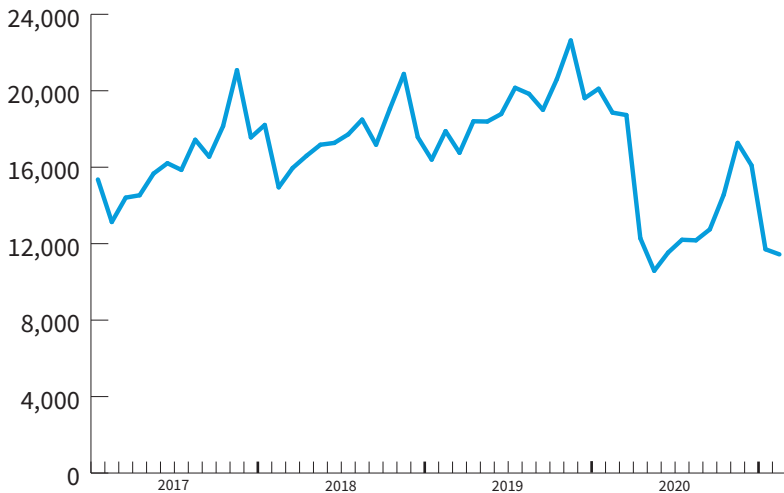


People Assisted, DMARC Food Pantry Network



People Assisted

11,440



2.3%

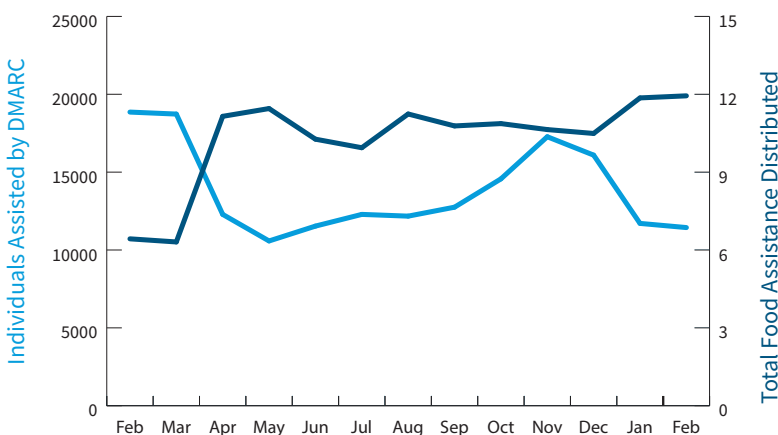
fewer people assisted than January 2021

Food Assistance (SNAP) and DMARC Food Pantry Network Usage

In February 2021, \$11.9 million in Food Assistance was issued in Polk County to 57,707 individuals. The average monthly Food Assistance benefit for an individual in Polk County increased by 82% between February 2020 and February 2021, for three primary reasons:

- since April 2020, all recipients of Food Assistance have been receiving the maximum benefit amount
- in October 2020, benefits increased by 5% after an annual USDA recalculation of food costs
- in January 2021, benefits increased by 15% thanks to the December COVID relief package

Food Assistance and DMARC pantry use, Polk County, IA



Average Monthly Food Assistance Benefit, Polk County, IA

