

Colorado 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 Colorado (CO) experienced food insecurity between 2018-2020. The prevalence of obesity among adults living in Colorado was 24.2% in 2020 as reported by [Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System \(BRFSS\)](#).

Demographic Overview

[2019 U.S. Census](#) data reports Colorado has an estimated population of 5.75 million. They identify as White (86.9%), Black (4.6%), American Indian and Alaska Native (1.6%), Asian (3.5%), Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (0.2%) only. According to the 2019 Census report, 21.8% identify as Hispanic or Latino. 9.3% of Colorado residents experienced poverty in 2019.

Building Resilient Inclusive Communities (BRIC) - CO BRIC Communities

The following counties will be prioritized by the CO BRIC project: Bent, Crowley, Otero, Pueblo, and Costilla.

Food Banks, Pantries and Feeding Programs

There are five food banks serving Colorado. The state association, [Feeding Colorado](#), supports the food banks in the state.

- [Food Bank of the Rockies](#)
 - Operates mobile food pantries, afterschool and summer programs, CSFP, and TEFAP.
- [Care and Share Food Bank](#)
 - Serves Bent, Crowley, Otero, Pueblo, and Costilla Counties.
 - Operates mobile food pantries, [Sunnyside Markets](#), summer food service programs, TEFAP, CSFP, school pantries, and SNAP outreach.
 - Operates Share our Strength's [Cooking Matters](#) at the Store program.
- [Weld Food Bank](#)
 - Operates [mobile food pantries](#), Kids Cafe, backpack programs, summer food service programs, mobile pantries, school pantries, and CSFP.
 - View a list of [community partners](#).
- [Community Food Share](#)
 - View a list of [partner agencies](#).
 - Operates mobile food pantries, CSFP, and an onsite food pantry.

- [Food Bank for Larimer County](#)
 - View a list of [partner agencies](#).
 - Operates a Family Medicine Center Pantry, mobile food pantries, CSFP, Fresh Food Share pantry programs, backpack programs, and summer meal sites.

Select Food and Nutrition Security Programs

Healthy Food Incentive Programs

- [Double Up Food Bucks](#) led by [Nourish Colorado](#).
- Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP)
 - *Current Funding:* Double Up Food Bucks Colorado - Comprehensive Expansion Project (2020-2023) led by [Nourish Colorado](#).

Community Nutrition Education Programs

- Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)
 - [Colorado State University Extension](#)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-ED)
 - The Colorado Department of Human Services is the state agency responsible for the CO state SNAP-Ed program. SNAP-Ed Implementing agencies include:
 - [Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters Colorado](#)
 - University of Colorado at Denver, School of Public Health
 - [Culture of Wellness in Preschools](#)
 - [Integrated Nutrition Education Program](#)
 - View more [information](#).

COVID Response

- Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Program resources are available at the [CO Department of Human Services](#).

Food (Policy) Coalitions and Councils

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Colorado Department of Agriculture - Food Security Task Force ● Colorado Food Policy Network ● Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council ● Colorado Springs and El Paso County Food Policy Advisory Board ● Community Agriculture Alliance - Northwest Colorado Food Coalition and Local Food Taskforce ● Denver Sustainable Food Policy Council ● Jefferson County Food Policy Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lake County Food Access Coalition ● LocalFood Pueblo ● Northwest Colorado Food Coalition ● Pueblo Food Project ● Roaring Fork Food Alliance ● San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition ● The Colorado Food Systems Coalition ● The Denver Sustainable Food Policy Council ● Valley Food Partnership |
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Other Collaborators to Consider

- [Colorado Feeding Kids](#) is an all-volunteer Colorado nonprofit organization that provides nutritious food to impoverished people in Colorado.
- [Colorado Gives - Parker Task Force](#) offers a unique and highly engaging online giving tool to support nonprofits and donors interested in building healthy and happy communities.
- [Hunger Free Colorado](#) is a statewide nonprofit organization that connects people to food resources to meet existing needs and drives policy, systems, and social change to end hunger.
- [The Colorado Farmers Market Association](#) supports and promotes Colorado farmers markets and direct marketing of Colorado agricultural products.

Data Sources and Resources

- [Closing the SNAP Gap in Denver: Recommendations to Prevent Hunger and Strengthen Communities](#) - Hunger Free Colorado
- [Colorado Farm to School Task Force 2014 Update](#) - Colorado Farm to School
- [CO Profile of Hunger, Poverty, and Federal Nutrition Programs](#) - Food Research and Action Center
- [Colorado Food Finder](#) - Hunger Free Colorado
- [Colorado Health Institute](#) - [Colorado Fresh Food Financing Fund](#)
- [Food Systems](#) - Colorado State University Extension
- [Food Insecurity: How Can We Reduce Hunger in Colorado?](#) - The Colorado Health Foundation
- [Food Security Council: 2018 Annual Report](#) - Children's Hospital Colorado
- [Healthy Food For All: Encouraging Grocery Investment in Colorado](#) - Denver Food Access Task Force
- [Strategies to Prevent Hunger, Promote Wellness and Boost Denver Economy through SNAP](#) - Denver Taskforce
- [Student Food Insecurity: An Unaddressed Public Health Concern](#) - CO Department of Higher Education

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