FEEDING LOUISIANA

THE STATE OF HUNGER

SENATE DISTRICT 31

IN **2018**, BEFORE THE ONSET OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC,

751,920 **INDIVIDUALS** INCLUDING **269,650** **CHILDREN**

IN LOUISIANA EXPERIENCED **FOOD INSECURITY**, MEANING THEY DID NOT ALWAYS KNOW WHERE THEIR NEXT MEAL MIGHT COME FROM OR WHAT IT MIGHT CONSIST OF.

NOW, DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC, THE INCIDENCE OF FOOD INSECURITY IS MUCH HIGHER. EARLY DATA PROJECTS FOOD INSECURITY TO AFFECT

20.1% **INDIVIDUALS** AND **32.3%** **CHILDREN**

IN LOUISIANA.

POVERTY

21,329 PEOPLE IN DISTRICT 31 LIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LINE **INCLUDING...**

23.5% OF **ALL CHILDREN**

14.9% OF **ALL SENIORS**

12.4% OF **ALL VETERANS**

HOW IS POVERTY DEFINED?

INDIVIDUAL INCOME:

$12,880 / YEAR

HOUSEHOLD OF FOUR INCOME:

$26,500 / YEAR

SNAP

15.3%

OF ALL HOUSEHOLDS IN DISTRICT 31 UTILIZE **SNAP** INCLUDING...

42.1% WITH **CHILDREN**

34.5% WITH **SENIORS**

39.6% WITH **PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

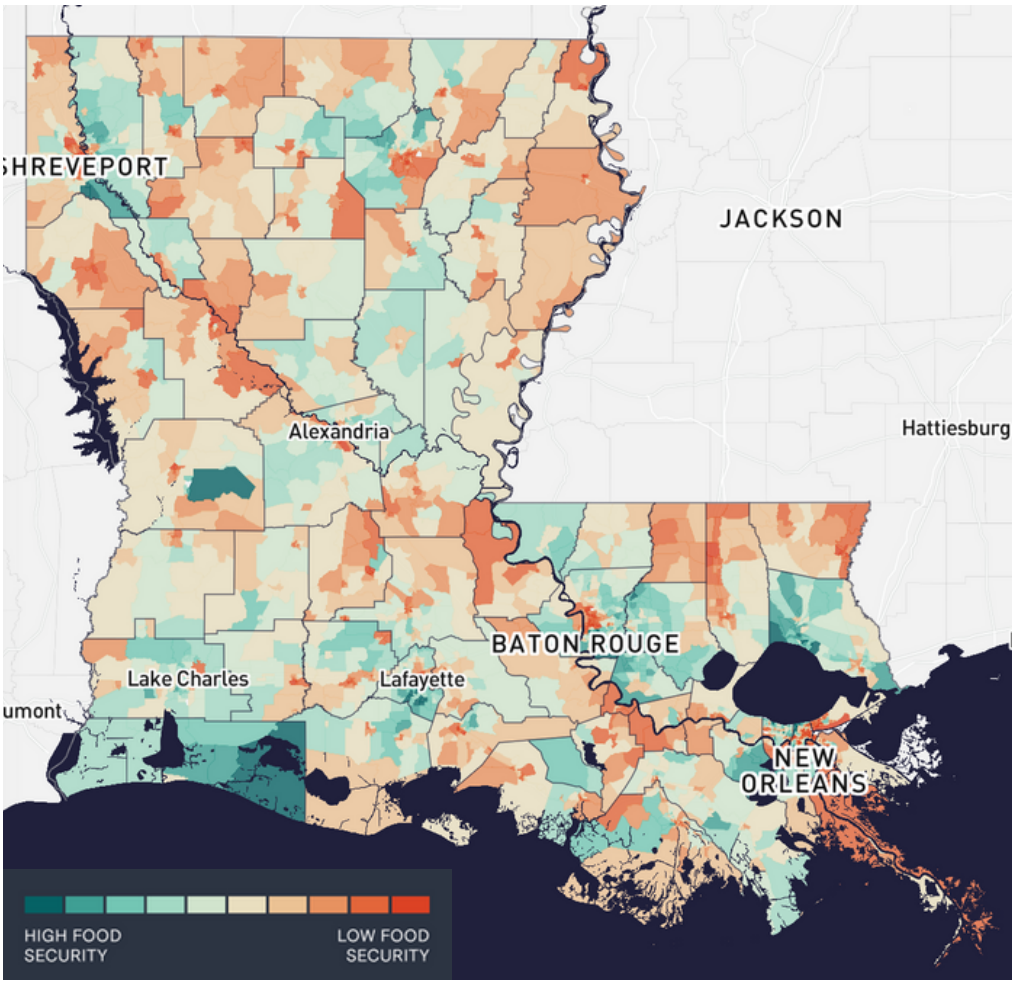
THEY SHOP AT

98 **RETAILERS**

GENERATING APPROX.

$48,511,408 **IN REVENUE**

OUR RESPONSE: LOUISIANA



THIS MAP ESTIMATES THE RISK OF FOOD INSECURITY IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS LOUISIANA AS OF FEBRUARY 2021. USING A VARIETY OF DATA POINTS INDICATING ECONOMIC STRESS, SOCIAL VULNERABILITY, FOOD ACCESSIBILITY, AND HEALTH RISK TO CALCULATE NEED, THE DATA CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THE PERVASIVE AND LONG-LASTING IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AROUND OUR STATE.

AS THESE UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS OF FOOD INSECURITY PERSIST IN OUR COMMUNITIES SO DOES THE NEED FOR ASSISTANCE. FEEDING LOUISIANA'S MEMBER FOOD BANKS WORK WITH OVER 900 FAITH- AND COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS IN ALL CORNERS OF LOUISIANA TO REACH FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY ON THE GROUND WITH THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO KEEP FOOD ON THE TABLE.

Second Harvest Food Bank — Together We Can Solve Hunger.™

Food Bank Northeast Louisiana — Feeding America

The Food Bank of Central Louisiana

Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana

Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank

IN **2019**, THE FIVE LOUISIANA FOOD BANKS PROVIDED APPROXIMATELY...

70.3 MILLION LBS OF FOOD — EQUATING TO — **58.5** MILLION MEALS

IN 2020, IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, LOUISIANA FOOD BANKS GREW TO PROVIDE MORE THAN...

115 MILLION LBS OF FOOD — EQUATING TO — **95.8** MILLION MEALS

FEEDING LOUISIANA

FEEDING LOUISIANA SERVES AS A UNIFIED VOICE FOR LOUISIANA'S HUNGRY AND OUR FIVE MEMBER FOOD BANKS BY PROVIDING SHORT-TERM FOOD RELIEF WHILE SEEKING LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO HUNGER THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, AND LEADERSHIP.

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