

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL



Fighting Hunger. Giving Hope.



**SERVING LOS ANGELES COUNTY SINCE 1973**

# FOOD BANK MISSION

To mobilize resources to fight hunger in our community.

- Source and acquire nutritious food and other products and distribute them to people experiencing nutrition insecurity through our partner agency network and directly through programs;
- Energize the community to get involved and support hunger relief;
- Conduct hunger and nutrition education and awareness campaigns and advocate for public policies that benefit the people we serve.

# REDUCING FOOD WASTE

Much of the food collected and distributed by the Food Bank every year would otherwise go to waste

- Our fresh produce program sources millions of pounds of surplus and undersized fruits and vegetables for distribution annually
- Our food rescue operation utilizes thousands of volunteers to sort and salvage millions of pounds of food collected from food retailers
- The Extra Helpings Program also results in millions of pounds of perishable food being distributed to those in need instead of going to waste



# OUR FOOD ASSISTANCE NETWORK

**Thousands of Food  
Sources  
to the Food Bank**



**More than 2 million  
pounds of food per  
week**



**Distribution to  
600+ Agencies &  
Food Bank Programs**

- Private Donations: Farmers, retailers, manufacturers, processors and food distributors
- USDA commodities
- Purchased food



- Food pantries
- Soup kitchens & shelters
- Senior programs
- Children's programs and schools
- Mobile Distributions
- Other Agencies- Veterans, Targeted Populations

**Extra Helpings Program**

# 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2021, the Food Bank distributed 131 million lbs. of food and product, the equivalent of 107 million meals (valued at \$200 million) through our partner agency network and Food Bank programs reaching an average of 900,000 people monthly
- Volunteers contributed 156,000 hours, the equivalent of 75 full-time employees
- The Food Bank's response to the pandemic continued with distributions throughout LA County

**More than 1.8 billion pounds distributed since 1973, the equivalent of 1.5 billion meals.**



# COVID-19 RESPONSE

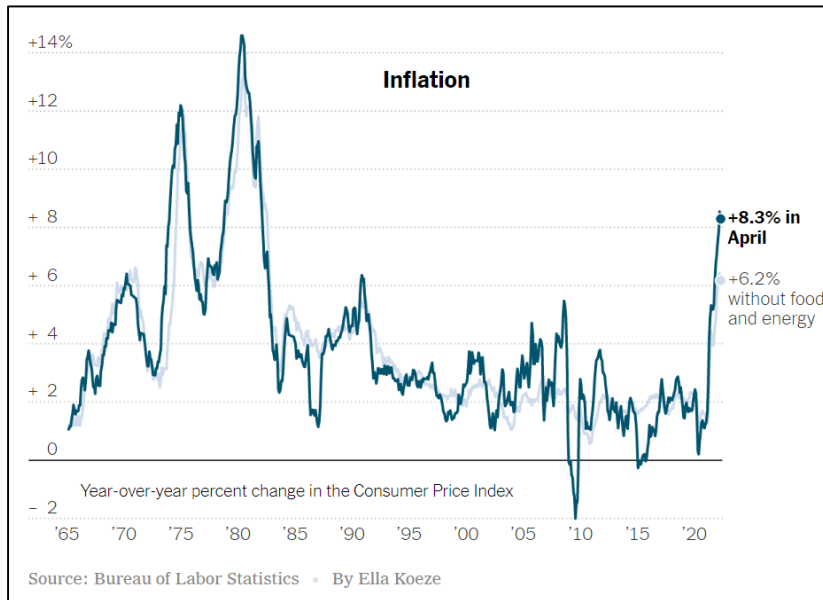
- The COVID-19 pandemic and the related spike in unemployment have increased food insecurity in LA County dramatically
- Food Bank distributions have doubled compared to the pre-pandemic period, and now reach about 800,000 people each month, many of whom have never needed food assistance before
- 600+ drive-through and mobile distributions throughout LA County are serving thousands of families
- More than 4 million emergency food boxes have been distributed to families and individuals through partner agencies and direct distribution amid the pandemic



# COVID-19 RESPONSE



# Impact of Inflation in 2022



## Inflation by Food Category

- Beef and veal: +16.2%
- Pork: +14%
- Poultry: +12.5%
- Fish and seafood: +10.4%
- Eggs: +11.4%
- Dairy: +5.2%
- Fats and oils: +11.7%
- Fresh fruits: +10.6%
- Fresh vegetables: +4.3%
- Processed fruits/vegetables: +7.6%
- Sugars and sweets: +7%
- Cereals and bakery products: +7.8%

Source: USDA



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY: AMERICA'S HUNGER CAPITAL

- Pre-COVID-19, there were 2 million food insecure people in LA County with an estimated need for 246 million meals, including more than 570,000 children
- Pre-COVID-19, the Food Bank and other local emergency food organizations supplied 74 million of the needed meals, leaving a “meal gap” of 172 million meals, the largest of any major metropolitan area in the United States
- COVID-19 and dramatic increase in unemployment have substantially widened this “meal gap”, even with the Food Bank’s 110% increase in distributions in response to the crisis

Sources: Feeding America Meal Gap, LARFB Agency Data, Boston Consulting Group Analysis, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research

# WHAT WE DO – THE LOGISTICS

- Before the pandemic, more than 1.3 million pounds of food was transported to and distributed from our two warehouse facilities. At the height of the pandemic during 2020 and 2021, 4 million pounds per week distributed from four different facilities
- Significant expansion of refrigeration capacity in 2012 to handle growing fresh produce program
- Substantial freezer capacity expansion and upgrade in 2013
- Key Emergency Responder in the event of natural disaster



# WHAT WE DO – THE LOGISTICS

- Fleet of refrigerated tractor trailers, bobtails and vans
- Up to 70 stops daily throughout LA County to pick up nutritious, high-quality food
- Deliveries to more agencies on a daily basis.
- Mobile Food Pantry serves community sites and community college campuses
- Fuel costs pressure Food Bank and agency operating budgets



# VOLUNTEERS

## Volunteer Hours = 75 Full Time Employees

- 10,000+ volunteers at the Food Bank or our distributions last year
- Business and community groups use volunteering as a team-building exercise
- Volunteer opportunities are available Monday through Saturday

[LAFoodBank.org/volunteer](https://LAFoodBank.org/volunteer)





# CHILDRENS PROGRAMS



- Backpack Program
  - Schoolchildren receive weekend backpacks with food at schools
- After-school meals
  - During the school year, children receive meals at after-school programs such as B&G Clubs
- Summer breakfast and lunch
  - Breakfasts and Lunches are served at libraries, community centers and other locations during the summer
- School District partnerships
  - Provided food at “Grab and Go” school sites in 2020 and 2021

# OLDER ADULT PROGRAMS

- Commodity Supplemental Food Program serves more than 28,000 seniors monthly at distributions throughout LA County
- Home delivery to seniors started at the beginning of the pandemic and continue today



## OTHER INITIATIVES

- Equipment for Partner Agencies
- Delivery
- Volunteer Referrals
- Nutrition Services
- CalFresh Outreach
- Public Policy & Advocacy

# City of Industry Facility

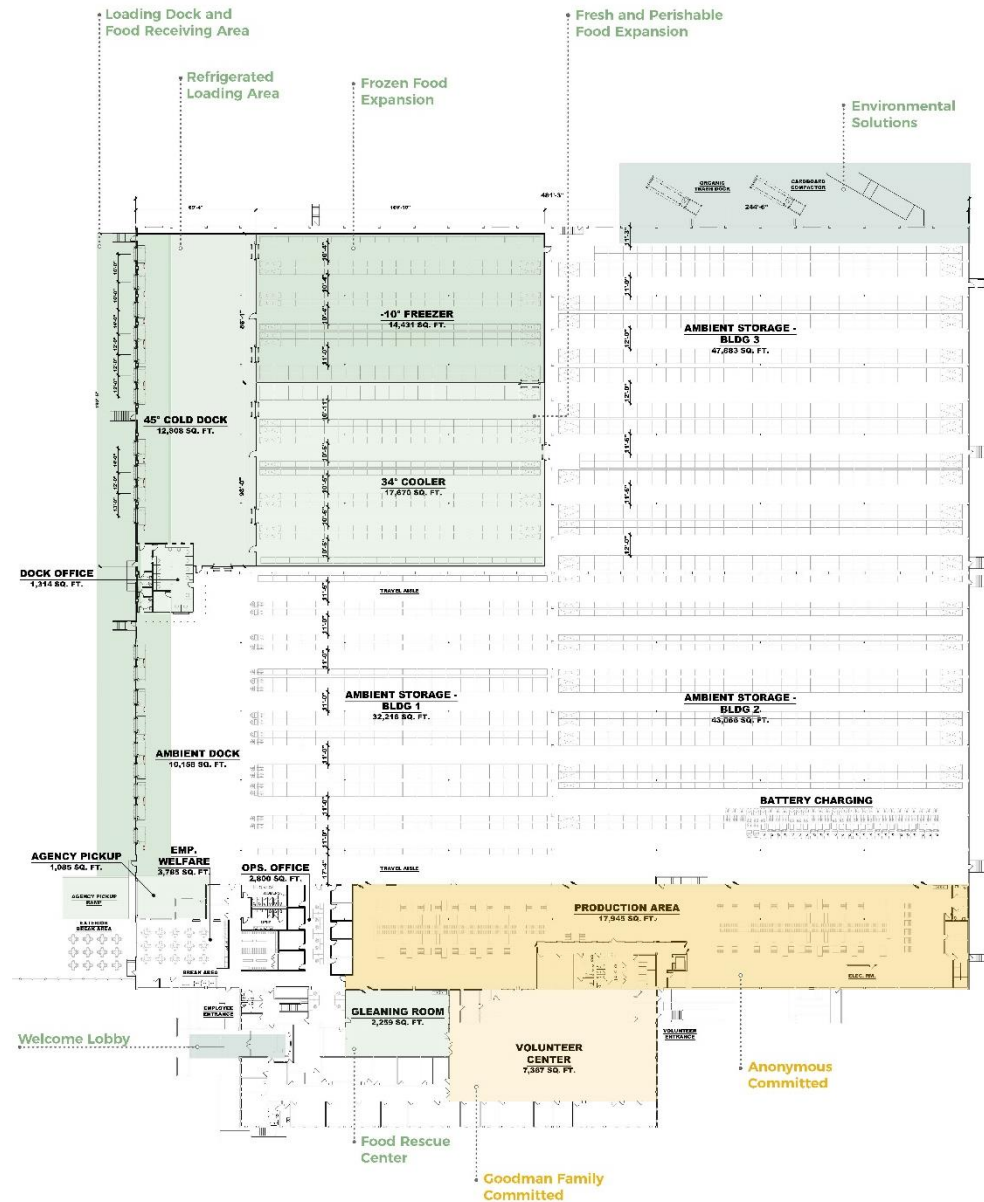
- New 256,000 square foot warehouse in City of Industry acquired in August 2020
- This facility replaces our leased facility in Commerce
- Transformational transaction positions the Food Bank to further expand programs and reduce food insecurity in LA County



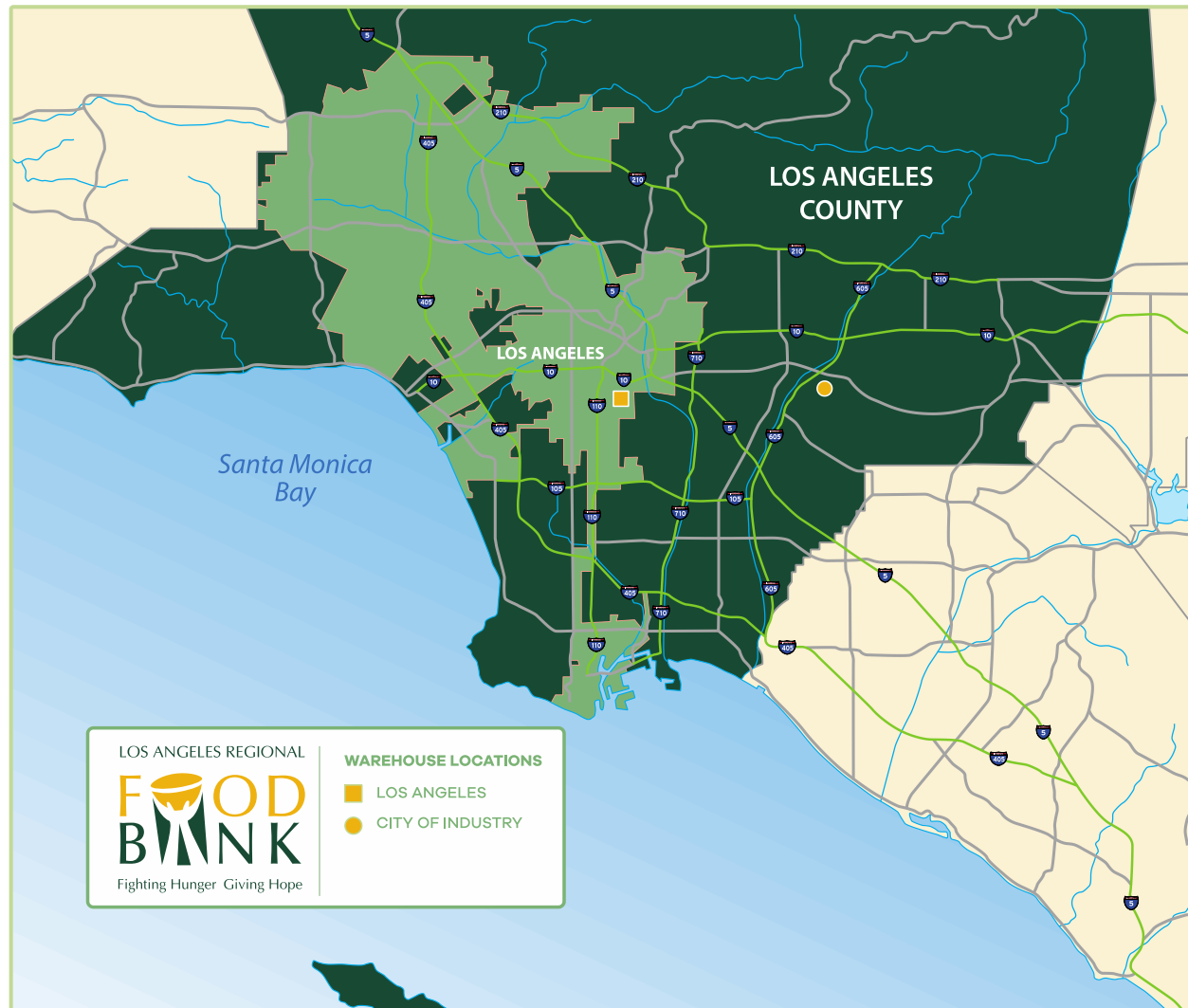




# City of Industry Facility



# Our Facilities



- Stories
  - [LAFoodBank.org/stories](https://LAFoodBank.org/stories)
- Donate
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- Volunteer
  - [LAFoodBank.org/volunteer](https://LAFoodBank.org/volunteer)
- Fundraise
  - [LAFoodBank.org/wefeedla](https://LAFoodBank.org/wefeedla)