

Food Gatherers

Current Demand – Summer/Fall 2023



Food Gatherers is the largest anti-hunger nonprofit organization serving Washtenaw County. We exist to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in our community by reducing food waste through the rescue and distribution of perishable and nonperishable food, coordinating with other hunger-relief providers, educating the public about hunger, and developing new food resources.

Food Sources

In FY2023, food came from a variety of sources.



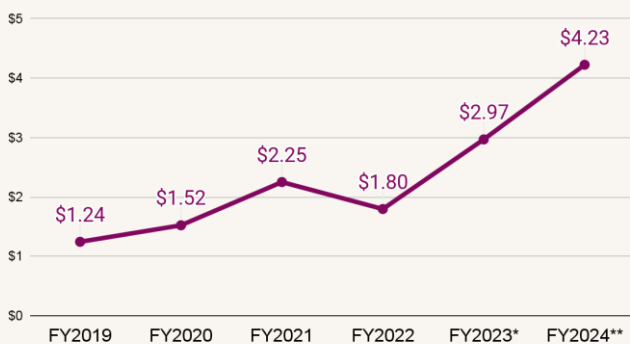
Food Sourcing Changes

Federal Resources for food in FY2023 decreased by 20% compared to FY2022, resulting in **500,000 lb less food**.

Food Gatherers **purchased 40% more pounds of food in FY2023 compared to the prior year**. The increase in amount spent on food was 65% due to inflation and the need to purchase more food.

FY2024 food costs are projected to be 40% higher than FY2023

Purchased Food Costs (annual in millions)



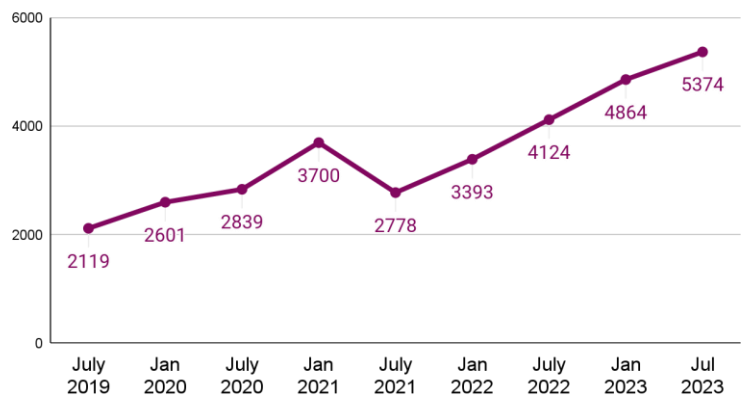
Increased need

Skyrocketing costs at the supermarket and reduced government assistance are forcing many families to turn to food banks for support.

Food Gatherers collects data about the families served and frequency of visits, 19 of our partners have been using the same system since *before* the pandemic. Below is the increase in number of household visits those same 19 pantries have seen in the last 4 years.

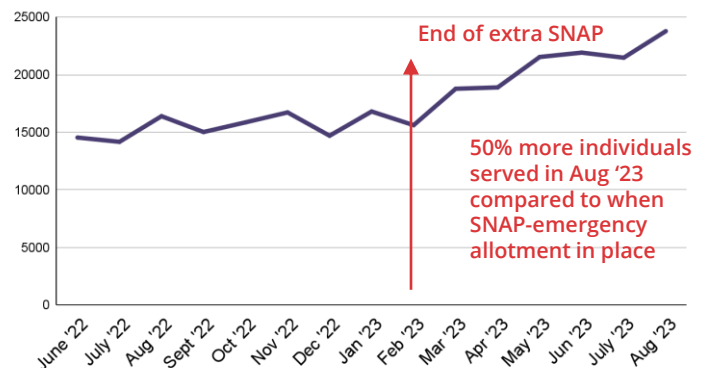


Household Visits in Link2Feed (19 agencies over time)



End of "extra" SNAP

Individuals Served June 2022 - Aug 2023 (43 agencies)



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