

FOOD INSECURITY



Before the pandemic, **35 million** people, including nearly **11 million** children, lived in a food-insecure household, meaning they weren't sure where they would secure their next meal.



In November 2020, Feeding America updated its projections, saying the number of people who are food insecure could rise to more than **54 million**, including **17 million** children.

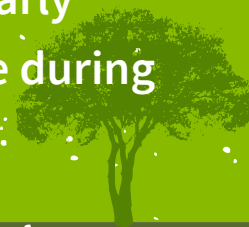


In February, Feeding America estimated there were **65,000** people facing food insecurity in the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank service area; in May, that number increased to **100,000**.

Arkansas is the state with the second greatest per-capita rate of projected household food insecurity at **21%**.



The NWA Food Bank mobile pantry has seen a nearly **50%** client increase during the pandemic.



Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Feeding America and NWA Food Bank.