Food Bank of East Alabama ~BANK NOTES~





Administration Ends US Hunger Report You have most likely heard that the USDA has officially announced the termination of its annual <u>Household Food Security Survey</u>. The October 2024 report will be the last one. This survey has been a critical tool for tracking food insecurity trends across the country for nearly three decades.

This decision is disappointing because a long standing data source will no longer be available. It is especially concerning given the recent SNAP cuts which will surely lead to increased need across our communities. The insights provided through the yearly Household Food Security Report have played a vital role in helping food banks understand and track food insecurity trends over time. Feeding America and its network of food banks remain committed to measuring food insecurity in our communities and working with our state and federal partners to ensure critical food assistance reaches those facing hunger in our state.

Food banks have long collected local data to inform distribution strategies. Our network remains committed to transparency and evidence-based decision-making. We will use the best available data to advocate for and serve our communities.



If your agency has received product from the Food Bank in black plastic crates labeled "IFCO", these are reusable containers that must be returned to IFCO.

- Agencies that pickup: Return them on your next visit.
- Agencies that receive deliveries: Set them aside. We'll collect them on your next scheduled delivery.
- **DO NOT** give crates to clients for personal use. All crates must be returned to the Food Bank.

To assist with storage, please note that all IFCO crates are collapsible.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in getting these crates returned. If you have any questions, please call 334-821-9006 or email srowland@foodbankofeastalabama.com.





ANNUAL AUBURN-ALABAMA "FOOD FIGHT" October 3 – November 20

For the past 31 years, Auburn University students and the University of Alabama students have competed with each other in the weeks prior to the state's biggest football game to see which university could raise the most food for their local food bank. Auburn University's Office of Student Involvement partners with the Food Bank in this effort. The challenge has grown from a relatively small-scale event with about 1,000 pounds donated to becoming one of the largest food drives in

the State. The total pounds collected by both schools during this friendly competition over the past 31 years is the equivalent of more than 9.8 million meals or 471 tractor-trailer loads.

The real winners of this annual competition are the food-insecure families fed through the food bank network. This food is channeled into the senior programs, low-income day cares, emergency food pantries, missions and rehabilitation centers that are served by the Food Bank of East Alabama and the West Alabama Food Bank.

This year's Beat 'Bama Food Drive is being coordinated by a team of more than 550 committee members on Auburn University's campus. These students have spent countless hours planning, organizing, and reaching out to many organizations, businesses, and churches in the community. They are working hard to raise food for the Food Bank and our member agencies. Their support is needed now more than ever, and this is another way that we are working to increase our inventory for you.

THESE ARE THE 15 STATES WITH THE HIGHEST RATES OF HUNGER

- 1—Mississippi
- 2—Arkansas
- 3—Louisiana
- 4—Alabama
- 5—Oklahoma
- 6—New Mexico
- 7—Kentucky
- 8—Texas
- 9—West Virginia
- 10—North Carolina
- 11—Ohio
- 12—Georgia
- 13—Missouri
- 14—Arizona
- 15—Tennessee

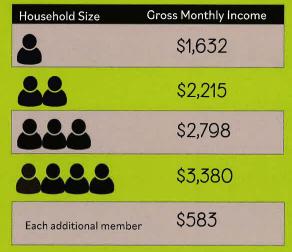


need help applying for SNAP?

What is SNAP?

SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) stands for the Supplemental Nutrition Program which helps people buy the food needed for good health. SNAP benefits are deposited onto an electronic card that is used like an ATM or bank card.

What are the income limits for SNAP?



Income limits for Oct 2024 - Sept 2025



1-877-833-2550



BENEFITSENROLLMENTCENTER.ORG





OUR TEAM CAN ALSO HELP YOU

- APPLY FOR LIHEAP
- FIND FOOD PANTRIES & FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS
- APPLY FOR MSP & LIS















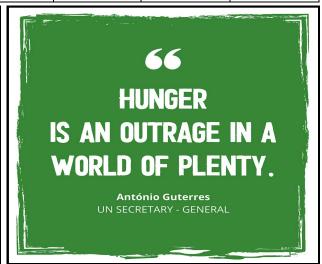
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 BEAT BAMA BAMA DRIVE	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	Agency Orientation @ 8:45 am	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Closed for inventory	



Our Agencies Spend Less & Give More

August 2025

Number of Agencies Shopping: 111
Pounds Distributed: 434,493
Retail Value per FA (\$1.92 per lb.): \$838,571
Food Bank SMF: \$35,766
Savings to FBEA Agencies: \$802,805



Civil Rights Assurance

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied, or otherwise subject to discrimination under this program.