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USDA Food Security Report Shows 1 in 8 Oregonians Face Hunger as SNAP Cuts Take Effect

Oregon Hunger Task Force, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon and Oregon Food Bank warn that rising costs and reduced food assistance are increasing hunger statewide

The [Oregon Hunger Task Force](#), [Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon](#) and [Oregon Food Bank](#) emphasize that the latest [U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) report on food security](#) confirms hunger remains a persistent challenge statewide for Oregon families.

According to the [USDA Household Food Security in the United States Report](#) released December 30, 2025, roughly 1 in 8 Oregonians experienced food insecurity during the most recent reporting period. That means hundreds of thousands of families across the state struggled at some point during the year to afford enough food. For children, the risk is even higher, with about 1 in 6 facing food insecurity.

The USDA report comes at a time when hunger is already getting worse. Families across Oregon are struggling with higher food and housing costs, and recent federal actions — including the passage of [H.R. 1, the largest cut to SNAP in history](#) — are reducing food assistance for many households. Because the report only includes data through 2024, it does not yet reflect how these SNAP cuts are deepening hunger right now.

“This report reflects conditions that were already deeply concerning in 2024,” said Chris Baker, Administrator of the Oregon Hunger Task Force. “We are now seeing in real time that the strain on families and food providers across Oregon has only intensified. As policymakers consider next steps, it’s critical they recognize that the crisis is further along than this data alone suggests.”

“The report makes clear that hunger remains a persistent challenge and that current policy decisions risk pushing more Oregon families into crisis,” said Oregon Food Bank President Andrea Williams. **“Oregon will need a strong response from the legislature in the upcoming short session to protect and strengthen food assistance to prevent hunger from deepening across the state.”** Oregon Hunger Task Force, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon and Oregon Food Bank urge Oregon leaders to act decisively and ensure everyone has access to the food we need.

These findings underscore the urgency of this moment for Oregon. On Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. PT, the Oregon Hunger Task Force will hold its annual Legislative Briefing, where it will present policy recommendations for the upcoming legislative session. And on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. PT, Oregon Food Bank President Andrea Williams will deliver Oregon Food Bank’s annual State of Hunger address at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem. During the address, she will present new data from Oregon Food Bank’s 2026 State of Hunger Report, describing current hunger conditions across the state and the actions needed to respond.

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About the Oregon Hunger Task Force

Since 1989, the Oregon Hunger Task Force has worked as a statewide advocate for Oregonians who are hungry or at risk of hunger. The Task Force works collaboratively with stakeholders throughout Oregon to promote community awareness, compile research, and develop proposals for government action. Learn more at www.oregonhungertaskforce.org.

About Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon

At Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, we work alongside those most impacted by hunger and poverty to advocate for systemic changes and better access to food. We believe everyone has the right to be free from hunger. To bring that vision into reality, we raise awareness about hunger, connect people to nutrition programs, and advocate for systemic changes. Learn more at www.oregonhunger.org.

About Oregon Food Bank

At Oregon Food Bank, we believe that food is a basic human right. We know that hunger is not just an individual experience; it is also a community-wide symptom of barriers to employment, education, housing, and healthcare. That’s why we work systemically in our mission to end hunger in Oregon: we build community connections to help people access nourishing, affordable food today, and we build community power to eliminate the root causes of hunger for good. Join us online OregonFoodBank.org and @oregonfoodbank on social media.