Regional Partner Town Hall

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Food Insecurity Data and SNAP Trends

Map the Meal Gap

What: Annual study on the local prevalence of food insecurity and food prices in the U.S.

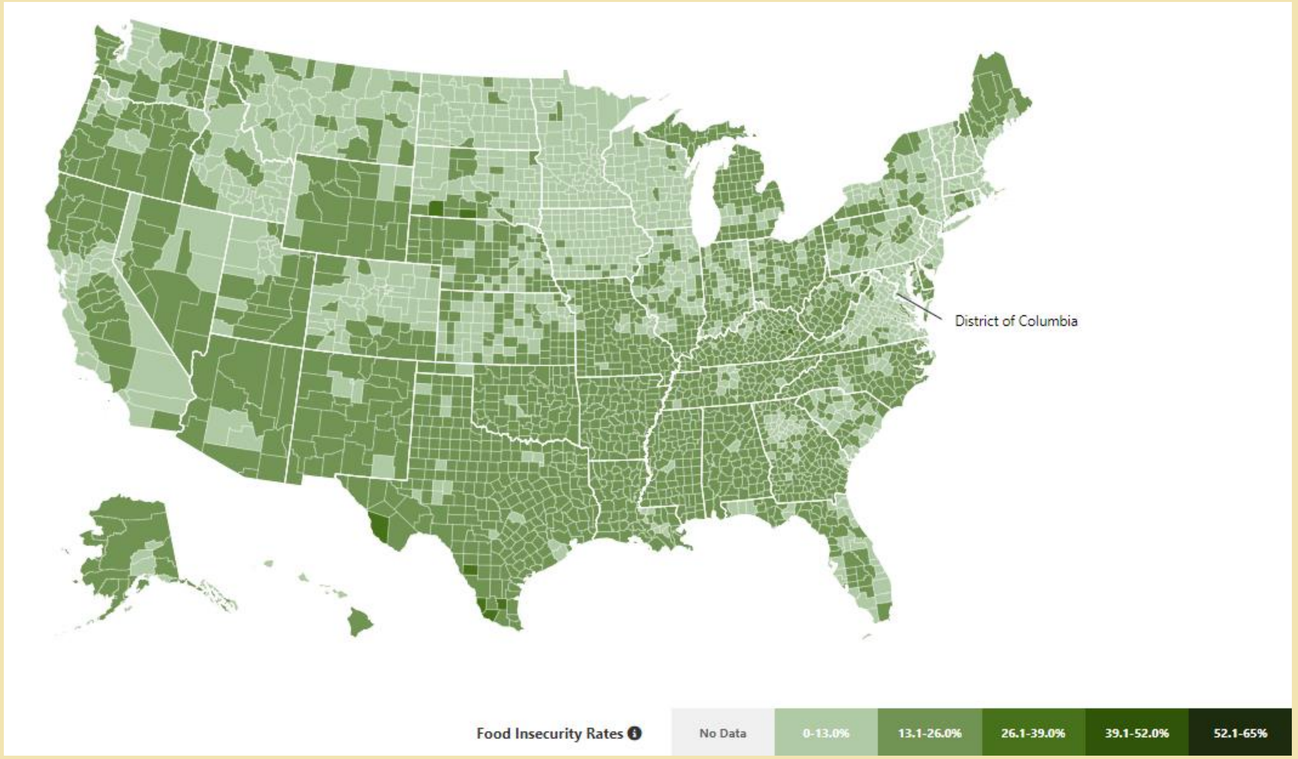
Who: All individuals, children, and select racial/ethnic groups

Where: Counties, service areas, congressional districts, states, census tracts and Zip Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs)

How: Via local estimates, analytic and technical briefs, interactive maps and other resources

When: Data is from 2024

Why: To better understand and serve people and places facing hunger



Guidance on Interpreting and Communicating Data: What our food insecurity estimates (don't) tell us

Food insecurity is defined as USDA's measure of lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods.

Key questions Map the Meal Gap estimates are designed to answer, some needing more context or caveats, and some that are out of scope.

Recommended

- About **how many** people have been experiencing food insecurity in my community?
- **Where** is food insecurity likely to be highest in my state?

Exercise caution

- How has local food insecurity in my community **changed** over time?
- How **different** is the prevalence of food insecurity among some groups compared to others?

Not recommended

- **Why** are people experiencing food insecurity in a specific community?
- **What impact** does a local food bank or initiative have on food insecurity in a community?

Note: Estimates for some places, populations and years are more comparable than others.

Food Insecurity: Overall Population

Food insecurity at some point during the year

Year	Food Bank of the Rockies Service Area	Colorado
Percent		
2022	11.3%	11.5%
2023	12.4%	12.7%
2024	13.2%	13.3%
Ratio		
2022	1 in 9	1 in 9
2023	1 in 8	1 in 8
2024	1 in 8	1 in 8
# of People		
2022	453,920	671,340
2023	500,180	744,950
2024	538,070	790,510

Food Insecurity: Children

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Food insecurity among children, 0-18 years, at some point in time during the year

Year	Food Bank of the Rockies Service Area	Colorado
Percent		
2022	14.3%	14.2%
2023	14.5%	14.3%
2024	18.2%	18.1%
Ratio		
2022	1 in 7	1 in 7
2023	1 in 7	1 in 7
2024	1 in 5	1 in 6
# of Children		
2022	125,720	172,280
2023	126,640	172,540
2024	157,500	218,240

Food Insecurity by Race and Ethnicity

Food insecurity by race and ethnicity at some point during the year

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	Food Bank of the Rockies Service Area			Colorado		
Year	Black	Hispanic/Latino	White, Non-Hispanic	Black	Hispanic/Latino	White, Non-Hispanic
	Percent					
2022	19%	20%	9%	19%	21%	9%
2023	22%	21%	10%	21%	22%	9%
2024	27%	21%	10%	26%	21%	9%
	Ratio					
2022	1 in 5	1 in 5	1 in 11	1 in 5	1 in 5	1 in 9
2023	1 In 5	1 in 5	1 in 10	1 in 5	1 in 5	1 in 9
2024	1 in 4	1 in 5	1 in 10	1 in 4	1 in 5	1 in 11

Food Insecurity: Eastern Plains

Food insecurity at some point during the year

Year	Overall Population Food Insecure
Percent	
2022	12.8%
2023	12.3%
2024	13.3%
Ratio	
2022	1 in 8
2023	1 in 8
2024	1 in 8
# of People	
2022	9,510
2023	12,510
2024	13,580

Year	Children (0-18) Food Insecure
Percent	
2022	16.6%
2023	14.9%
2024	19.1%
Ratio	
2022	1 in 6
2023	1 in 7
2024	1 in 5
# of Children	
2022	2,850
2023	3,390
2024	4,320

SNAP Eligibility Rates: Eastern Plains

Estimates of the percent of food insecure population who *does not qualify* for SNAP (200% FPL)

County	Year	Percent
Elbert	2024	**62.4%**
Kiowa	2024	**20.9%**
Lincoln	2024	**35.7%**
Logan	2024	**30.9%**
Morgan	2024	**34.2%**
Sedgwick	2024	**6.9%**
Washington	2024	**35.8%**
Yuma	2024	**42.8%**

County	Year	Percent
Elbert	2023	**65.8%**
Kiowa	2023	**21.9%**
Lincoln	2023	**40.3%**
Logan	2023	**24.0%**
Morgan	2023	**26.3%**
Sedgwick	2023	**21.1%**
Washington	2023	**34.5%**
Yuma	2023	**31.6%**

Food Insecurity: Mountain Region

Food insecurity at some point during the year

Year	Overall Population Food Insecure
Percent	
2022	**10.4%**
2023	**11.1%**
2024	**11.1%**
Ratio	
2022	**1 in 10**
2023	**1 in 9**
2024	**1 in 9**
# of People	
2022	**18,830**
2023	**20,050**
2024	**20,060**

Year	Children (0-18) Food Insecure
Percent	
2022	**12.3%**
2023	**11.9%**
2024	**16.5%**
Ratio	
2022	**1 in 8**
2023	**1 in 8**
2024	**1 in 6**
# of Children	
2022	**4,060**
2023	**3,960**
2024	**5,370**

SNAP Eligibility Rates: Mountain Region

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Estimates of the percent of food insecure population who *does not qualify* for SNAP (200% FPL)

County	Year	Percent
Clear Creek	2024	63.9%
Eagle	2024	48.8%
Gilpin	2024	37.0%
Grand	2024	50.5%
Jackson	2024	9.7%
Lake	2024	56.1%
Moffat	2024	18.4%
Pitkin	2024	59.7%
Rio Blanco	2024	41.9%
Summit	2024	50.8%

County	Year	Percent
Clear Creek	2023	59.9%
Eagle	2023	40.3%
Gilpin	2023	39.0%
Grand	2023	47.5%
Jackson	2023	9.3%
Lake	2023	56.3%
Moffat	2023	20.3%
Pitkin	2023	60.6%
Rio Blanco	2023	35.5%
Summit	2023	47.1%

Food Insecurity: Western Slope

Food insecurity at some point during the year

Year	Overall Population Food Insecure
Percent	
2022	11.8%
2023	12.5%
2024	13%
Ratio	
2022	1 in 8
2023	1 in 8
2024	1 in 8
# of People	
2022	54,480
2023	58,020
2024	57,970

Year	Children (0-18) Food Insecure
Percent	
2022	15%
2023	15%
2024	18.6%
Ratio	
2022	1 in 7
2023	1 in 7
2024	1 in 5
# of Children	
2022	14,160
2023	14,210
2024	17,460

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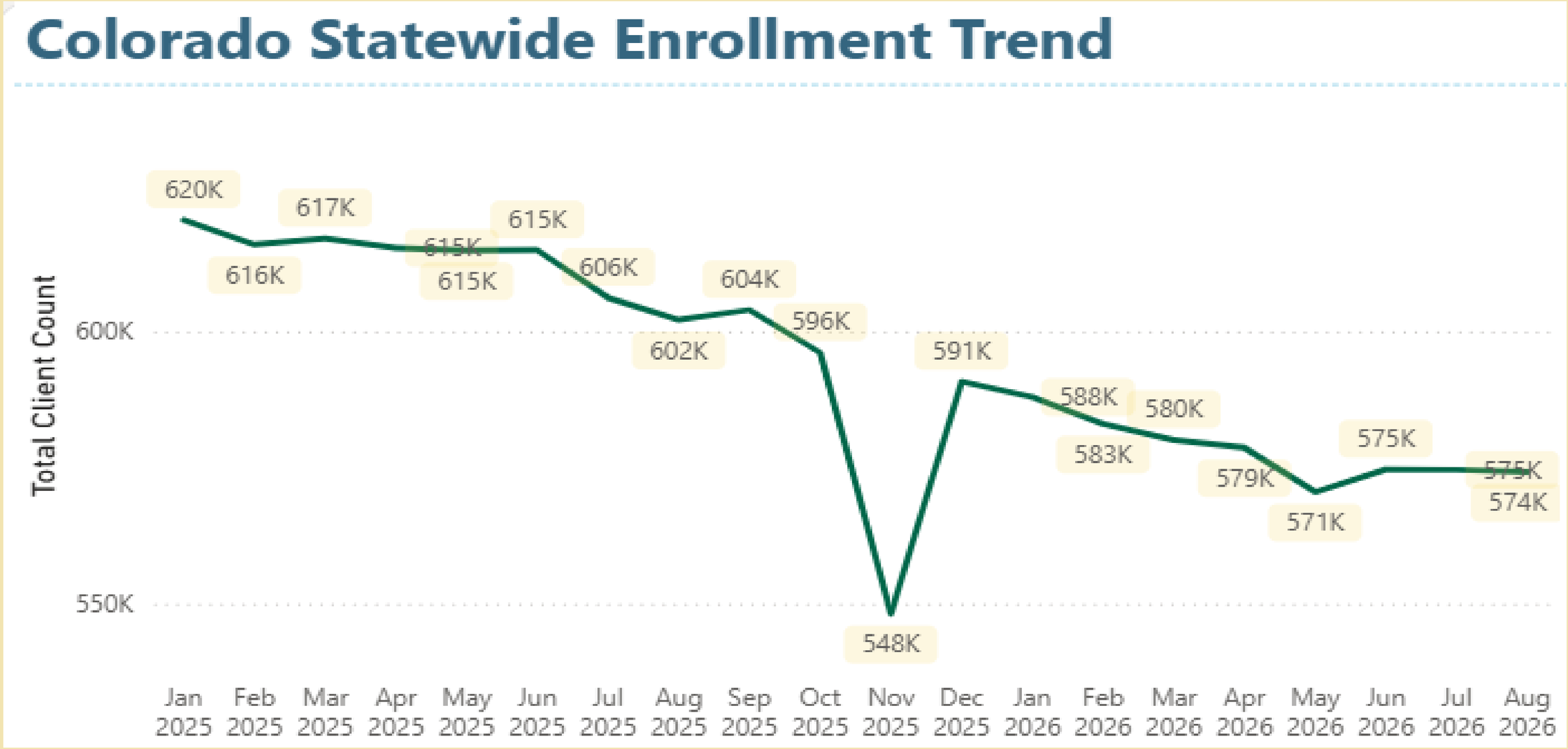
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County	Year	Percent
Delta	2024	26.0%
Eagle	2024	48.8%
Garfield	2024	50.2%
Lake	2024	56.1%
Mesa	2024	35.6%
Moffat	2024	18.4%
Montrose	2024	31.5%
Ouray	2024	49.2%
Pitkin	2024	59.7%
Rio Blanco	2024	41.9%
Routt	2024	53.2%
San Miguel	2024	43.1%
Summit	2024	50.8%

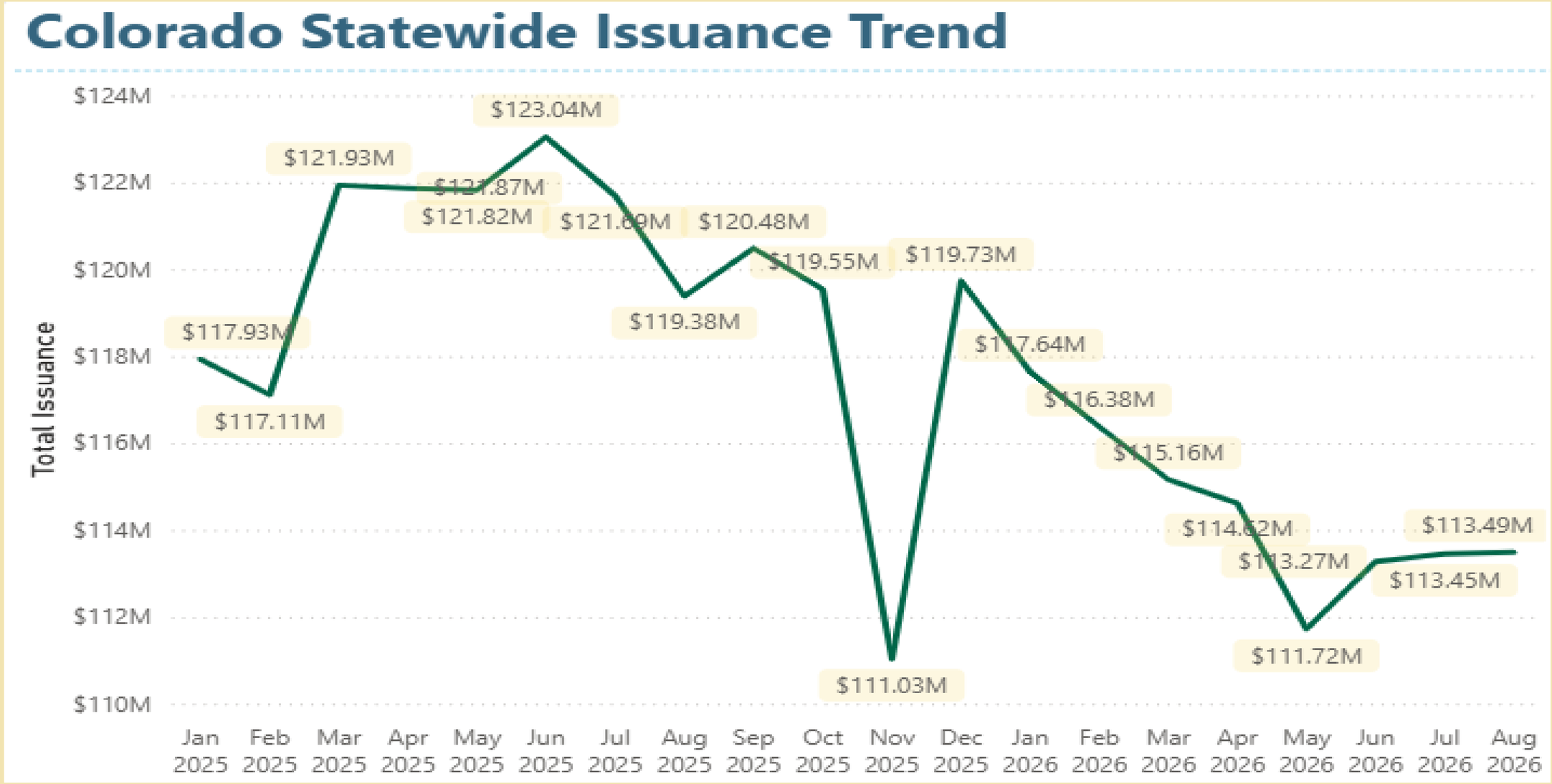
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Mesa	2023	34.7%
Moffat	2023	20.3%
Montrose	2023	32.2%
Ouray	2023	51.5%
Pitkin	2023	60.6%
Rio Blanco	2023	35.5%
Routt	2023	52.8%
San Miguel	2023	30.4%
Summit	2023	47.1%

SNAP Client Trends: Colorado Statewide



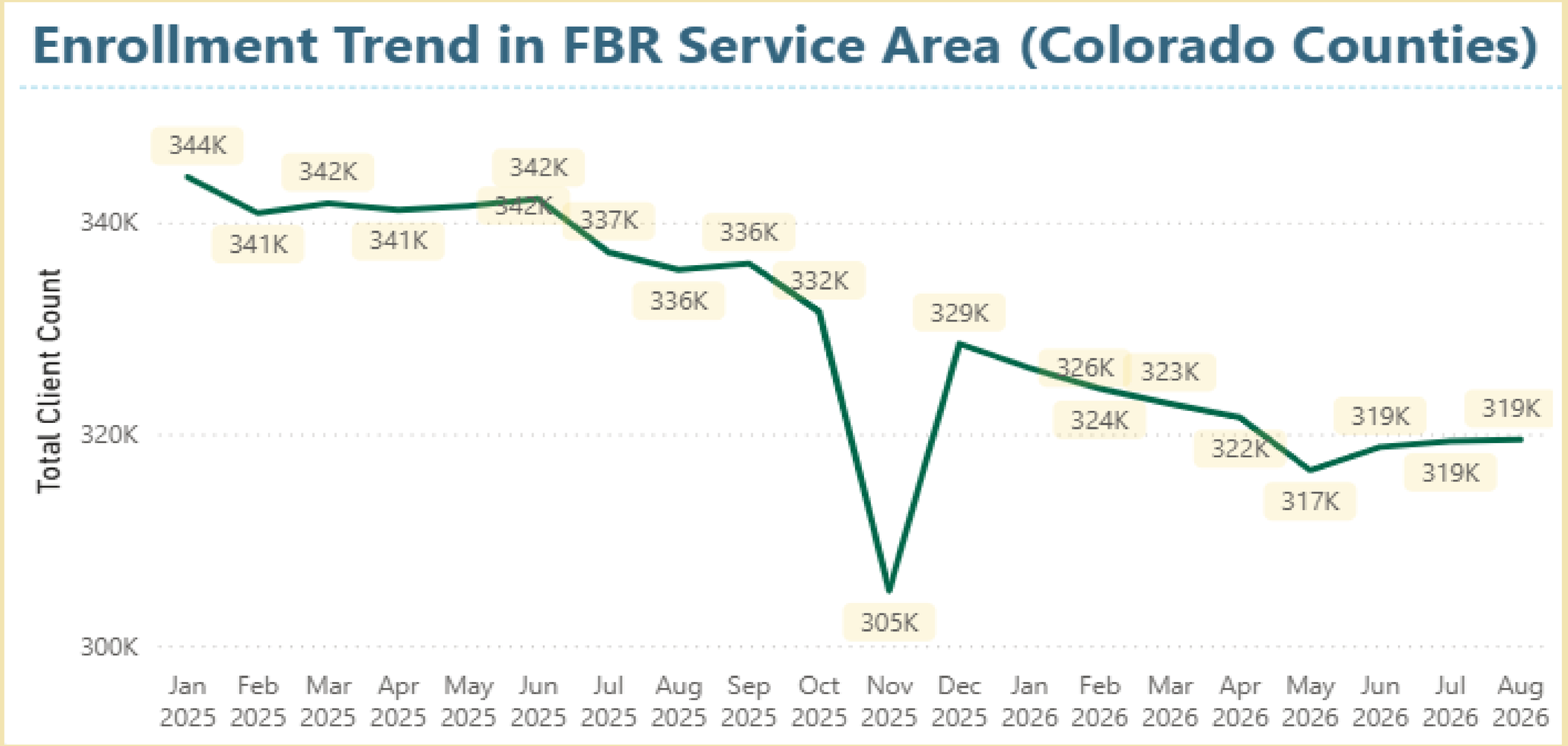
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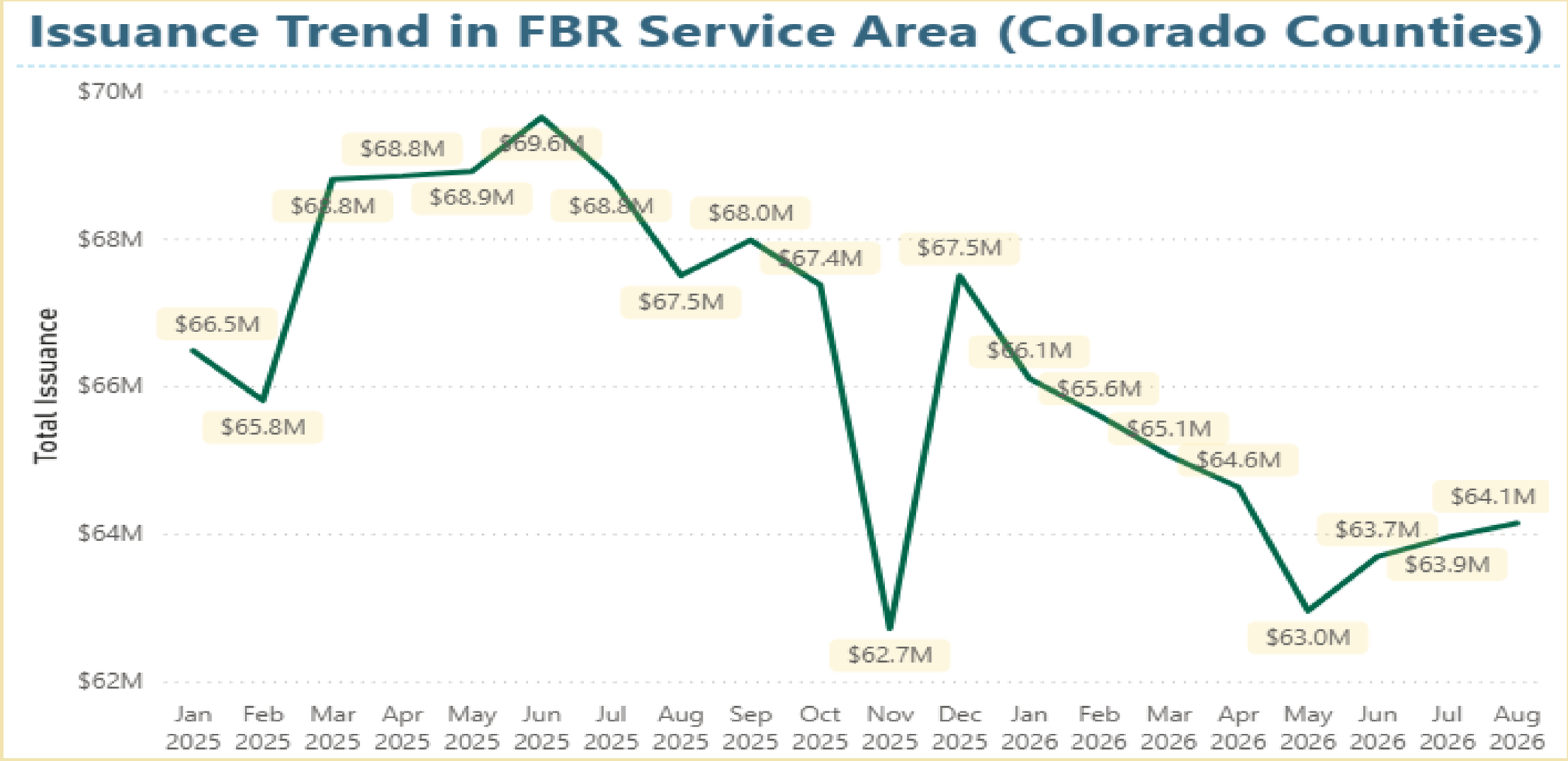
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Food Bank of the Rockies Service Area Overall



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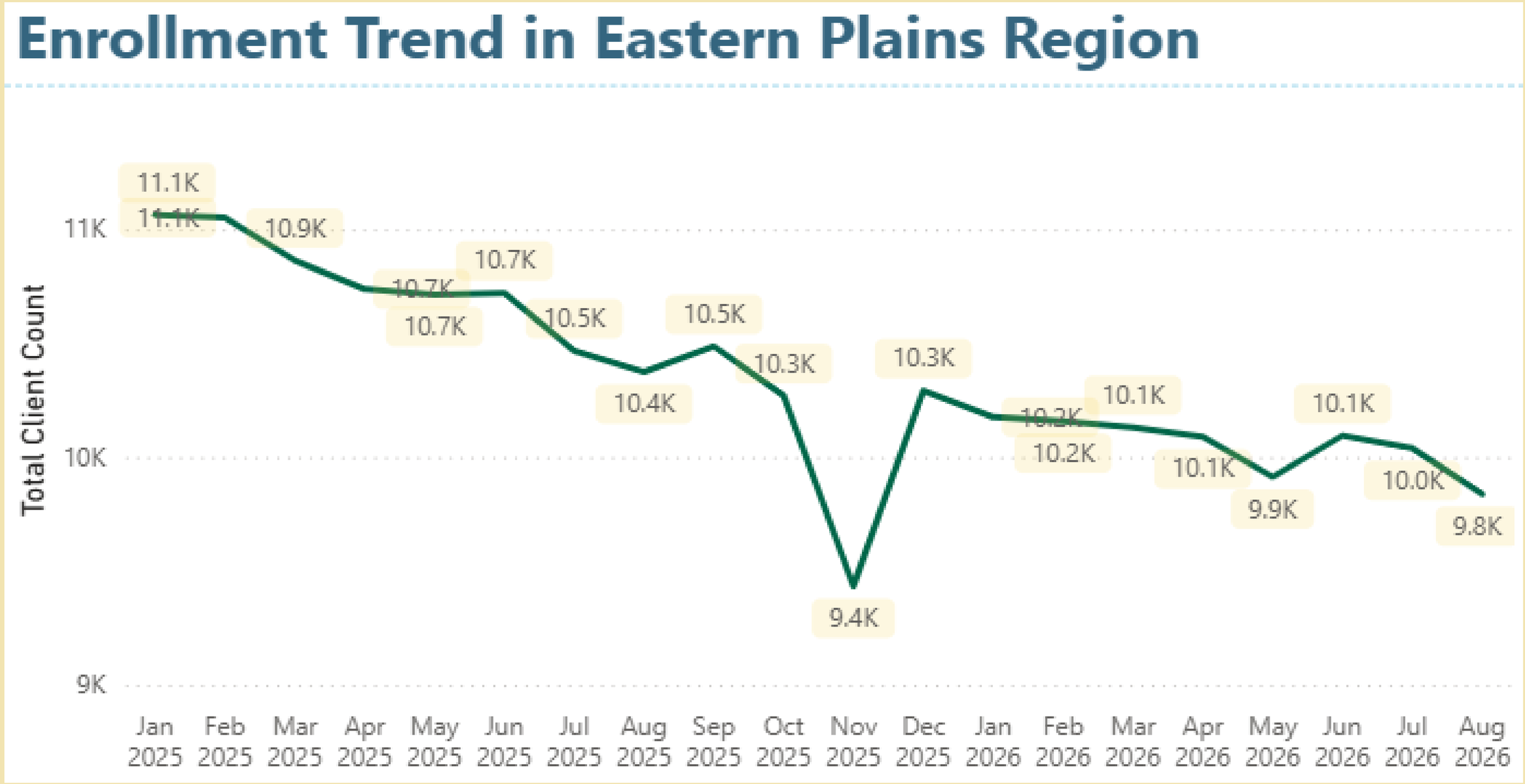
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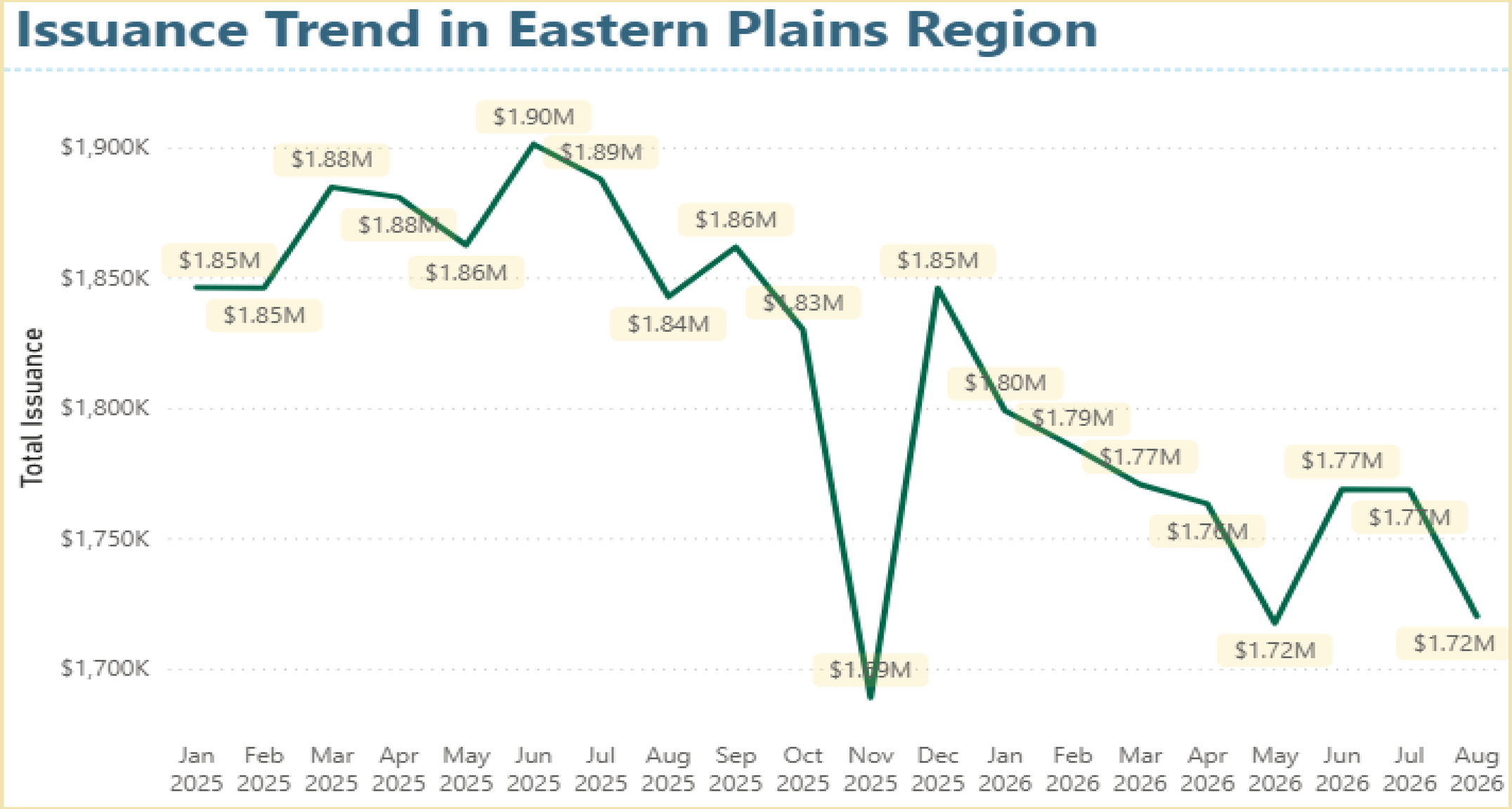
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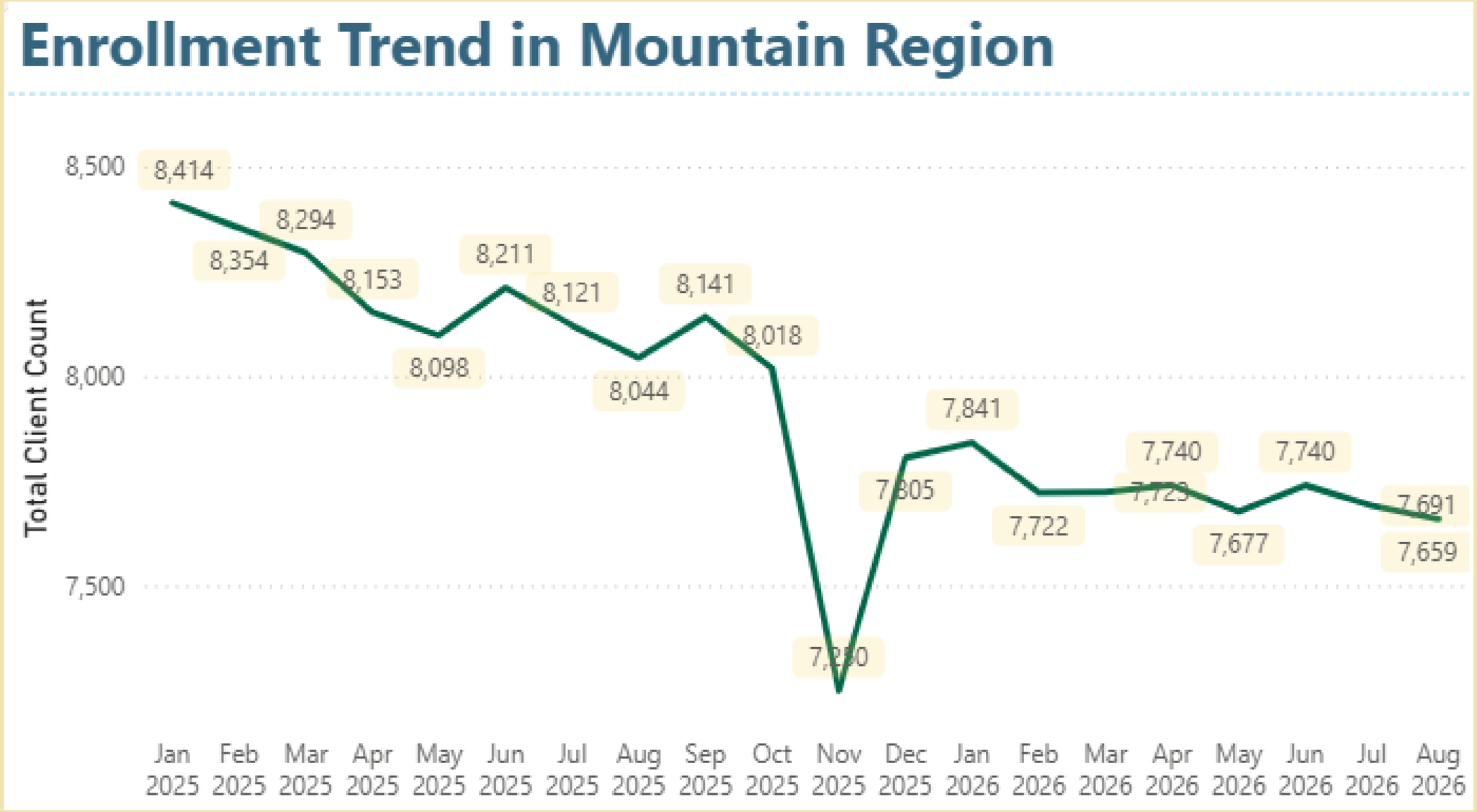
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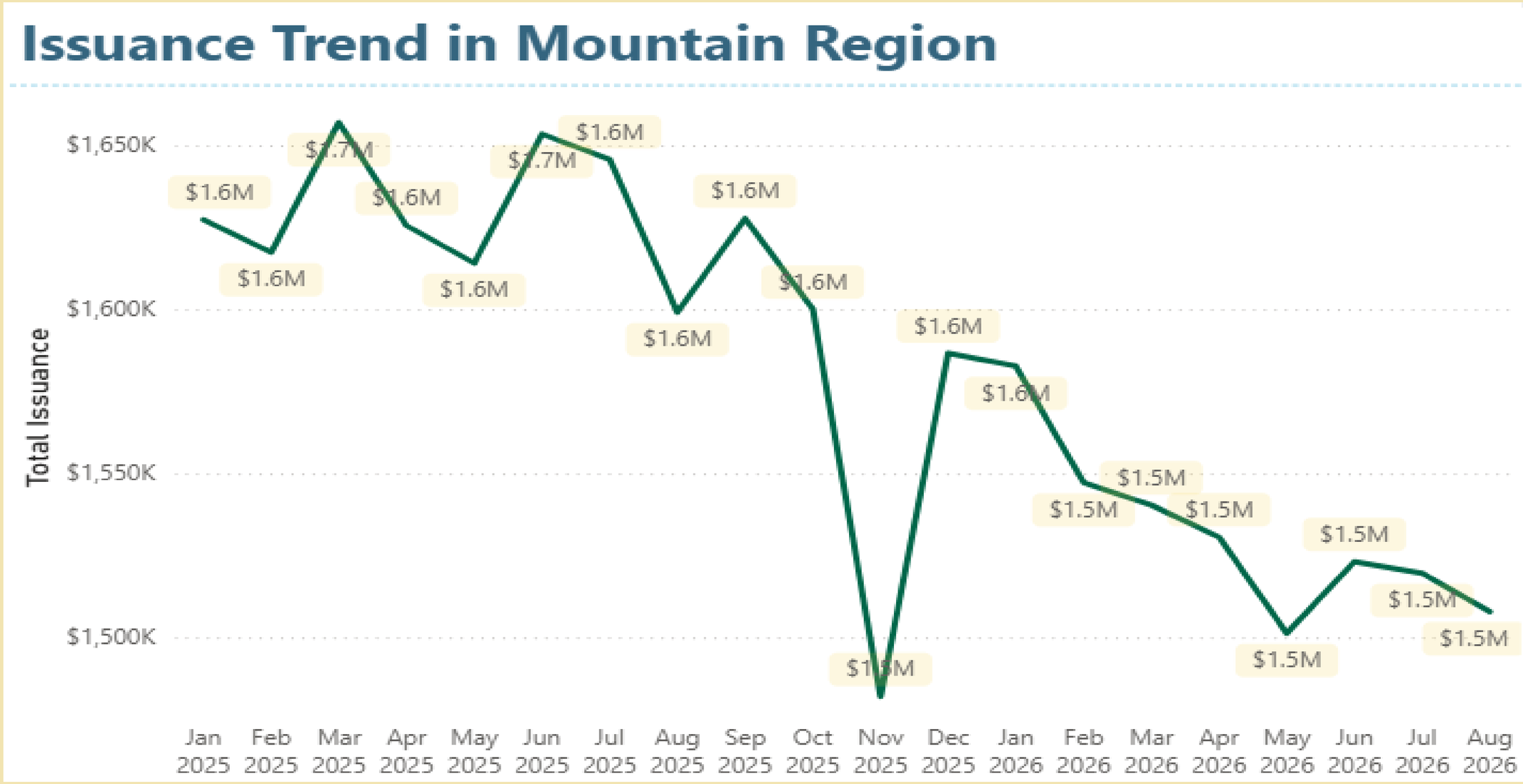
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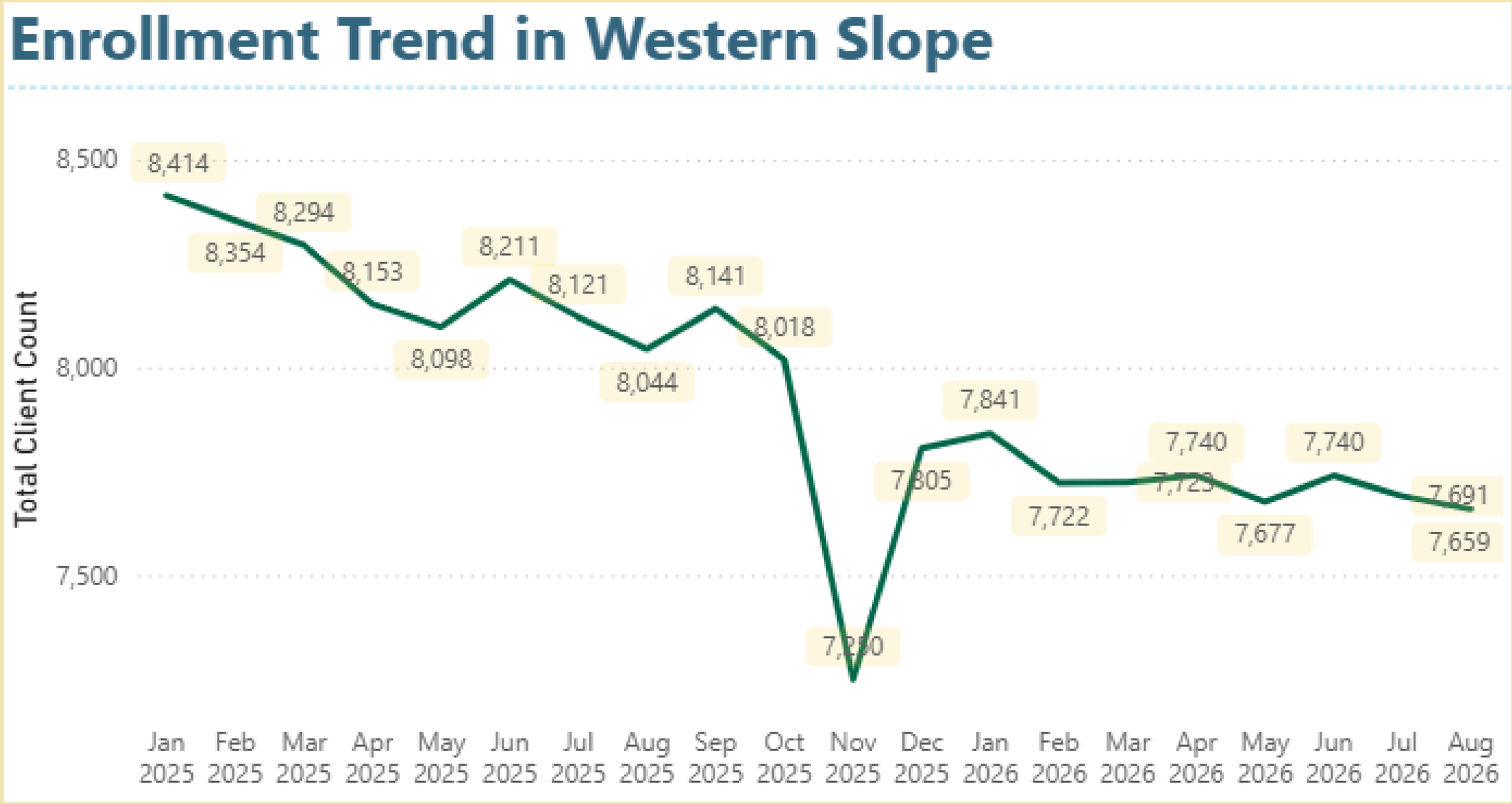
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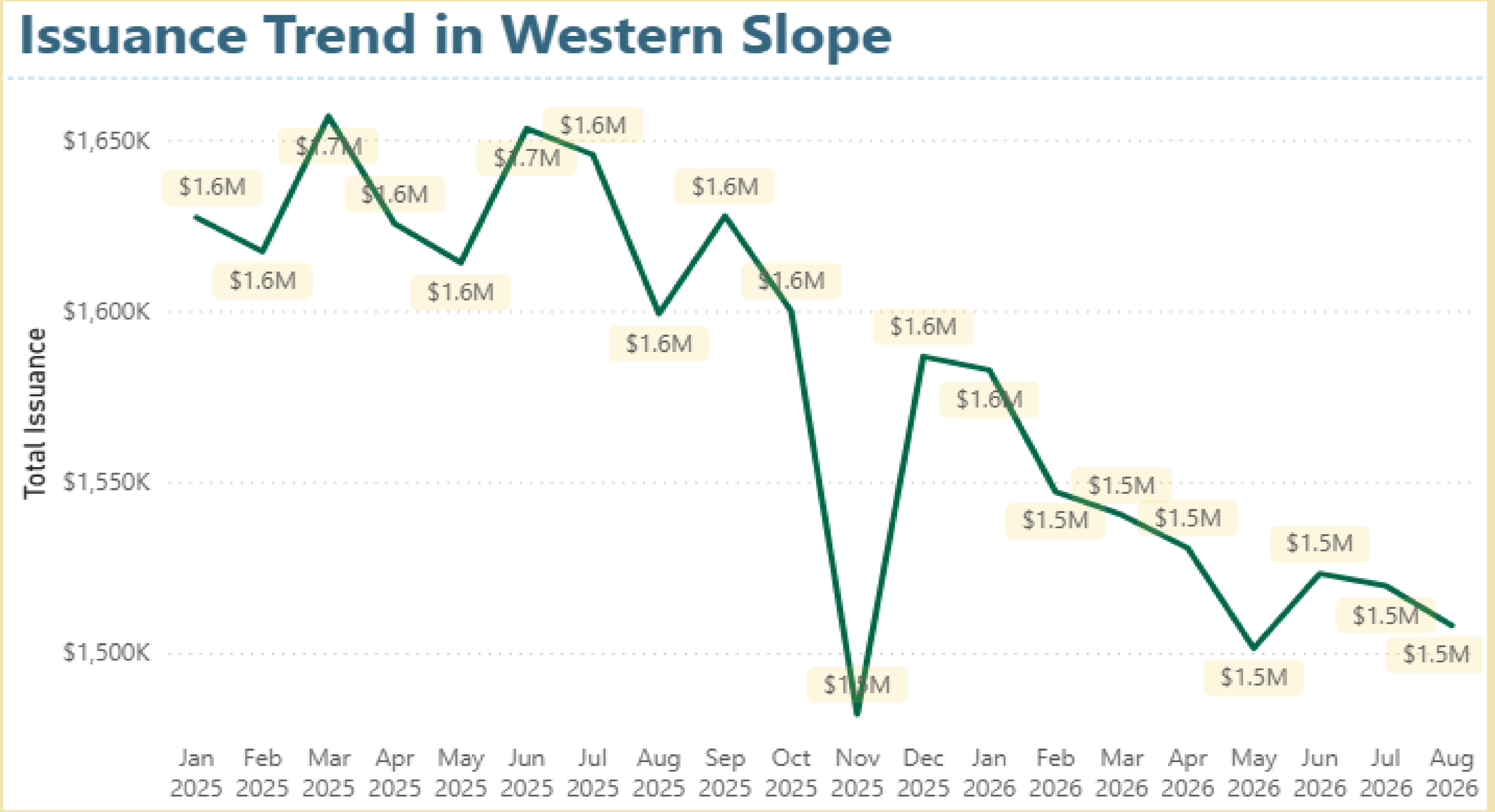
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Food Insecurity: Metro Denver

Food insecurity at some point during the year

Year	Overall Population Food Insecure
Percent	
2022	10.6%
2023	11.8%
2024	12.6%
Ratio	
2022	9
2023	8
2024	8
# of People	
2022	343,250
2023	383,100
2024	413,360

Year	Children (0-18) Food Insecure
Percent	
2022	16.6%
2023	14.9%
2024	19.1%
Ratio	
2022	8
2023	8
2024	6
# of Children	
2022	89,270
2023	89,310
2024	117,230

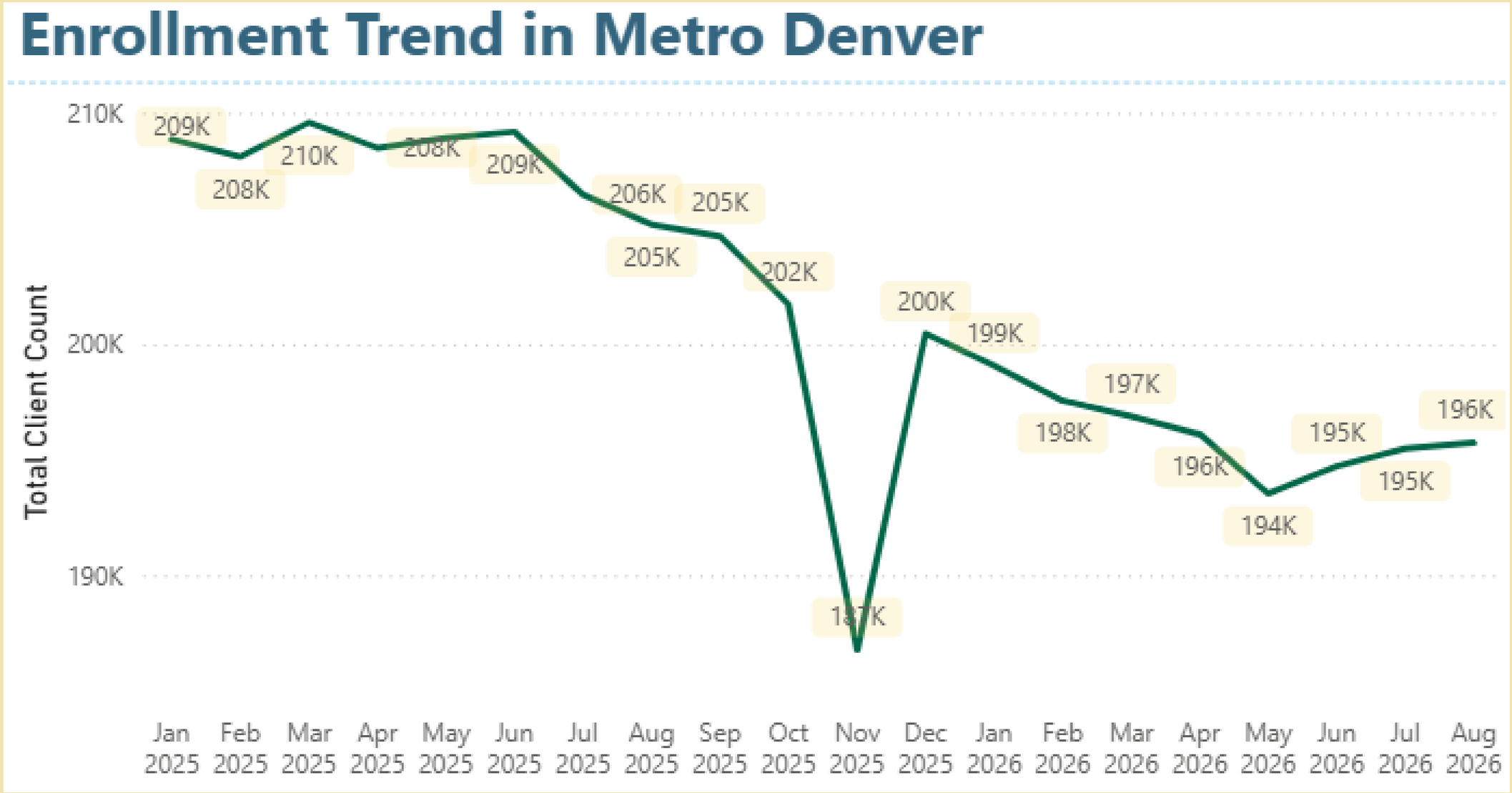
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Estimates of the percent of food insecure population who *does not qualify* for SNAP (200% FPL)

County	Year	Percent
Adams	2024	**46.2%**
Arapahoe	2024	**52.0%**
Boulder	2024	**50.2%**
Broomfield	2024	**68.3%**
Denver	2024	**49.4%**
Douglas	2024	**73.1%**
Jefferson	2024	**60.6%**

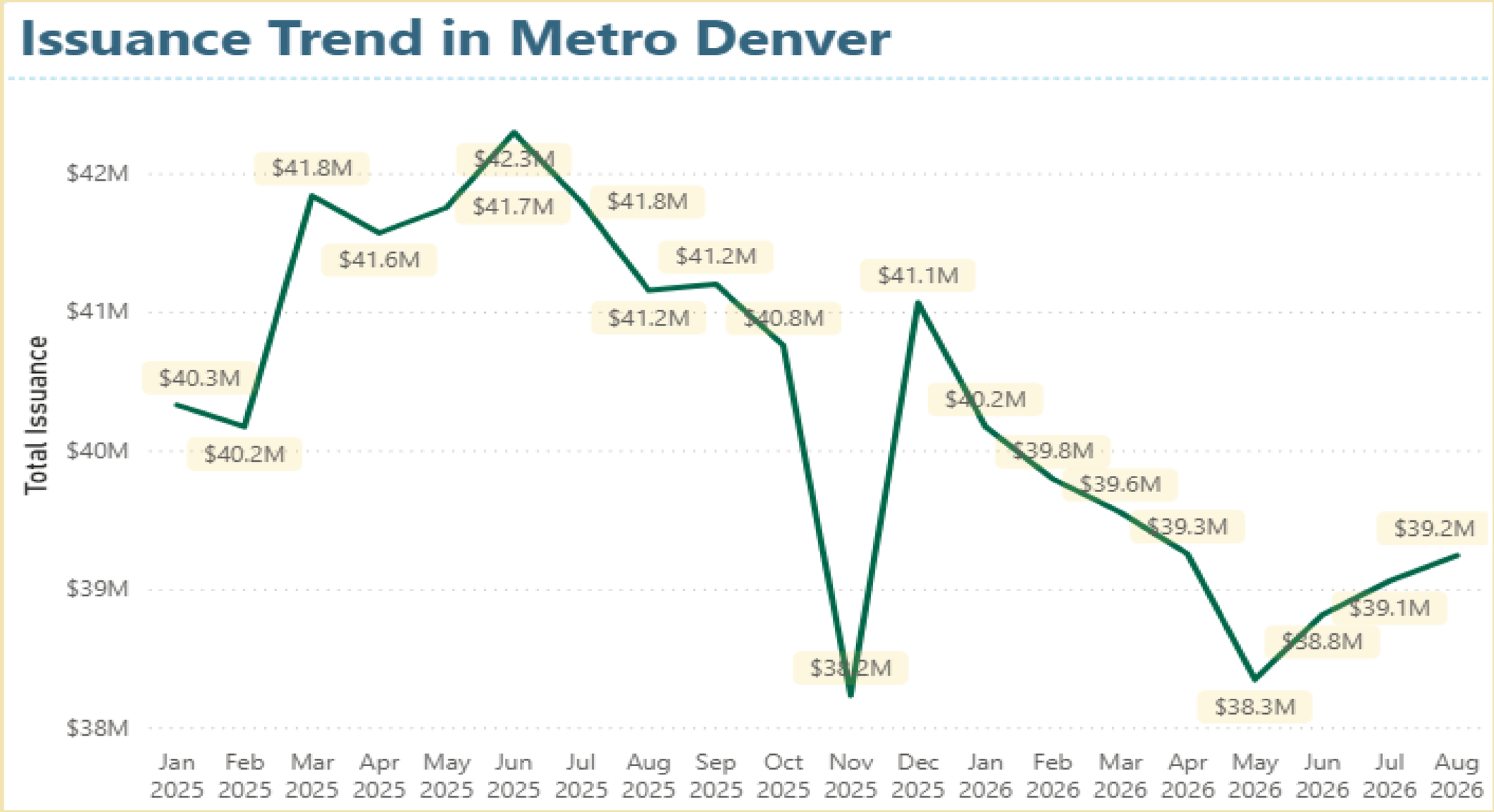
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Adams	2023	**39.0%**
Arapahoe	2023	**49.1%**
Boulder	2023	**45.4%**
Broomfield	2023	**65.5%**
Denver	2023	**44.4%**
Douglas	2023	**74.2%**
Jefferson	2023	**57.2%**

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How to Access Data

Feeding America Interactive Map - Hunger & Poverty in the United States | Map the Meal Gap

Food Bank of the Rockies County Profiles - Hunger in Colorado | Food Bank of the Rockies

Food Bank of the Rockies Data and Insights Team – Partner Solutions can connect you

Economic and Policy Context

Indicator	2024	2025	2026 (projected)
Food Insecurity	Unchanged (CPS-FSS)	Unchanged (WBNS)	TBD
Unemployment	Up	Up	Unchanged
Overall Inflation	Down	Unchanged	Up
Food Price Inflation	Down	Up	Up

Policy & Data Context

- HR-0001 Enacted (2025): Major cuts to SNAP and Medicaid.

- Current Population Survey – Food Security Supplement (CPS-FSS) cancelled (2025): reduced ability to monitor food insecurity (2024 data unaffected)

Economic pressures persist while policy supports and food insecurity monitoring capacity weakens.

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Future of Map the Meal Gap

- Feeding America will continue to produce population-level data to estimate food insecurity
- Partnered with Georgia State University to produce estimates for FY26 that are more comparable to CPS data
- Looking at other sources of data for FY27, including **CDC** and **Census Bureau**, **NielsenIQ** and the **Urban Institute**, and universities like **Purdue**
- Focusing on both comparability and enhancing the data we have based upon what FANO had in strategic plan

Feeding America 2030 Strategy

- Present drivers of food insecurity - connect to economic and societal health
- More detail at local and population level(s)
- Integrate nuances of language related to food insecurity

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