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# 9th Annual Food & Fund Drive

Let's Fill the Food Gap in Central MN



**We'll Match  
Every DONATION  
Up to \$2,000/Location**

*Accepting Money or  
Non-Perishable Food Items  
at all THREE Locations*

All Donations will go to:

- Catholic Charities Emergency Service Food Shelf – St. Cloud
- Eden Valley Area Food Shelf – Food Distribution Center
- Pierz Area Food Shelf - Food Distribution Center



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## Did you know?

- **1 in 5** Minnesotans faced food insecurity in 2023?
- **All 87** counties in Minnesota experience food insecurity?
- **People 60+** are the fastest-growing segment of food pantry visitors?
- **Needs in March** often significantly exceed MN food shelf donations?

**Let's help our communities thrive** by  
filling our local food **shelves together.**

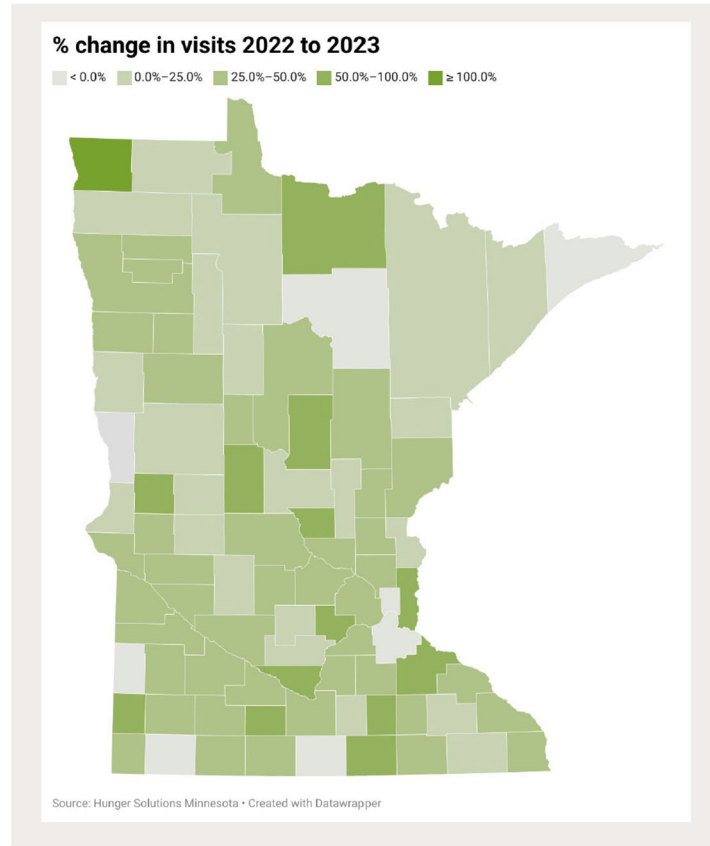
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# A Closer Look at Food Insecurity in Minnesota

Here's a county-by-county look at the percent change in food shelf visits in 2023 vs. 2022. The chart shows those counties with the greatest increases in food shelf visits. Benton County saw a 99.8% jump in visits from 2022.

SOURCE: 2023 Food Shelf Visits Presentation  
**Hunger Solutions**  
<https://www.hungersolutions.org/hunger-data/>

Increases in total visits	
Steele	77.9%
Watonwan	79.3%
Nicollet	79.8%
Washington	80.0%
Carver	85.3%
Crow Wing	87.8%
Pipestone	93.6%
Grant	98.1%
Benton	99.8%
Kittson	133.8%



The map at right shows food insecurity rates across MN. Morrison, Stearns and Benton counties all have food insecurity rates above the national average of 10.5%. Data last updated on 10/1/2023.

SOURCE: University of MN  
**Food Security Dashboard**  
<https://hfhl.umn.edu/fooddashboard>

