

Food Banks Mississauga

November 13, 2024 Deputation - Mississauga City Council





THANKSGIVING
DRIVE

September 9 - October 21

ACHIEVED: \$844,892

Thank you for giving back!

Exceeded previous year by 8%, thanks to your support.

State of the Ontario Nonprofit Sector

Ontario nonprofits are collectively experiencing stagnant and **declining financial resources** amidst **climbing demand**.

39% assessed themselves at significant risk for **not existing** in the next three years.

83% saw an **increase in demand** for programs and services, a 7% increase over 2023.

54% reported **stagnant and declining revenue** while 84% reported an increase in expenses.

31% reported using their **reserve funds**, almost mirroring pandemic-era levels.

State of Food Banks Mississauga

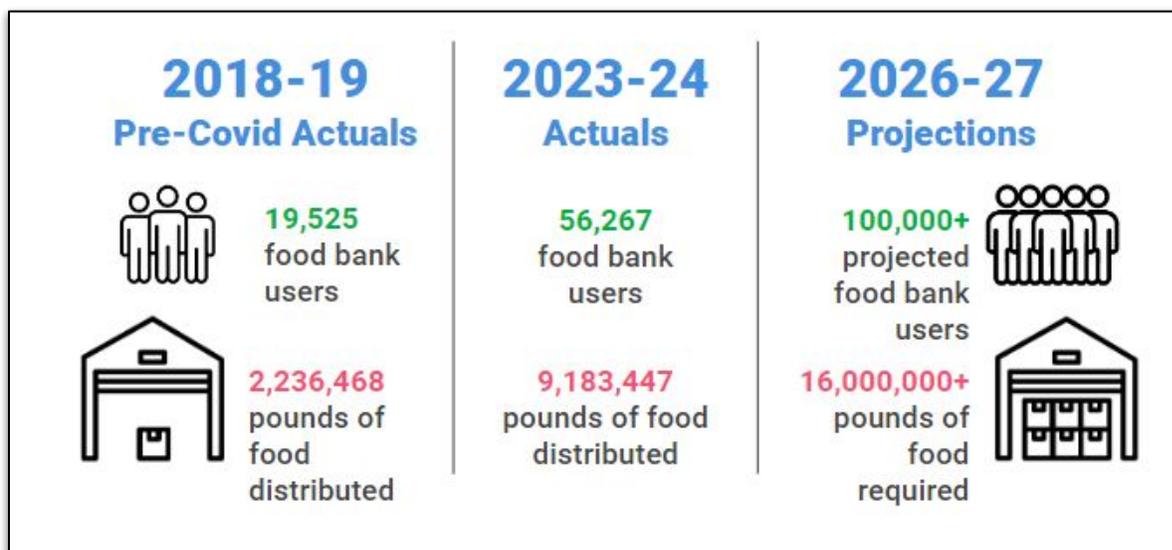


Massive increase in YOY food bank demand:

- **78%** increase in food bank visits
- **58%** increase in food bank visitors



- Lack of provincial or federal funding for food banks or for those facing food insecurity
- No room for cost cutting without impact to programs and services
- Shortfalls in fundraising (2% revenue increase vs. 78% increase in demand)



Over the last year, Food Banks Mississauga has **attempted to keep up with with rising demand**, reaching a higher proportion of those who need us.

By 2027, we estimate **over 100,000** Mississauga residents will rely on food banks, almost double our current numbers.



We Need Your Help

Today

1. Motion to Declare Food Insecurity an Emergency in the City of Mississauga
2. Recommend to the Region of Peel that the *Food Security Emergency Response Fund* be increased for 2025, with a robust and transparent application process to ensure equitable fund distribution
3. Support food security cost reduction through providing in-kind waste management services to Food Banks Mississauga

We Need Your Help

November 18 Peel Region Budget Committee

1. Increase the *Food Security Emergency Response Fund* from \$2M to \$3.6M, commensurate with +78% YOY in food bank demand
2. Ensure a robust and transparent *Food Security Emergency Response Fund* application and allocation process for equitable fund distribution

This support will better enable us to meet the crisis-level needs of our neighbours *today* while we work together on policy change to address the root causes of food insecurity for *tomorrow*.



**Together
for food security.**