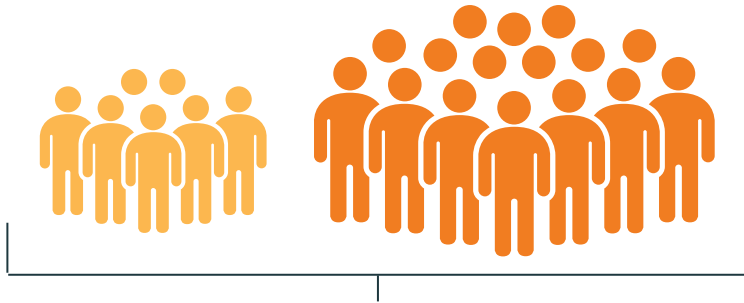


HOME-DELIVERED MEALS



Utah Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Commonly known as Meals on Wheels, the Home-Delivered Meals Program provides healthy meals, a quick safety check and vital human connection to homebound seniors while reducing food insecurity and isolation.

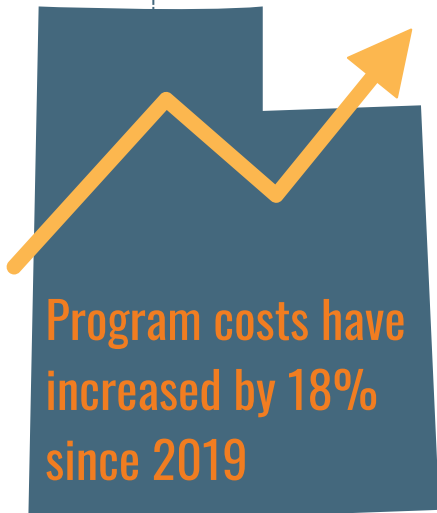


Utah Senior Population is projected to
DOUBLE
by 2060.

Legislative Funding Request - FY23 - \$2,178,460

Every meal delivered addresses the specific health conditions of the senior, provides a safety check and an assessment of changes that might impact future medical needs. This can mean the difference between independent living at home or transfer to a costly long-term nursing facility.

Continued increasing operational costs and extensive program growth statewide are detrimentally outpacing service need. Hunger and isolation not only jeopardize the health and well-being of Utah's older adults; they also place a significant strain on our state's healthcare system and economy.



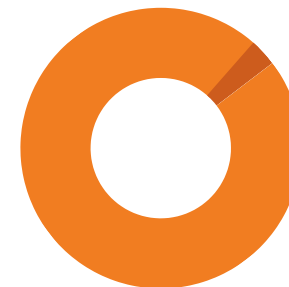
Program costs have
increased by 18%
since 2019



58% of HDM recipients live alone, and for many of them, **the person delivering the meal is often the only person they will see that day.**

Average Cost for Elderly Assisted Living

Home-Delivered Meals:	Assisted Living:
\$173.50 a month	\$5,280 a month



Assisted Living Cost
96.8%

Home-Delivered Meals Cost
3.2%

The Home-Delivered Meal Program costs only 2.8% compared to placement in an assisted living facility.