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Food insecurity is rising across Pennsylvania. Historically high grocery costs nationally have severely eroded the purchasing power of low-income Pennsylvanians, forcing households to spend a much larger percentage of their income on food.

The local food insecurity crisis is highly concentrated among families with children and residents living near or below the poverty line.

Overall Food Insecurity Rate: 9.9% of Pike County's total population faces uncertain or limited access to food. This equates to approximately **5,460 local residents** struggling with regular access to nutritious foods.

Childhood Food Insecurity Rate: 15.8% of the county's youth suffer from food insecurity. This means about **1,580 children** in Pike County live in households facing a nutrition shortage.

In addition, the poverty rate for **Pike County seniors aged 65 and older increased significantly from 5% to 8.8%**, creating a surging demand for senior-targeted food program assistance.

As more and more of our neighbors turn to us for assistance, we are facing record-breaking demand. At the same time, we are facing surging wholesale costs for the supplies and food we purchase to fill the gaps.

How can you help?

Donate to keep us strong

Volunteer your time and talents

Think about our neighbors when you grocery shop or place an online order.

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