

## Scouting for Food Fact Sheet

Scouting for Food is a campaign in support of the High Plains Food Bank (HPFB), which exists to alleviate hunger in the top 29 counties in the Texas panhandle. To better understand the reach of the HPFB, here are some facts about their operation:

The HPFB provides food for between 8,000 and 9,500 families in need EACH MONTH. Annually, HPFB distributes over 8 MILLION pounds of food.

The HPFB works with more than 190 different agencies to ensure timely and effective distribution of food throughout the panhandle.

Nearly 70,000 people throughout the panhandle (14.6% of the population, or 1 in 7 adults and 1 in 5 children) suffer from food insecurity and 48% of food recipients must choose between food or paying for utilities and/or medication.

25% of the recipients of the food from HPFB are under the age of 18. Kids Cafe served 133,155 meals in 2018 at an average of 885 meals daily at 12 sites.

Approximately 21,000 different people receive assistance through emergency food programs in any given week.

In 2018, the HPFB distributed approximately 8.3 MILLION pounds of food, which is about 6.9 MILLION meals throughout the panhandle.

71% of the total food distributed by HPFB in 2018 went to rural agencies (outside of Amarillo/Canyon)/

As our population in the panhandle grows, so too does the need for food. Every donation counts as it helps to ensure someone near you will not go to bed hungry!