FOOD SECURITY
in Story County

The Need

Food insecurity touches every corner of our community. Across Story County, 1 in 3 households struggle with food access, and nearly 1 in 3 K–12 students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, with some school districts seeing over 50% enrollment.

Our Response

UWSC addresses food security year-round across Story County. Through strategic program investments, countywide food guides, and convening the Story County Hunger Collaboration, we work together to ensure our neighbors are fed.

12,000+
meals provided through the food drive

UWSC's annual spring food drive rallies Story County to keep pantries stocked through the summer. This year, **18,162 pounds** of food and **$12,404** were distributed across **16 local pantries.**



CyCans, a partnership between UWSC and ISU Athletics, raised **598 pounds** and **$1,538** for campus pantries.

To help local families navigate temporary financial gaps, UWSC directs vital investments into countywide hunger relief. These programs provided **716,740 meals,** served **87,019 visits** through pantries and emergency vouchers, and empowered **821 participants** through healthy food initiatives.





We're excited to welcome **Nevada Food at First** as a Partner Agency, expanding hunger relief across eastern Story County! This volunteer-powered team serves free meals twice a week, bringing vital food security right where it's needed most.

Rising Needs

Pantries report an increase in need across the county as grocery and gas prices increase. Some pantries also report an increase in need as there are changes to SNAP and WIC.

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