

Mid Year Stats

(Apr-Oct 2025)



Between Apr 1st and Oct 1st, 2025, Taff-Ely Foodbank fulfilled 609 foodbank vouchers, providing 1,549 food parcels to local people in crisis (including 603 children). This report will highlight key trends among clients, including reasons for referral, sources of income, demographic groups, and geographic distribution, and will also highlight the ongoing challenges faced by local people.

Reasons for referral (clients can select more than one)

Reason for referral	Count	% of responses
Cost of Living has increased	781	52.59
Other unexpected expense	237	15.96
Ongoing impact of a physical or mental health condition	213	14.34
Priority Debt	189	12.73
Benefit Delay	193	13

Source of Income

Source of income	Count	% of responses
Benefits, not earning	1258	85.58
Earning and benefits	85	5.78
Earning, no benefits	71	4.83
No income	50	3.4
Income but no or insufficient access to it	6	0.41

Age Group Distribution

Age group	Count	% of responses
Adults (35 - 44)	271	17.61
Adults (25 - 34)	243	15.79
Children (5 - 11)	239	15.53
Children (0 - 4)	192	12.48
Children (12 - 16)	169	10.98

Geographic Distribution

Ward	Count
Tonyrefail East and West	216
Gilfach Goch	180
Brynna and Llanharan	169
Llantrisant and Talbot Green	155
Trealaw	112
Penygraig	89

Conclusion

The data from the first six months of FY 2025/26 demonstrates a consistently high need for foodbanks in Taff-Ely. More than half of foodbank clients noted the rising cost of living as a reason for referral, and over 85% of clients rely solely on benefits as a source of income (although almost 10% of clients are earning, demonstrating increasing in-work poverty in Taff-Ely).

Concerningly, almost 40% of food parcels went to under 16s, demonstrating that child poverty remains consistently high in the area as well. A concerning 33.05% of food parcels went to households with three or more children, in part as a result of the two-child benefit cap - Taff-Ely Foodbank is joining Trussell in calling on the UK government to scrap this limit to help reduce child poverty.