

# NATCHITOCHEES PARISH

IMPACT REPORT: FY21 July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021

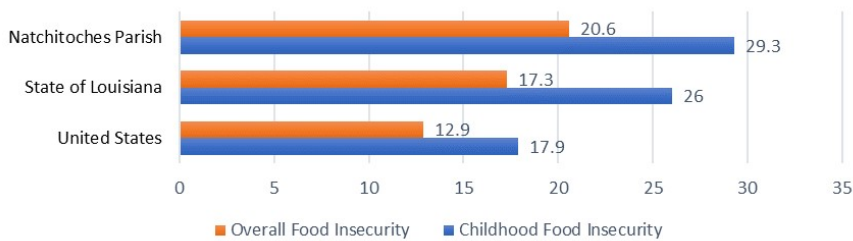
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## Food Insecurity

Food insecurity is defined as not having access to enough food for an active, healthy life. Louisiana ranks fourth in the nation for overall food insecurity, and first for food insecurity among children. Natchitoches Parish exceeds Louisiana state averages.

Food Insecurity Rates (% of Population)



## Food Bank Partner Agencies

These local programs provide groceries and meals to those in need in their communities.

- Cane River Food Pantry
- First Presbyterian Church of Natchitoches
- Natchitoches Food Pantry
- Natchitoches Parish Council on Aging
- Natchitoches Parish Office of Community Services
- Robeline First Baptist Church

**663,007**

Meals Provided

**21%**

One in five Natchitoches Parish residents is food-insecure

**795,608**

Pounds Distributed

## Feeding Families



**Mobile Food Pantries** in Campti and Powhatan served families with distributions on the third Thursdays of each month.

**Partner Agency Programs** provided **449,241 pounds** of food to neighbors through food pantries, meal programs, shelters, and community services.



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

**SNAP Assistance** was restricted to phone outreach that helped **6 families** complete & submit applications for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps).



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## Strengthening Children

**The Backpack Program** at **Ben D. Johnson Educational Center** provided meals and snacks for **50 children** to take home on weekends over the summer.



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

**School Gardens** at five Natchitoches Parish schools taught kids how to grow their own produce and enabled them to taste many foods new to them.



## Nourishing Seniors



**1,548 50-pound Senior Grocery Boxes** were provided to neighbors aged 65 or older enrolled in the Senior Program at mobile pantries and Partner agencies.

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