

Everyone in Oregon deserves access to food

Our families, communities and economy thrive when everyone has access to food. But with a high cost of living across the state, too many families are forced to make impossible decisions between buying groceries and other essentials like medication and housing costs.

- Across Oregon, 1 in 8 people experience hunger and 1 in 6 kids don't have enough to eat.
- People in Oregon and Southwest Washington sought emergency food assistance as many as 1.5 million times in 2024, alongside nearly 800,000 people who are enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP formerly known as "food stamps").
- Immigrant and refugee communities, People of Color and many other families experience food insecurity at 2-3 times the rate of White Oregonians.

Immigration status should not prevent anyone from being able to feed themselves or their family. Immigrant workers pay billions of dollars in taxes and contribute to our communities but are excluded from benefit programs like SNAP. Today, thousands Oregonians experiencing hunger cannot access food assistance solely because of immigration status, including:

- Lawful Permanent Residents under the 5-year bar
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) participants
- People with Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Undocumented immigrants
- Anyone in the process of seeking asylum



"It is important for Adelante Mujeres to be part of this campaign because we see and we listen — on a daily basis — to Latine women and their families who struggle with food insecurity...

...All human beings have a fundamental right to access food. We believe in the importance and urgency of the 'Food for All' campaign and the significance this will have in our community."

**– PETRONA DOMINGUEZ FRANCISCO
Adelante Mujeres Leadership & Advocacy
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We're all better off when everyone, including immigrants, can access nourishing food that feels like home. When Oregonians can afford to buy the food we need, kids succeed in school, families are healthy, and local businesses flourish.

We can take action now to support Food for All Oregonians

We're introducing legislation to ensure all youth and elders in Oregon can access food assistance. Food for All Oregonians is a historic, community-led policy that will:

- **Make food assistance available to Oregonians ages 0-25 and 55 and above** who are currently excluded due to immigration status.
- **Provide grocery money to families** through a new, state-funded program that mirrors federal SNAP food assistance benefits.
- **Ensure everyone knows about this vital support** through community navigation and outreach, improved language access and more.
- **Pave the way for future legislation** that will ensure everyone of any age has access to food assistance regardless of their immigration status.



Join us and learn how you can help to support Food for All Oregonians.

FOOD FOR ALL OREGONIANS STEERING COMMITTEE

