



## **TOGETHER, WE CAN LISTEN TO COMMUNITY AND TAKE ACTION FOR FOOD SECURITY!**

Every three years, food shelves and shoppers across Minnesota participate in an important initiative to lift up the voices of those most impacted by food insecurity. The Minnesota Food Shelf Survey provides a critical opportunity to hear directly from shoppers (individuals utilizing food shelf services) and individuals leading local food programs.

Listening to individuals accessing food shelves, and those providing food resources on the ground, help to paint a collective picture of what's most important for shoppers and the strengths and challenges facing Minnesota food shelves.

Past surveys have provided important insights on the most valuable food items to be offered. Data from 2017, 2019, and 2022 have helped shape food shelf and system policies and practices as well as informed advocacy work and funding priorities.

## **2025 MINNESOTA FOOD SHELF SURVEY**

This initiative will take place again in 2025! Be a part of this unique-in-the-nation initiative so that your community's voice is heard.

### **2025 Food Shelf Manager Survey**

Feb-March: Data Collection

- Online surveys in English
- Emailed directly to each food shelf site

April-June: Data Cleaning and Analysis

- Sessions will be held for Food Shelf leaders to look at/discuss initial data results

July-August (Estimated): Statewide report distributed

### **2025 Food Shelf Shopper Survey**

April-June: Data Collection

- Paper and online surveys sent to food shelves
- Available in five languages

July-Sept: Data Entry, Cleaning, and Analysis

- Food shelf sites meeting the target response size will have a site-specific report prepared

Oct-Dec (Estimated): Statewide report distributed

- Site-specific reports distributed

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## MINNESOTA FOOD SHELF SURVEY: Background Overview

	2017	2019	2022
<b>Food Shelf Shopper Survey Results</b>	4,250 shopper responses from 188 food shelves  <a href="#">2017 MN Food Shelf Shopper Survey Results</a>	5,529 shopper responses from 220 food shelves  <a href="#">2019 MN Food Shelf Shopper Survey Results</a>	7,014 shopper responses from 288 food shelves  <a href="#">2022 MN Food Shelf Shopper Survey Results</a>
<b>Key Shopper Findings</b>	Top 5 Most Requested Foods first identified  Shoppers get significant portion of their overall food from food shelves  Shoppers are often using food shelves for longer periods of time	Confirmed Top 5 Most Requested Foods and asked about availability  Top 5 Valued Shopper Experiences first identified	Confirmed fresh produce, meat, dairy, and eggs as the Most Important (Requested) Foods at a food shelf  Top 5 Valued Shopper Experiences Confirmed
<b>Shopper Survey Method</b>	Paper Surveys: English	Paper Surveys: Five languages	Paper and online surveys: Five languages
<b>Food Shelf Manager Survey Results</b>	n/a	178 food shelf manager responses  <a href="#">2019 MN Food Shelf Manager Survey Results</a>	260 food shelf manager responses  <a href="#">2022 MN Food Shelf Manager Survey Results</a>
<b>Key Manager Findings</b>	n/a	Insights on food shelf capacity challenges and opportunities  Measured availability of Top 5 Most Requested Foods for food shelf sourcing	Insights on food shelf staffing and tenure at food program  Asked questions unique to the COVID pandemic
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