



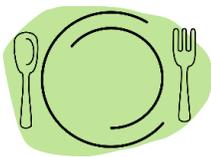
FEDERATION OF
VIRGINIA FOOD BANKS

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Growing the collective capacity of Virginia's food banks and engaging partners to end hunger in the Commonwealth

The Federation of Virginia Food Banks is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit state association of food banks affiliated with Feeding America. Composed of the seven regional Virginia/Washington DC food banks, the Federation supports the food banks in providing food, funding, education, advocacy and awareness services and programs throughout the Commonwealth.

Hunger in Virginia



Despite recent economic growth, the need for food assistance in Virginia is not going away. According to Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap Report, **nearly 894,000 people, including 249,000 children, are food insecure**, which means they cannot access enough nutritious food throughout the year. 'Hunger in America 2014,' a study by Feeding America, found that roughly **52% of the households** served by Virginia food banks reported **annual incomes below \$10,000**, despite **56%** reporting **at least one employed household member** within a 12 month time period.

Meeting the Need

Working together as the largest hunger relief network in the Commonwealth, Virginia's seven regional food banks distributed **108 million pounds** of food through **2,042 agency partners** last year. We serve approximately **1 million people** on an annual basis.



Improving Nutrition



Virginia's food banks are providing more fruits and vegetables to hungry families than ever before. Supported by a state tax credit for Virginia farmers who donate their excess crops, member food banks distributed **18.8 million pounds of produce in 2017**. **69% of all food** distributed was classified as a **'Food to Encourage,'** in alignment with Feeding America's nutritional criteria. Improving the nutritional quality of our food is important because of its implications for the health of the families we serve. An estimated **39%** of households report at least one member with diabetes and **66%** report at least one member with high blood pressure.

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