

Rhode Island Hunger Elimination Task Force

Quarter One Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th 2023 @ 2 - 3:30PM





HETF Goal:

**To reduce hunger and
increase access to healthy,
culturally-appropriate food
for all Rhode Island
residents**



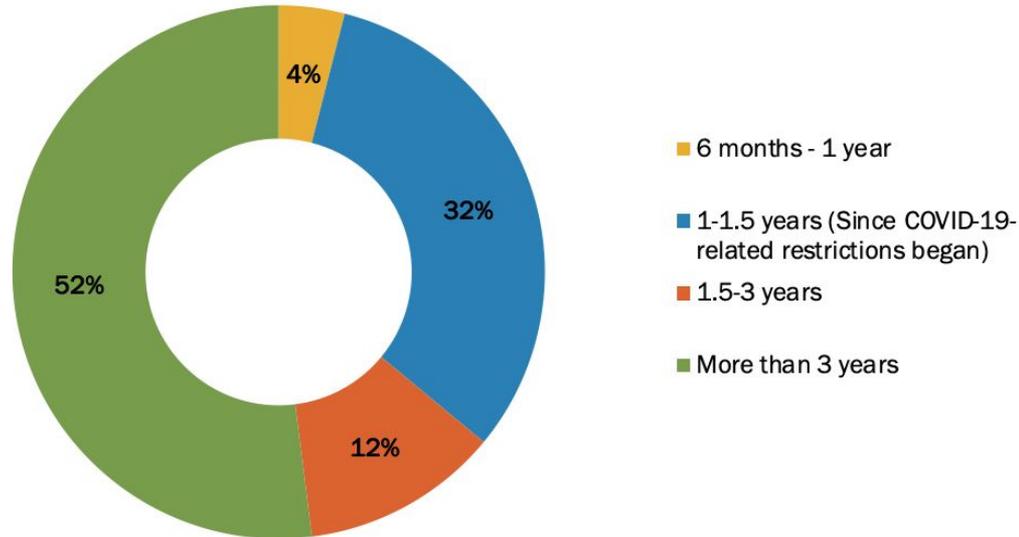
TODAY'S AGENDA

- Welcome & announcements
- PANEL: *Food Delivery for Transit Challenged RI-ers*
- Breakout session

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DURATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF FOOD DELIVERY OPERATIONS (2021)

Length of Time Food Delivery has been Offered

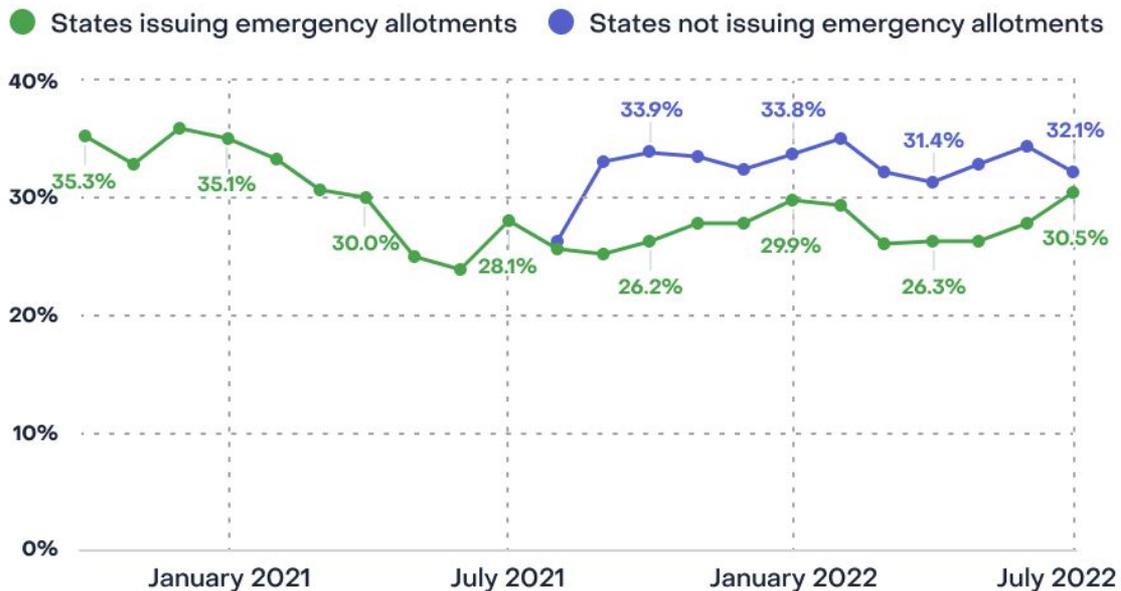


FROM 40 SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD DELIVERY PROVIDERS SURVEYED IN 2021



Fewer Providers users skip meals or eat less where they are getting more in SNAP

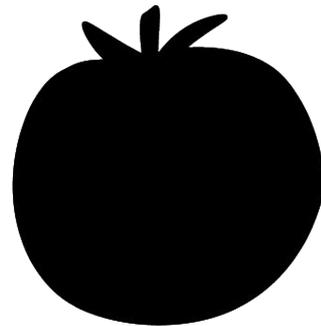
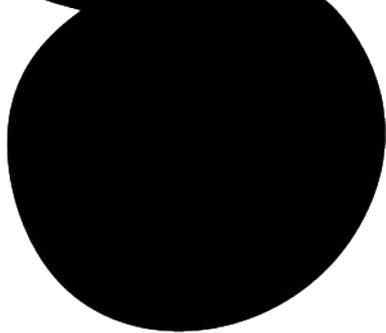
Skipped meals



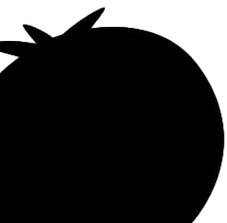
Source: Random sample of Providers users



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AGENDA

- Food Insecurity in Rhode Island
- Cartwheel in Broad Strokes
 - Online Ordering
 - Item List
 - Logistical Innovations
 - Online SNAP/Food Stamps
- Fresco Program
- Food Pantry Delivery Program
- Q&A



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Food Insecurity in Rhode Island

- “Nearly one in three Rhode Island households can’t afford adequate food.”¹
- “There is a time-urgent need for a statewide network of food ordering/delivery systems for homebound residents that allows SNAP participants to **shop using their EBT cards.**”²

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1. Rhode Island Community Food Bank. (2022). 2022 Status Report on Hunger in Rhode Island. Rhode Island Community Food Bank.
 2. Rhode Island Food Policy Council & CartwheelRI (2022, March). *SNAP delivery legislative roundtable*. Attended by Rhode Island federal and state congressional members. Rhode Island Food Policy Council, Providence, RI.

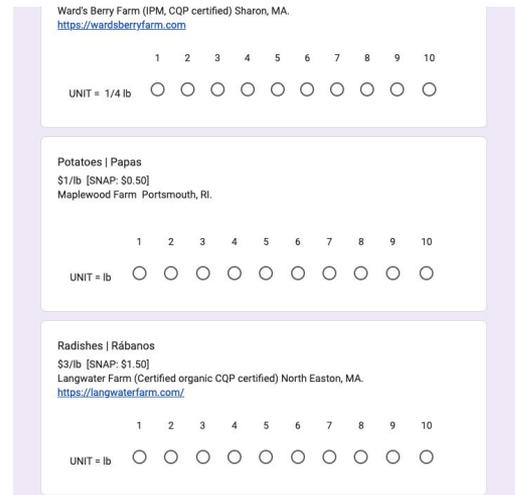
Cartwheel in Broad Strokes

- A 501(c)(3) food-access nonprofit in RI that provides **free home delivery of locally-grown fruits and vegetables**.
- Accepts **SNAP/Food Stamps** and operates on a **'Pay-What-You-Can'** contribution model.
- Runs a widely-used **food pantry home-delivery program** supported by the RI Community Food Bank.



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Online Ordering



The **bilingual website** for Cartwheel's Fresco program serves as the starting-place for its clients' online ordering. **Phone ordering** is also available for clients with limited tech access.

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Item List

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Name	Nombre	Price	Unit	Farm	Certification	Location
2	Apples – McIntosh Variety	Manzanas – McIntosh varied	\$3.00	lb	Steere Orchard	IPM, GAP certified	Greenville, RI
3	Apples – Macoun Variety	Manzanas – Macoun varieda	\$3.60	lb	Barden Family Orchard	IPM, GAP certified	North Scituate, RI
4	Beets	Remolacha	\$1.50	bunch or lb	Schartner Farms	IPM, GAP certified	Exeter, RI
5	Butternut Squash	Calabaza moscada	\$4.75	each	Schartner Farms	IPM, GAP certified	Exeter, RI
6	Cabbage (green)	Repollo verde	\$4.00	head	Schartner Farms	IPM, GAP certified	Exeter, RI
7	Cabbage (red)	Repollo rojo	\$4.00	head	Schartner Farms	IPM, GAP certified	Exeter, RI
8	Carrots	Zanahorias	\$2.80	lb	Brandon Family Farm	Certified organic	West Kingstown, RI
9	Delicata Squash	Calabaza 'delicata'	\$3.00	each	Ward's Berry Farm	IPM, CQP certified	Sharon, MA
10	Onions	Cebollas	\$1.50	lb	Schartner Farms	IPM, GAP certified	Exeter, RI
11	Pea Greens	Verdes de Guisante	\$5.00	1/4 lb	Ward's Berry Farm	IPM, CQP certified	Sharon, MA
12	Potatoes	Papas	\$1.00	lb	Maplewood Farm		Portsmouth, RI
13	Radishes	Rábanos	\$3.00	lb	Langwater Farm	Certified organic CQP certified	North Easton, MA
14	Rutabagas	Nabo sueco	\$3.00	lb	Cook's Valley Farm	IPM, CQP certified	Wrentham, MA
15	Salad Greens Mix	Mezcla de ensalada	\$6.50	6 oz	Ward's Berry Farm	IPM, CQP certified	Sharon, MA
16	Shallots	Shalotes	\$4.50	1/2 pint	Schartner Farm	IPM, GAP certified	Exeter, RI
17	Spinach	Espinacas	\$5.50	1/3 lb	Ward's Berry Farm	IPM, CQP certified	Sharon, MA
18	Sunchokes	Sunchokes	\$6.00	lb	Langwater Farm	Certified organic CQP certified	North Easton, MA
19	Sweet Potatoes	Camote	\$2.00	lb	Schartner Farms	IPM, GAP certified	Exeter, RI
20	Turnips	Nabos	\$3.00	lb	Cook's Valley Farm	IPM, CQP certified	Wrentham, MA
21	Crimini Mushrooms	Hongos Crimini	\$3.00	lb	RI Mushroom Company	some organic, GAP certified	West Kingstown, RI
22	Portobello Mushrooms	Honqos Portobello	\$3.80	lb	RI Mushroom Company	some organic, GAP certified	West Kingstown, RI



Clients choose from a **curated and continuously-updated** list of locally-sourced products.

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Logistical Innovations

The screenshot displays a Google Sheets spreadsheet titled "ORDERS PR.908" with a context menu open over a row of data. The spreadsheet columns include Delivery Date, Cluster, Stop, Street, HP, HQ, HR, HS, Zip, Delivery Instructions, and Preferred Language. The context menu options are: SOURCING, TREASURY, Make Slips, Send Delivery Notifications, Email, Add Column, Save Route, and out. The map on the right shows delivery destinations in Providence, RI, color-coded by cluster: ugIsabely (5), ugNadia (5), ugAnne (4), and ugRiley (4).

Delivery Date	Cluster	Stop	Street	HP	HQ	HR	HS	Zip	Delivery Instructions	Preferred Language	What are
7/29/2021	Nadia	2	575 Wickenden St	02903					Thursday Jueves; 1-4P English		
7/29/2021	Nadia	1	67308	02909					Call me to let me know y	Thursday Jueves; 1-4P English	

Cartwheel automatically maps delivery destinations and shares color-coded maps with drivers. Each destination holds pertinent information such as address, client phone number and delivery instructions.

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Online SNAP/Food Stamps

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SNAP/EBT Payment

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\$ 13.50	EBT Card Number
BALANCE	PAY
Pay Type:	Cash Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> SNAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



- Farm Fresh Bonus Bucks, a USDA SNAP/Food Stamps **incentive program** allows Cartwheel to deliver Farmers Market-quality produce at a **50% discount**.
- In May 2022, Cartwheel became the **first USDA-approved online SNAP retailer based in Rhode Island**: Cartwheel can now offer its SNAP discounts through a streamlined online platform.

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Fresco

- An innovative **worker-cooperative model** delivers **high-quality, nutritious food** to the doorsteps of vulnerable Rhode Islanders.
- Clients can receive **donated food** (provided through Cartwheel's partnership with the RI Foundation) or **purchase food with card or EBT/Food Stamps**.
- **Community members are paid \$20 per hour** to deliver food orders.



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Free Food Pantry Delivery



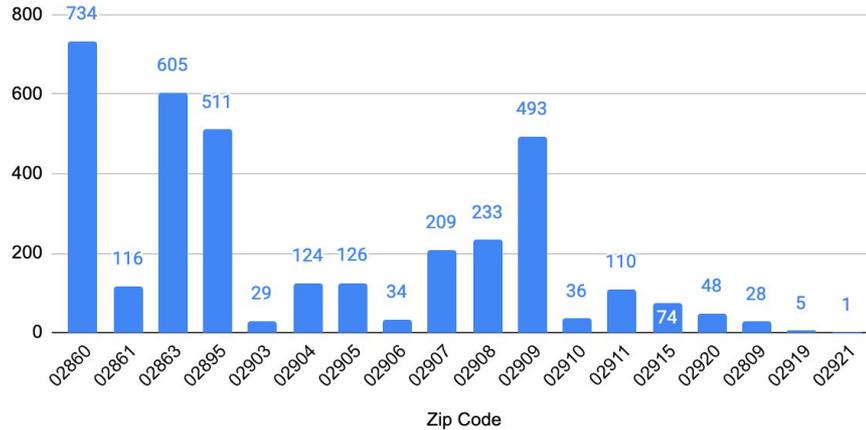
- Cartwheel works with food pantries throughout the state of Rhode Island. These include Progreso Latino in Central Falls, the Olneyville Food Center and the West End Community Center in Providence, Connecting for Children & Families in Woonsocket and the East Bay Food Pantry in Bristol.
- In 2022, Cartwheel completed **3,556 food pantry deliveries** and served **5,808 unique individuals**. Many of these individuals received weekly food pantry deliveries.

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Food Pantry Delivery: By the Numbers

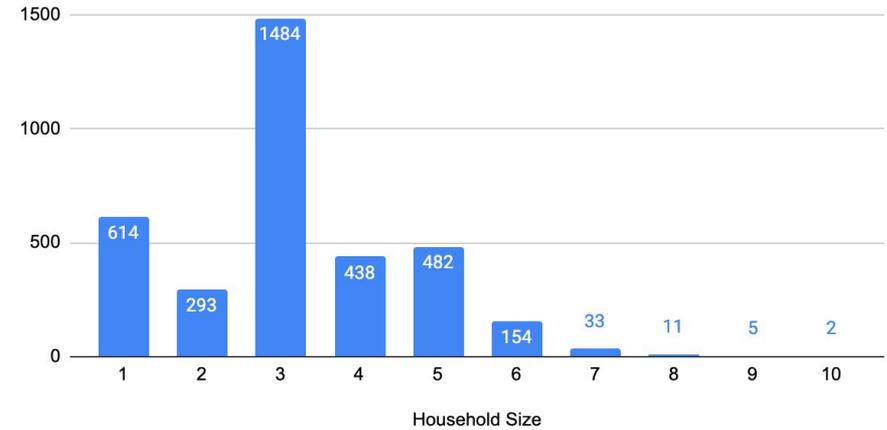
2022 Food Pantry Delivery

By Zip Code



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By Household Size



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