

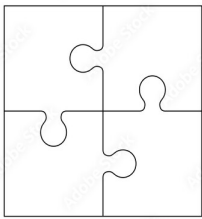
## Pantry Statistics



In 2025, 1753 households used our food pantry for a combined total of 39,382 visits throughout the year.

2024 Total  
Poundage

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For the second year in a row, roughly half a million pounds of food moved through our building and out to the community. Our thanks to the Gov. Gordon and our community for providing us with the funding to order nearly 50,000 lbs for the month of November alone during the SNAP shutdown. On average our food costs have nearly doubled for the past three years; placing us into a situation where supply cannot meet demand.

## The Growing Costs to Our Community

Housing and utility assistance are among the most critical services we provide—and also the most vulnerable to rising costs. Unlike many program areas, being a nonprofit does not reduce the price of rent or utilities. Laramie Interfaith pays the same housing and energy costs that our clients face every day.

Since 2020, the average cost of rent in our community has increased by more than 50%. Today, more than 55% of renters are considered cost-burdened, all while Albany County remains the poorest county in Wyoming. These trends have placed tremendous strain on households already living on the financial edge.

As housing and utility prices continue to climb, the purchasing power of our assistance dollars has steadily declined. At the same time, many federal funding sources remain tied to pre-COVID funding levels, leaving fewer resources available to respond to a growing number of families in crisis. Even after securing new grant funding, the rising cost of housing and utilities makes it difficult to keep

pace with demand.

Despite these challenges, Laramie Interfaith has expanded its impact. Today we are serving nearly twice as many households as we did in 2020. Yet the need in our community continues to grow, widening the gap between what families require to remain safely housed and the resources available to support them.

To address this challenge, Laramie Interfaith is strengthening its capacity through the integration of the Family Promise program. By aligning programs and leveraging additional grant funding, we are expanding the resources available for housing stabilization and utility assistance. This collaboration will allow us to respond more effectively when families face the risk of eviction, utility shutoffs, or sudden financial emergencies.

With continued investment, we can ensure that a temporary financial crisis does not become a long-term housing disaster for families in our community.

# Client Services



Our Client Services case workers assisted over 200 households with emergency rent and utilities assistance working through multiple grants. On average we have seen rents continue to rise with most requests for apartments exceeding \$800 for single bedroom and lot-rents for trailer homes closing in on \$700.

We continue to provide application assistance for programs and benefits such as LIEAP, WAP, Energy Share, SNAP, CLIMB, SSI/SSDI, VA, and Medicaid/Medicare.



**1500+ Hours of Dedicated Case Management and Crises Support Hours**

Working closely with our numerous partners locally and statewide, we have been able to help clients through challenging situations to find and receive the help they need. In 2025, we worked with numerous individuals to help support them through job training and reskilling programs. Our case managers filed more than 50 applications with clients for Cheyenne Housing vouchers, 82 SNAP applications, 110 LIEAP applications, 50 Energy Share of Wyoming applications, 4 Social Security Disability applications, and more than 100 jobs applications among the rest of their work on housing and utilities.

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## Our Impact

While we pride ourselves on meeting clients wherever they are in their journey, some challenges require the coordinated efforts of many partners. In those moments, collaboration becomes our greatest strength.

In the summer of 2025, we were contacted by a family facing a medical emergency with their child. Due to the severity of the condition, the child had to be transferred to Children's Hospital in Denver for specialized care. At first, the parents attempted to commute back and forth so they could maintain their jobs while staying close to their child.

As the situation worsened, however, maintaining that balance became impossible. The parents were forced to leave their jobs, relying on their savings to get by. When those resources were exhausted, the family turned to Laramie Interfaith for help. With no income and their savings depleted, the family faced eviction from their home—on top of the unimaginable stress of their child's medical crisis. Our case manager worked closely with the family and helped coordinate support among multiple agencies across the state that had become involved in their care.



Together, we ensured the family would still have a home waiting for them when their child was finally able to leave the hospital—which they did near Christmastime. By working together, we prevented one of the most difficult experiences a family can face from becoming even more devastating through the added trauma of homelessness.