# Portage County, Ohio – Food Assistance Resources

## Government / Public Assistance Programs

1. **SNAP / Food Assistance (Ohio Department of Job & Family Services)**

* Monthly benefits to help buy food
* Apply online or at Portage County JFS
  + Website: <https://www.portagecounty-oh.gov/job-family-services/pages/jfs-applications-and-forms>

1. **WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)**

* Provides supplemental nutrition for pregnant/breastfeeding women, infants, and children under 5
* Available through Portage County Health Department

1. **Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank**

* Provides food to pantries and runs pop-up food distributions
  + Website: <https://ohiofoodbanks.org/foodbanks/portage>

1. **Pop-Up Food Pantry Distributions**

* Scheduled drive-thru or walk-up food distributions in Portage County
  + Example: Ravenna, Portage County Health District
  + Website: <https://www.akroncantonfoodbank.org/pop-food-pantries>

## Food Pantries, Meal Programs & Community Dining

1. **Center of Hope (Family & Community Services)**

* Hot meals Mon–Fri 11:30am–12:30pm, Sunday curbside meals
  + Grocery pantry by appointment
  + Website: <https://fcsserves.org/program/center-of-hope>
  + Phone: (330) 297-5454
  + Location: 1034 W. Main St., Ravenna, OH

1. **Kent Social Services (KSS)**

* Food pantry, groceries, and community meals
  + Website: <https://fcsserves.org/program/kent-social-services>
  + Phone: (330) 673-6963
  + Address: 143 Gougler Ave., Kent, OH

1. **Volunteers of America Food Pantry – Aurora**

* Food pantry serving Aurora area
  + Address: 1063 N. Aurora Rd., Aurora, OH
  + Hours: Mon–Sat 10am–4pm

1. **Crestwood 4C’s (Hilltop Christian Church, Mantua)**

* Pantry serving Crestwood School District residents
  + Hours: Mon 4–6pm; Wed & Fri 1–3pm

1. **Brimfield Methodist Church 'God Provides' Meal**

* Free community meal last Saturday of each month
  + Location: Brimfield, OH

1. **Salvation Army – Cure Hunger Program**

* Food pantry and hot meal programs
  + Website: <https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/northeast-ohio/portage-county/cure-hunger>

1. **Catholic Charities – Portage & Stark Counties**

* Food pantry and emergency assistance
  + Address: 219 W. Main St., Ravenna, OH
  + Phone: (330) 297-7745
  + Website: <https://www.ccdoy.org/locations/catholic-charities-serving-portage-stark-counties>

## Local Market & Fresh Food Access

1. **Haymaker Farmers’ Market – Market Food Assistance**

* Accepts SNAP, WIC, and Produce Perks doubling program for fresh produce
  + Website: <https://www.haymakermarket.com/marketfoodassistance>

1. **Portage County Food Resources Dashboard**

* Interactive map of food pantries, WIC sites, SNAP-friendly stores, and more
  + Website: <https://portagehealth.net/our-programs/health-education-and-promotion/food-resource>