

The East Texas Food Bank (ETFB) exists to fight hunger and feed hope in East Texas, and since 1988 we've been pursuing our vision of a hunger-free East Texas. ETFB distributes food to a hunger relief network of more than 200 partner food pantries and feeding programs throughout a 26-county service area.

According to the recent Feeding America study *Map the Meal Gap 2024*, approximately 19% of Cass County residents, including an estimated 31% of children, are food-insecure, and at risk of hunger. ETFB serves more than 6,000 low-income households each month through the following programs and initiatives:

**Partner Food Pantries** are the heart of our hunger relief network. We currently partner with eight pantries in Cass County, including two pantries in Atlanta, two pantries in Avinger, one pantry in Hughes Springs, two pantries in Linden, and one pantry in Queen City.

**Senior Box Program** provides boxes of food each month to low-income seniors. ETFB conducts direct distributions at some sites, and works with partner food pantries in other locations, which distribute the boxes to their elderly clients. The program serves approximately 460 seniors in Cass County.

**Fresh Produce Program** distributes fresh fruits and vegetables to low-income East Texans through partner food pantries and direct distributions. In fiscal year 2023, ETFB distributed more than 1.1 million pounds of produce in Cass County.

**Mobile Pantry Program** distributes fresh produce and healthy proteins in underserved, high need communities. In fiscal year 2024, ETFB served an estimated 550 households in Cass County.

**Altogether in fiscal year 2024, ETFB provided approximately 31 million meals, including more than 1.7 million meals in Cass County.**

