

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*, more than 23% of San Augustine County residents, including approximately 37% of children, are food-insecure, and at risk of hunger. ETFB serves an estimated 4,400 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 three food pantries in San Augustine County, including one pantry in Broaddus and two food pantries in San Augustine.

BackPack Program helps close the “hunger gap” for children who participate in free and reduced-price school meal programs during the week, but are at-risk of hunger on weekends. In the 2023-2024 school year, the BackPack Program served more than 400 children through one school district in San Augustine County, providing more than 6,000 backpacks.

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 more than 400 seniors in San Augustine County.

Fresh Produce Program distributes fresh fruits and vegetables to low-income East Texans through partner food pantries and direct distributions. In fiscal year 2024, ETFB distributed more than 355,000 pounds of produce in San Augustine County.

Benefits Assistance Program helps eligible East Texans register for social service benefits, primarily through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). In fiscal year 2024, we helped more than 500 San Augustine County residents apply for SNAP resulting in more than 490,000 meals for families in need.

Altogether in fiscal year 2024, ETFB provided approximately 31 million meals, including approximately 1.1 million meals in San Augustine County.

