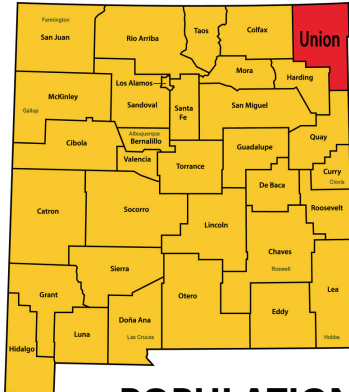


UNION

YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL TO ENDING HUNGER IN
UNION COUNTY



POPULATION: 4,079



**16% OF PEOPLE IN UNION COUNTY
EXPERIENCE FOOD INSECURITY**

1 in 6 people, or 660 individuals



**26% OF CHILDREN EXPERIENCE
FOOD INSECURITY**

Almost 250 children are hungry



18% OF PEOPLE LIVE IN POVERTY

24% of children live in poverty



**19% OF RESIDENTS RELY ON SNAP
FOR GROCERIES**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
lifts more than 250 people out of poverty.



41 FAMILIES ARE ENROLLED IN WIC

263 children under 5 live in Union County



3.4% OF PEOPLE ARE UNEMPLOYED

54 people are looking for work

WHAT IS FOOD INSECURITY?

An official term from the US Department of Agriculture, a person is food insecure when they don't have access to enough food to live an active, healthy life.

Food insecurity is a systemic issue that can happen to anyone, not a personal failure.

HUNGER EXISTS IN EVERY COUNTY IN NEW MEXICO.

15% of people in NM are food insecure, with 18% of people living in poverty.

25% of all NM children live in poverty.

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING IN UNION COUNTY IS FORCING MORE FAMILIES TO RELY ON FOOD BANKS.

Monthly Basic Expenses for a Family of Three in Union County

Two adults (both working) and 1 child



Food
\$668



Child Care
\$470



Medical
\$706



Housing*
\$882



Transportation
\$1,289



Civic Engagement
\$560



Internet/Mobile
\$198



Other
\$750

Monthly Total Needed: **\$5,523**



**Required Basic Needs
Annual Income (pre tax): \$74,375**

**Median income
in Union County: \$41,714**

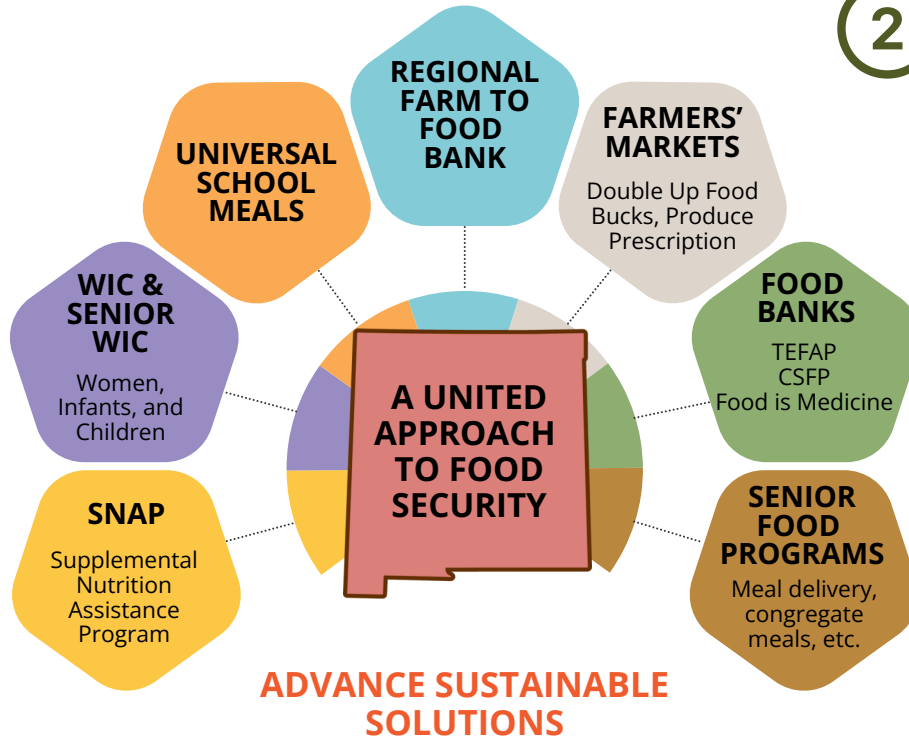
*Housing expenses come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2024 Fair Market Rents, and are not a reflection of the average cost of housing in a county.



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HOW DO WE ADDRESS POVERTY & FOOD INSECURITY?

1 SUPPORT THE NETWORK OF EFFECTIVE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL INITIATIVES



2 INVEST IN A FOOD IS MEDICINE PROGRAM USING THE 1115 MEDICAID WAIVER

The **1115 Medicaid waiver** makes food access reimbursable through Medicaid, with food banks and their partner networks playing a key role in its success.

Potential food interventions:

- Pre-packed boxes of healthy, shelf-stable foods
- Pre-packed boxes of produce
- Prepared medically tailored meals

Target Audience for 1115 Pilot:

- Expectant mothers with pre-pregnancy diabetes as well as those who develop gestational diabetes
- Seniors that wish to remain in their homes but may be struggling to cook for themselves

STEP UP FOR THE FOOD DEPOT IN UNION COUNTY

SUPPORT OUR UNION COUNTY PROGRAMS

Union County is a food desert, a geographic area without easy access to a healthy variety of groceries.

Mobile Food Pantries provide nutritious food and are designed without the need for long-term storage.



THE FOOD DEPOT'S PROGRAMS IN UNION COUNTY

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY SITES

- Clayton
- Des Moines

At every Mobile Food Pantry distribution, a truck delivers a variety of healthy foods to a central community location, such as a fire station, community center, or church.

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