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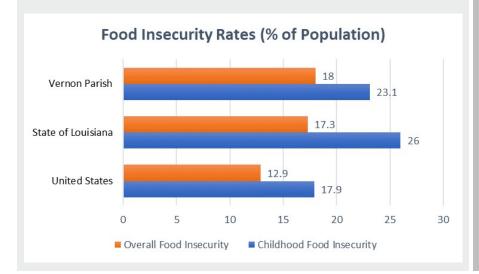
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Food Insecurity

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. Vernon Parish is in line with Louisiana state averages.



Food Bank Partner Agencies

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

Helping Hands

603 South 3rd St., Leesville 318-238-3832 Wednesday & Friday 9-Noon

Sunshine Center Senior Apartments

1851 Jean Street, Leesville

940,433Meals Provided

Feeding Families



Partner Agency Programs provided 498,442 pounds of food to neighbors through food pantries, meal programs, and community services.

Mobile Food Pantries

in Evans, Hornbeck, Rosepine and Slagle served families with food and grocery distributions each month.





SNAP Assistance was restricted to phone outreach and helped **6 families** with applications for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps).

18%

More than one in six Vernon Parish residents is food-insecure

Food Bank Board

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1,128,519

Pounds Distributed

Strengthening Children

School Gardens at three Vernon Parish Schools taught children how to grow their own produce and enabled them to taste many foods new to them.



Nourishing Seniors



1,206 50-pound Senior Grocery Boxes were provided to neighbors aged 65 or older enrolled in the Senior Program at the mobile pantries and Food Bank's Partner Agencies.