

Food Security Work Group

Mission

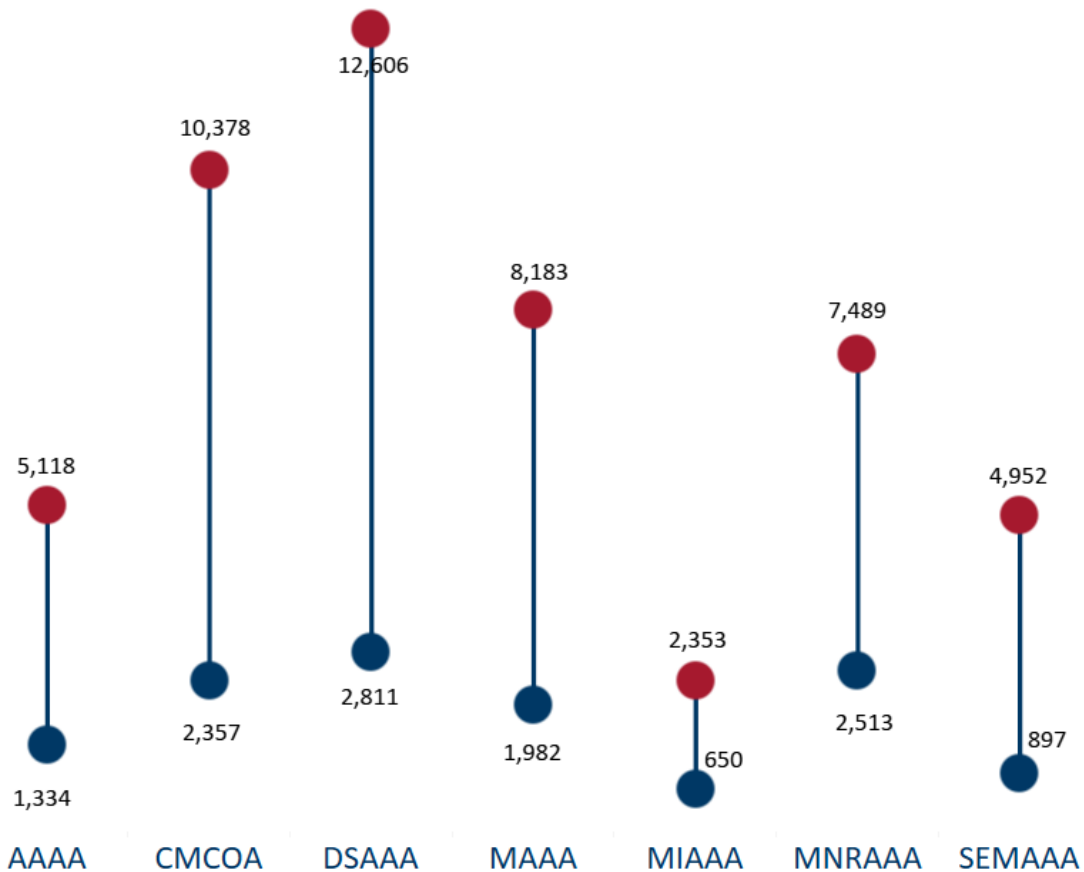
Ensure that people in Minnesota have access to consistent food supplies for the duration of and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, that they do not need to put themselves in harm's way to access that food, and that our work contributes to a sustainable and equitable food system.

Strategies

1. Support food banks and food shelves so they can meet statewide household demand
2. Expand availability, access, and support for food assistance programs
3. Provide access to meals for all children for duration of and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic
4. Engage with Tribal Nations and ensure they experience food security
5. Serve as a source of needs coordination and resource distribution via the SEOC
6. Partner with nonprofit and corporate leaders to provide meals across Minnesota
7. Support stability and continuity in the overall food supply chain

Demand for food support

Home-Delivered Meals—Original Q2 Projected People Served vs. Updated COVID Q2 Projected People Served, by Area Agency on Aging



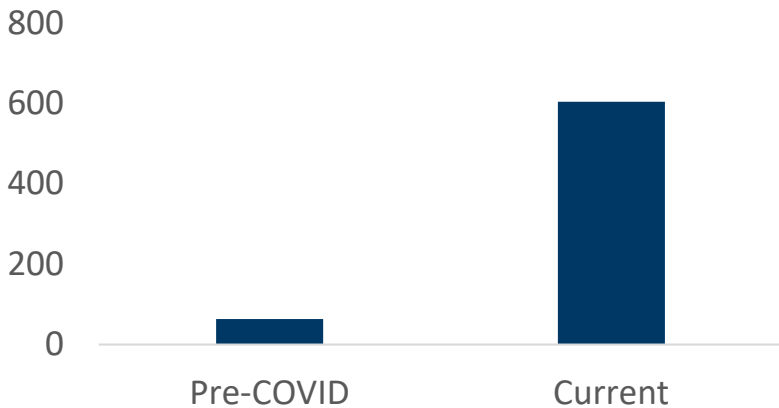
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■ Altered Projections ■ Original Projections

Due to COVID-19, two in five households in US with children under age 12 are food insecure

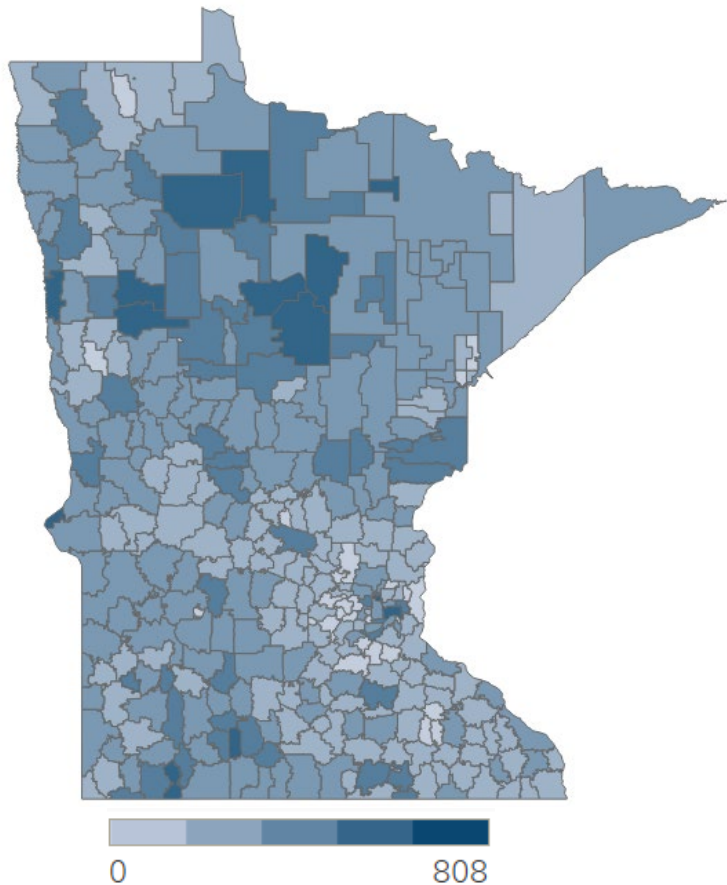


Faith-based organizations serving up to 6x as many meals each week



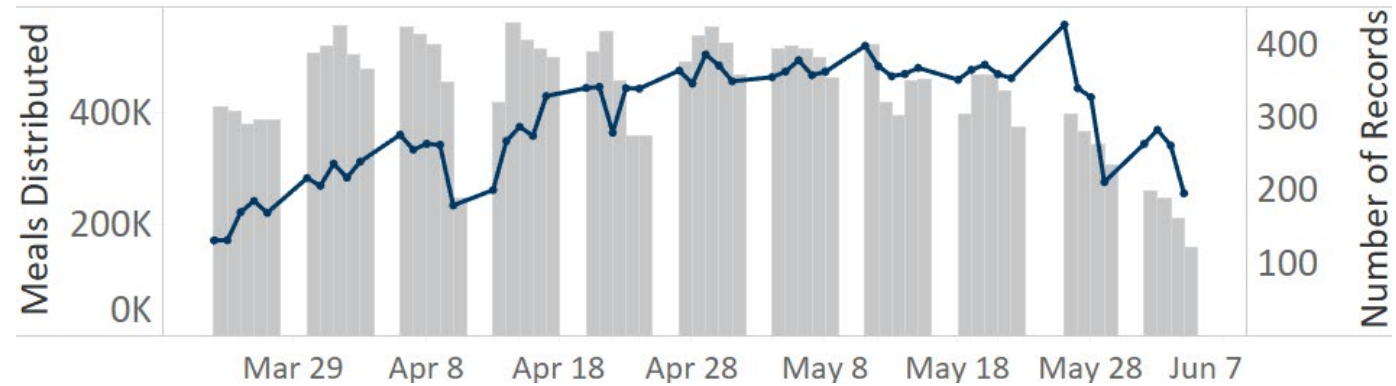
Food support dispersion and trends

Number of students receiving free and reduced price lunch by school district, per 1,000 students

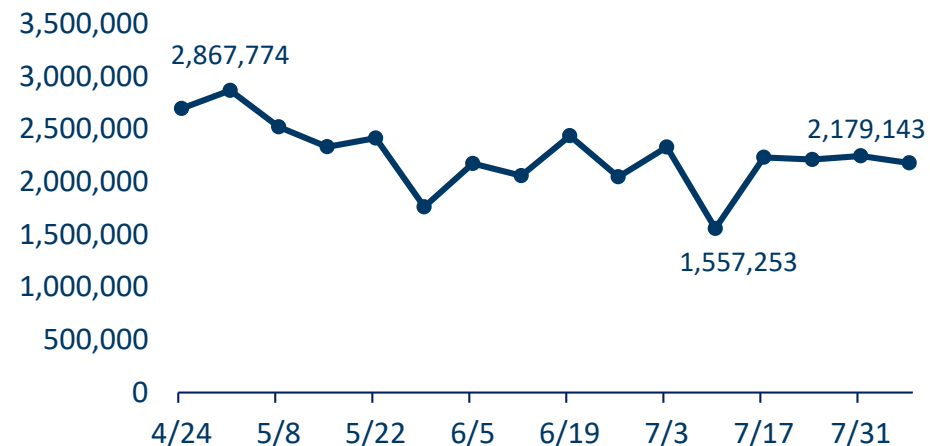


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Schools provide >400k meals per day, a steady increase since March



Food banks distribute 2.4M lbs per week, a 20% increase over 2019



TEFAP Distribution

2020: 22.4M lbs.
2019: 18M lbs.

Growth: On track for approximately **200%** increase this year

Currently funded support

The Governor has directed \$75 million in federal coronavirus relief aid toward food security, reaching 500,000 people each month, providing approximately 1 million meals.

More specifically the funding:

- Allows 350,000 children enrolled in free and reduced-price school meals to continue to get meals during the summer through an extension of the federal pandemic EBT program
- Enables emergency food shelves to safely distribute food using social distancing guidelines
- Delivers meals to more than 14,500 older adults with no other source of food for at least one of their meals each month
- Expands community-based meal access for children, youth, and adults experiencing increased food insecurity as a result of COVID-19
- Provides food assistance and essential non-food products to approximately 27,000 members of tribal nations and urban Indian communities experiencing adverse health and economic impacts of COVID-19