ronny Briley	Tim Holloway	Todd St.Romain
Gary Brown	Kent Lachney	Cornelia Sutton
Brian Couvillon	Krystal Rachal	Kelli West
Joe Gardner	Mandy Scoggin	Robert Willett

Strengthening Children

The Backpack Program at **two schools and youth programs** provided meals and snacks for children to take home on weekends.



The School Food Pantry at **Natchitoches Jr. High** helped students' families throughout the school year.

School Gardens at **Natchitoches Central High and Natchitoches Jr. High** taught kids to grow their own produce and try new foods.



Meals for Kids were served at **Boys & Girls Club** in the Summer Food Service Program and after school in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

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