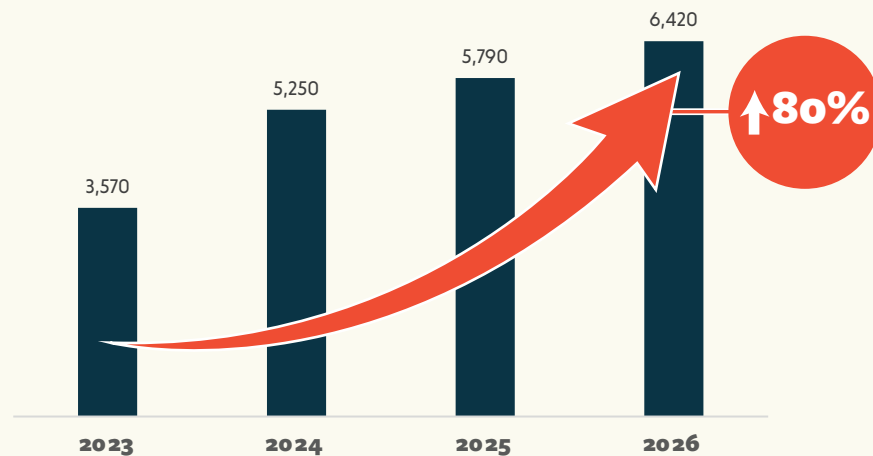


# HUNGER IN MONROE COUNTY

1 in every 7 people are considered food insecure.<sup>1</sup>



Since 2023, the number of people experiencing food insecurity in Monroe County has increased by **80%**, driven by rising food, housing, and utility costs, the end of pandemic-era assistance programs, and ongoing economic pressures. As a result, food banks are seeing unprecedented demand, with more people turning to hunger-relief services and needing support more often.

## OUR SUPPORT IN MONROE COUNTY

**11** partners and programs.

Nearly  
**23,000** visits made by local families to food pantries, mobile pantries, and school markets.

Over  
**848,000 lbs** of food distributed in FY2026\*.

\* July 2025 - June 2026

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<sup>1</sup> Source is Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap research, comparing 2024 estimates (released May of 2026 ) to 2023 estimates.

<sup>2</sup> The estimated additional amount all individuals experiencing food insecurity need in your community to purchase just enough food to meet their food needs.