

ARCHWAY FOOD BANK & FOOD JUSTICE

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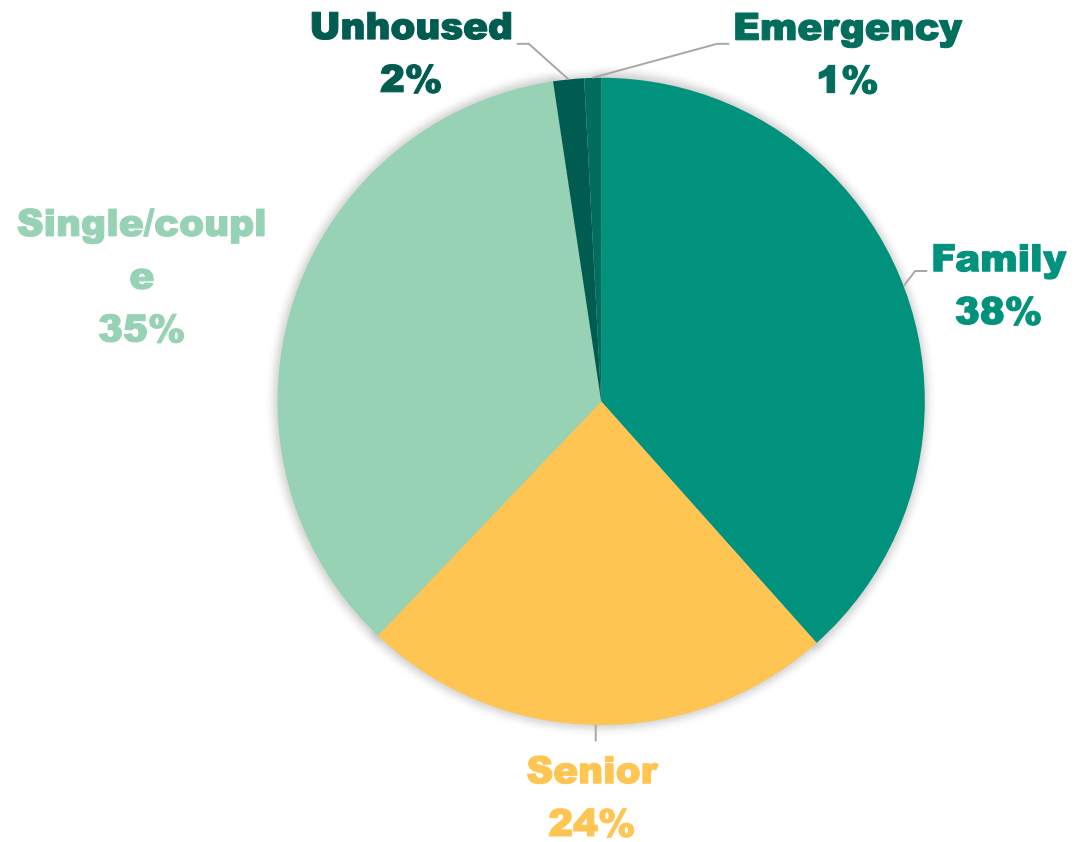
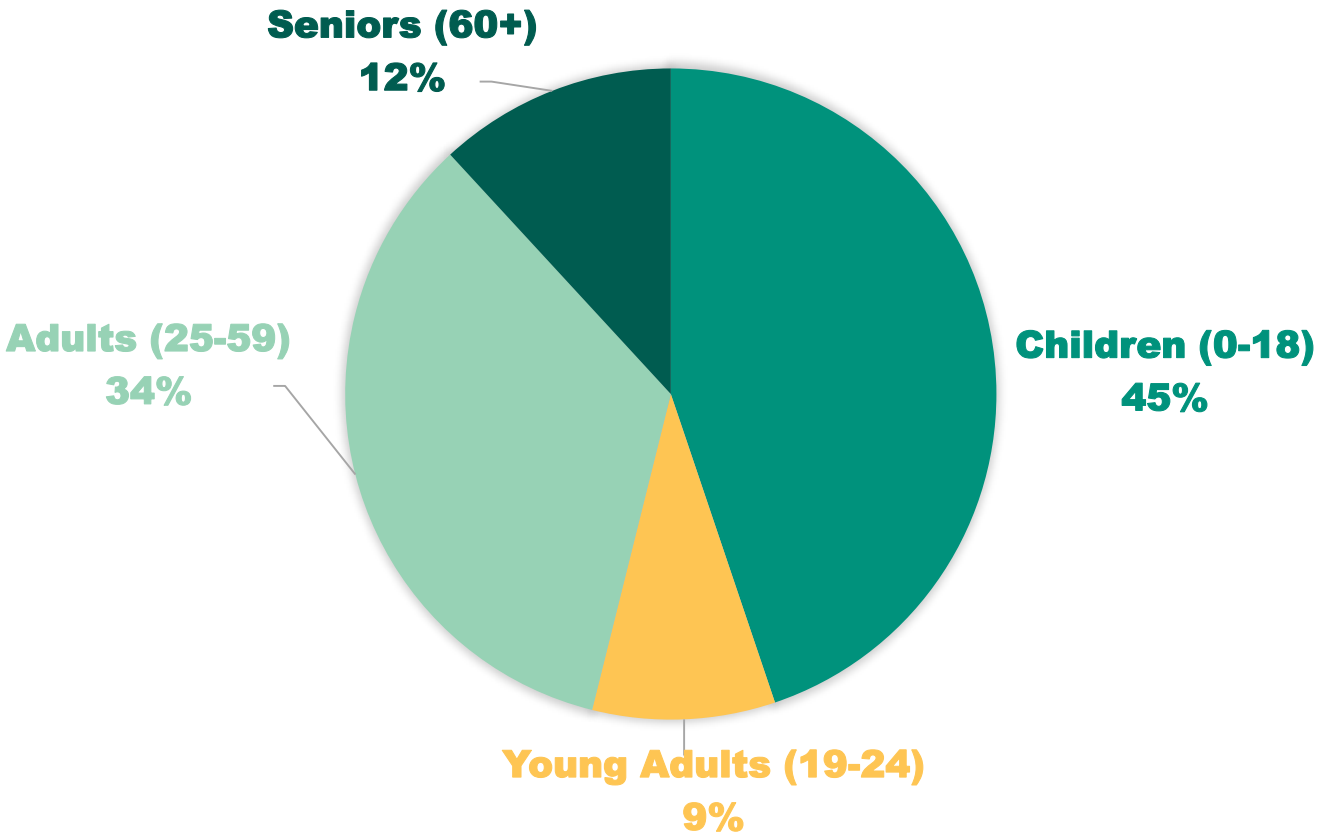


INTRODUCTION

The Food Bank works to create consistent access to food for everyone. This is done by reducing barriers to access, collaborating with community partners and championed by volunteers, donors and staff.

Over the 50 years in community, the program has evolved from the distribution of traditional, shelf stable Western food to the program it is today, that provides a diverse array of fruit, vegetables, protein, dairy and alternatives for everyone.

FOOD ACCESS - HOUSEHOLDS



AREAS OF GROWTH

Demographic	2021	2022	Increase
Individual Seniors (60+)	584	742	27%
Individual children (0-18)	1,980	2,795	41%
Young Adults (19-24)	407	563	38%
Adults	2,331	2,146	-8%

5 FOOD BANK PROGRAMS



CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION

3,000 individuals access monthly.

Distribution Mon-Fri



HOME DELIVERY

215 individuals receive monthly deliveries.
Delivery Tues-Thurs



STARFISH PACK

625 Students receive food over the weekend through 42 schools in Abbotsford



SEVA FOOD PROGRAM

523 individuals are accessing culturally diverse foods monthly.



SATELLITES

450 individuals access food through neighbourhood, and program satellites.

REDUCING BARRIERS

FOOD IS A HUMAN RIGHT

- No income testing required to receive food.
- Only requirement is proof of residence in Abbotsford.
- Other information is collected but not mandatory.
- Food will be provided on first visit.
- Appointments are made for future visits to help plan and have consistent food available.
- Food choices are offered, and dietary considerations are available.
- The lineup can be a place to create community around food

TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS

- Bus tickets are provided upon request
- Referrals to other low-cost transportation options.
- Offer neighbourhood Satellite food access.



Fresh Food

FUNDING & FOOD SOURCING

Funding is championed by our community with most of the funding being provided by private donors. Only a small fraction of funding comes from the government grants administered through Food Banks Canada and Food Banks BC.

Food access is largely supported by food drives, food recovery and by food purchases. Food is sourced as locally as possible. Currently potatoes, dairy and eggs are regularly coming from farms in the lower mainland.

FOOD JUSTICE



WHAT IS FOOD JUSTICE?

- Transform food system to eliminate embedded inequality and disparity.
- Identify roots of disparities for marginalized groups and advocating for them within the current food system.
- Empower those experiencing food insecurity to play a role in legislative change through community involvement.



WHAT WE DO



Bulk Buy Collective

Spokes

Farmer's Market Nutrition Coupon Program

Participatory Action: Food insecurity among people with living/lived experience with homelessness

UFV Community Scan and Gap Analysis

Food Asset Map

BULK BUY COLLECTIVE

- Provides families and individuals with a dignified way to access affordable, fresh, and healthy food on a regular basis.
- Offers a monthly subscription of a pre-selected variety of healthy and nutritious fruits and vegetables for \$15.
- Clients of the program volunteer on distribution day.
- We offer Standard and South Asian Friendly options.
- Approximately 1500 people are currently a part of the Bulk Buy Collective.



SPOKES/COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We have partnered with local organizations also doing food work to help strengthen the local food system in Abbotsford. We are committed to work collaboratively on partnership development, resource development, and advocacy.

Partners include:

- 5 and 2 Ministries
- Sts'elemeqw Residential School Thrivers
- Archway Urban Farm
- Ground Zero Ministries



CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Participatory Action: Food insecurity among people with living or lived experiences with homelessness
- UFV Community Scan and Gap Analysis
- Free/Low-Cost Food Asset Map



THANK YOU

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