



Food Basket Challenge Facts

Each week, the Micah 6 Food Pantry gives away about **10,000 pounds of food**.

That supplies about **400 people** with enough food for the week.

In 2013, Micah 6 served **3,520 households**, filling **18,649 food baskets**.
More than **44%** of those households had at least one child **under 18**.

It costs Micah 6 about **\$1,000 per week** in transportation costs to offer between **5 and 6 thousand pounds of food** for the pantry from Capital Area Food Bank.

We don't pay for surplus food, but we do have to pay for the cost of transporting food. When surplus food isn't available, we pay for "co-op" food or purchase food at retail.

20% of the people living in Travis County are **below the federal poverty level**.
Low income people, or about [36% of Travis County residents](#), who make **less than 200%** of the federal poverty level, are eligible to shop at the pantry.

27% of children who live in Texas are **food insecure** (consistent access to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources at times during the year).

More than **half of Travis County residents** eligible for SNAP (food stamps) aren't enrolled. That translated into **\$349 million in lost revenue** in 2013.

source: City of Austin Sustainable Food Policy Board

In 2014, **Congress slashed the SNAP budget by \$8 billion**. Most of the cuts are achieved by more strict enrollment requirements, which means more hungry people in Central Texas.

400,000 people in the 21 county area served by Capital Area Food Bank **don't know where their next meal is coming from**.

source: Capital Area Food Bank



Micah 6 of Austin is a 501(3)c nonprofit corporation. Its mission is to serve the homeless and low-income people in greater Austin. Micah 6 operates the largest food pantry in Travis County and provides a safe place for homeless young adults at a weekly drop-in center. Affiliated programs supported by Micah 6 include a free clothes closet and a freeze night shelter for street youth.