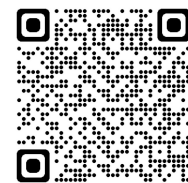


# Freeborn County

FISCAL YEAR 2022 RESULTS



[Semcac.org](https://www.semcac.org)

## About Semcac

Semcac is a nonprofit, 501c3 Community Action Agency designated to serve southeastern Minnesota. Established in 1966, Semcac serves the counties of Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Mower, Steele & Winona. Limited services are also provided in Olmsted, Goodhue, Rice & Wabasha counties. Semcac provides services to assist low-income &/or at-risk populations & addresses community needs.

## Annual Full Agency Results



SERVED  
**21,512**

INDIVIDUALS  
(UNDUPLICATED)



FROM  
**10,951**

HOUSEHOLDS

&



PROVIDED  
**49,684**  
BUS RIDES

### Thank you volunteers!

44,951 hours donated by 926 volunteers to Semcac.

## --MISSION--

**Empower & advocate for people to enhance their self-sufficiency by maximizing community resources**

## LOCATIONS IN FREEBORN COUNTY

- 1 Freeborn Cty Contact office  
204 W. Clark St. Albert Lea
- 2 Albert Lea, Senior Dining  
Senior Tower  
905 Maple Hill Dr. A. Lea

## Semcac's Impact in Freeborn County, 2023

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Senior Nutrition results in seniors who are empowered to maintain their health and nutritional wellbeing and allows at-risk seniors to remain in their own home.

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- 9,089 hot, nutritious meals were served in a congregate setting at Senior Dining to seniors age 60+ & spouses, in Freeborn County. A Registered Dietitian approves meals.
- 13,913 nutritious meals were delivered by Meals on Wheels volunteers to Freeborn County seniors in Albert Lea, Alden and Glenville.

Energy Assistance results in keeping people warm by heating homes during the winter season, thus extending the limited, low household income.

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- 982 households in Freeborn County received assistance with their utility payments during the winter season. And, 257 households received additional crisis assistance.

Weatherization results in greener communities, lower energy bills for low-income people and creates new jobs.

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- 17 households in Freeborn County had their homes weatherized and learned more about energy conservation. 20 households received home conservation services funded through the local utility companies' Conservation Improvement Programs administered by Semcac.
- 33 households received energy related repairs, such as furnace replacement.

Housing Rehab Loans result in improved living condition for low-income people and the preservation of quality affordable housing.

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- Semcac continued a new residential rehab program in collaboration with the City of Albert Lea and MN Housing, this year. The project expects to serve at least 11 homes of Low-to-Moderate Income households.
- 5 homes were assisted with rehabs through the MN Owner Rehab Loan program, in Freeborn County.

Outreach and Emergency Services supports people through a crisis and allows them to utilize their limited income until they reach stability.

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- 35 individuals received crisis financial assistance for transportation needs, a medical issue, utility payment assistance or another immediate basic need.
- 43 families (84 individuals) were assisted with payments such as rent or mortgage, provided with motel vouchers, to prevent homelessness in Freeborn County.
- Outreach & Emergency Services staff provided information & referrals to outside organizations for 2,215 individuals in Freeborn County. Staff also provided information & referrals within the agency to 700 households in Freeborn County.

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