

WHO WE ARE

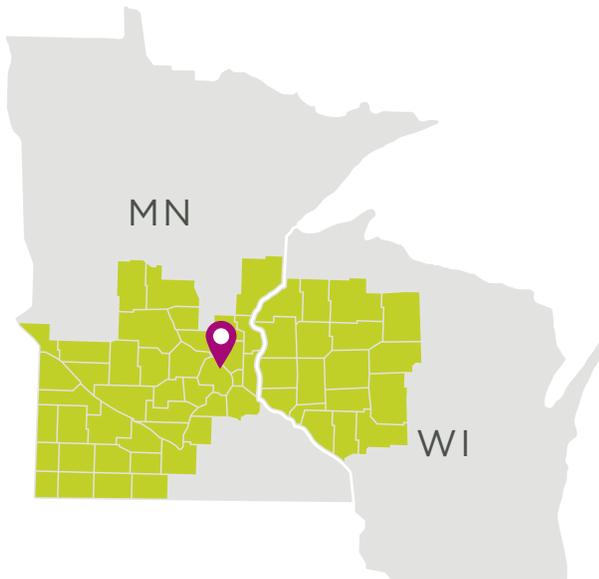
At Second Harvest Heartland, we work to end hunger together, leveraging our unique position in the emergency food chain as **one of the largest, most efficient, and most innovative hunger-relief organizations in the nation**, to make an impact.

Second Harvest Heartland serves as a wholesale distributor for our region's emergency food system, sourcing food from growers and farmers, manufacturers, grocery stores, and restaurants.

We then deliver this food to over 1,000 program partners across 41 counties in Minnesota and 18 in Western Wisconsin, accounting for the vast majority of the food distributed by the food shelves and other hunger-relief programs in our service area.

In addition to working to reduce record hunger today, we are working to prevent hunger tomorrow through public policy advocacy, new partnerships, and innovative programming.

OUR SERVICE AREA



OUR IMPACT

143 million
meals provided

In fiscal year 2025, we provided the equivalent of more than 143 million meals to the community with demand for food assistance at an all-time high.

166 million lbs
of food distributed

Of that, we sourced 11.7 million pounds of produce and 7.8 million pounds of dairy—including 900,201 gallons of milk—from Minnesota farmers and producers.

1.3 million
prepared meals

In 2025, Kitchen Coalition, our prepared-meals initiative, delivered 1,304,956 fully prepared meals to Minnesotans without the home, health, or ability to cook for themselves.

10,000+ households
assisted with SNAP

Our Care Center, launched in Fall 2023, is a hub for finding food resources, offering live support for neighbors seeking food today and helping with enrollment in other relevant programs, including SNAP.

\$1.1 million distributed
to the community

Last year, we provided \$1,151,393 in grant funding to hunger-relief partners to help meet increased need and address food access challenges due to rising costs and other issues facing Minnesota families.

POLICY PRIORITIES TO END HUNGER

Hunger is a policy choice and cannot be eliminated through food distributions alone. That's why Second Harvest Heartland works with partners across Minnesota's emergency food system and others to advocate for hunger-fighting policies that reduce hunger and address its root causes.

STATE POLICY PRIORITIES

INVEST IN MINNESOTA'S HUNGER RELIEF SYSTEM

SF3770/HF3586: Establish **permanent regional food bank grants** to help the state's five food banks and eleven Tribal Nations source and distribute more food to their hunger relief partners across the state.

SF3904/HF3624: Increase **permanent funding for the Minnesota Food Shelf Program** to help food shelves across the state address rising demand.

SF3891/HF3579: Increase **availability of eggs** at food shelves by allowing donations of more food-safe eggs.

SF3753/HF3381: **Clarify sales tax exemption** to cover all charitable prepared meals.

IMPROVE AND EXPAND ACCESS TO SNAP

SF849/HF45: Increase **resources for SNAP outreach** to eligible grant recipients so that more Minnesotans have access to this critical hunger-fighting program.

SF4061/HF3773: **Preserve SNAP access** for all Minnesotans impacted by HR1.



1 in 5 MN families
can't afford the
food they need.

THE FOOD SECURITY SCALE

Our statewide hunger survey, conducted in partnership with Wilder Research, found that **22% of MN households** are food insecure. *Percentages reflect rounding.*



STOP 1: FOOD INSECURE

NO HELP

2% of MN households are not receiving help from the emergency food system, and do not have enough food



STOP 2: FOOD INSECURE

SOME HELP

5% of MN households are receiving some help from the emergency food system, but still do not have enough food



STOP 3: FOOD INSECURE

ENOUGH HELP

15% of MN households are receiving emergency food system help, and have enough food because of it



STOP 4: FOOD SECURE

NO NEED FOR HELP

79% of MN households have enough food without needing any help from the emergency food system