

# Florida Food and Nutrition Security State Profile

## Overview

According to the [U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service \(USDA ERS\)](#), 10.1% of households in Florida (Fla.) experienced food insecurity between 2018-2020. The prevalence of obesity among adults living in Florida was 28.4% in 2020, as reported by the [Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System \(BRFSS\)](#).

## Demographic Overview

[2019 U.S. Census](#) data reports that Florida has an estimated population of 21,477,737. Floridians identify as white (77.3%), Black (16.9%), American Indian and Alaska Native (0.5%), Asian (3.0%), Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (0.1%) only. According to the 2019 Census report, 26.4% identify as Hispanic or Latino. In 2019, 12.7% of Florida residents experienced poverty.

## Charitable Food System

### Food Banks and Pantries

- [Feeding the Gulf Coast](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Alabama, Mississippi and seven counties in [West Florida](#): Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington.
  - View a [partner agency locator](#) within the Feeding the Gulf Coast Network.
- [Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).
  - Serves counties in [Southwest Florida](#): Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee.
  - View a [partner agency locator](#) within the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida Network.
- [Treasure Coast Food Bank](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).
  - Serves counties in [East and Southwest Florida](#): Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie, and Okeechobee.
  - View a [partner agency locator](#) within the Treasure Coast Food Bank Network.
- [Feeding Northeast Florida](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).
  - Serves counties in [Northeast Florida](#): Baker, Bradford, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns.
  - View a [partner agency locator](#) within the Feeding Northeast Florida Network.
- [Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).

- Serves 16 counties: view [specific counties](#).
- View a [partner agency locator](#) within the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida Network.
- [Feeding South Florida](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).
  - Serves counties in [South Florida](#): Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach.
  - View a [partner agency locator](#) within the Feeding South Florida Network.
- [All Faiths Food Bank](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).
  - Serves counties in [Southwest Florida](#): De Soto and Sarasota.
  - View a [partner agency locator](#) within the All Faiths Food Bank Network.
- [Second Harvest of the Big Bend, Inc.](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).
  - Serves 11 counties: view [specific counties](#).
  - View a [partner agency locator](#) within the Second Harvest of the Big Bend Network.
- [Feeding Tampa Bay](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).
  - Serves 10 counties: view [specific counties](#).
  - View a [partner agency locator](#) within the Feeding Tampa Bay Network.

### **Feeding Programs**

- Senior Feeding
  - Home-delivered meals, congregate dining facilities, adult care food program, senior farmers' market nutrition program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and nutrition education led by the [Department of Elder Affairs](#).

## **Select Food and Nutrition Security Programs**

### **Healthy Food Incentive Programs**

- [Fresh Access Bucks](#) led by [Feeding Florida](#)

### **Community Nutrition Education Programs**

- Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)
  - [Florida A&M University Extension](#)
  - [University of Florida Extension](#)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-ED)
  - The Florida Department of Children and Families is the state agency responsible for FL SNAP-Ed. SNAP-Ed implementing agencies include:
    - [Florida Department of Health](#)
    - [University of Florida Extension Family Nutrition Program](#)
  - View [more information](#).

### **COVID Response**

- Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Program resources are available at the [Florida Department of Children and Families](#).

### **Food (Policy) Coalitions and Councils**

- View a [list of food policy councils](#) in Florida.

### **Other Collaborators to Consider**

- [Florida Food Force, Inc](#) fights hunger through united forces and partnerships. They provide nutritional food products and other resources that will nurture, sustain, and enhance the quality of life for all recipients.
- [Florida Impact](#) is dedicated to advancing health equity by ending hunger for all Floridians. They mobilize communities to maximize access to federal, state, and local food and nutrition programs with a focus on Florida's most vulnerable populations.
- [Florida Introduces Physical Activity and Nutrition to Youth \(FLIPANY\)](#) fosters healthy lives through nutrition education, physical activities, and wellness initiatives.
- [National Farm to School Network - Florida](#) increases access to local food and nutrition education to improve children's health, strengthen family farms, and cultivate vibrant communities.

### **Data Sources and Resources**

- [Community Food Security and UF/IFAS Extension](#) - University of Florida Extension
- [Florida Profile of Hunger, Poverty and Federal Nutrition Programs](#) - Food Research and Action Center
- [Florida's Roadmap to Live Healthy](#) - Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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