

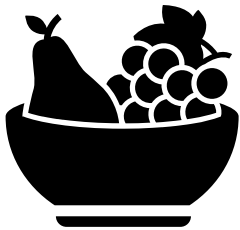


FEDERATION OF
VIRGINIA FOOD BANKS

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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. The Federation supports the seven regional Virginia/Washington DC food banks in providing food, funding, and education throughout the Commonwealth.



Hunger in Virginia

Despite recent economic growth, families are still struggling to make ends meet. According to Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap Report, **over 863,000 people, including 247,000 children, are food insecure**, which means they cannot access enough nutritious food throughout the year.

Meeting the Need

Working together as the largest hunger relief network in the Commonwealth, Virginia's seven regional food banks distributed **120 million pounds** of food through **1,528 agency partners** last year. They 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, distributing **28.7 million pounds of produce in 2018**. **66% of all food** distributed was classified as a **'Food to Encourage,'** meeting Feeding America's criteria for high nutritional quality. 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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