

# Alabama Food and Nutrition Security State Profile

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## Purpose

The purpose of the Food and Nutrition Security Profile (Profile) is to provide an overview of state and regional efforts and infrastructure to advance food and nutrition security. Although not exhaustive, the Profile serves as a resource to support greater collaboration across disciplines and sectors to improve equitable access to food. The intended audience includes public health practitioners, food policy councils, community-based organizations, food banks and pantries, school district wellness councils, food sovereignty organizations including Indigenous groups and coalitions, and others with a mission to improve food and nutrition security.

The Profile serves as a companion to the [National Food and Nutrition Security Profile](#) and will be reviewed and updated biennially. If you have any questions or comments about your Profile, please contact the Center for Advancing Healthy Communities at [CAHCinfo@chronicdisease.org](mailto:CAHCinfo@chronicdisease.org).

## Food Banks, Pantries and Feeding Programs

[Feeding Alabama](#) supports Alabama's 8 food banks, 5 of which are part of the Feeding America network.

- [Community Food Bank of Central Alabama](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves [12 counties](#) across eastern Alabama.
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Feeding the Gulf Coast](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Covington, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe, and Washington [Counties](#) along the Central Gulf Coast in Alabama.
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Feeding the Valley Food Bank](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves [Russell County](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Food Bank of North Alabama](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves [11 counties](#) across northern Alabama.
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Heart of Alabama Food Bank](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves the [12-county river region](#) in central Alabama.



- View the [partner agencies](#).

The following 3 food banks are not part of the Feeding America network.

- [Selma Area Food Bank](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Dallas, Marengo, Perry, and Wilcox Counties.
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [West Alabama Food Bank](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Marion, Pickens, Sumter, Tuscaloosa Counties.
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Wiregrass Area Food Bank](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Barbour, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Houston, and Henry Counties.
  - View the [partner agencies](#).

## Select Food and Nutrition Security Programs

### **Food Is Medicine Programs**

- Find the [Double Up Food Bucks](#) program in your state.
- Locate the [Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program](#) (GusNIP) grantees in your state:
  - *Current Nutrition Incentive Funding:*
    - [Auburn University](#) (2021-2024)

### **Community Nutrition Education Programs**

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
  - The implementing agencies are Auburn University, Alabama A&M University and Tuskegee University.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-Ed)
  - The Alabama Department of Human Resources is the state agency responsible for Alabama SNAP-Ed. SNAP-Ed implementing agencies are Auburn University and Alabama A&M University.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP)
  - [Alabama SNAP Directory](#)

### **Senior Nutrition Programs**

- [Elderly Nutrition Program](#) led by the Alabama Department of Senior Services.
- [Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program](#) led by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries.

### **Child Nutrition Programs**

[United States Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) Child Nutrition Programs](#) contacts for implementing agencies of programs listed below:



- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
- National School Lunch Program
- School Breakfast Program
- Special Milk Program
- Summer Food Service Program (SUN Meals)
- The Patrick Leahy Farm to School Program

### Emergency Food Response

- USDA Food and Nutrition Service [State COVID-19 Waivers and Flexibilities](#)
- [State of Alabama Emergency Operations Plan](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Contact](#) – Region 4
- [Emergency Food Assistance Program \(TEFAP\) Contacts](#)

### Food (Policy) Coalitions and Councils

- View [list of food policy councils](#) in each state through the John Hopkins Center for Livable Future's 2021 Food Policy Network Map.
- [The North Alabama Food Policy Council](#)

### Other Key Food and Nutrition Security Organizations

- [End Child Hunger in Alabama Task Force](#), led by University of Auburn's Hunger Solutions Institute, is a public movement addressing the critical issues of hunger and food insecurity facing Alabama's children and youth.
- [Alabama Childhood Food Solutions](#) addresses childhood hunger by feeding children, increasing childhood development, and breaking cycles of government dependency.
- [Alabama Possible](#) aims to break down barriers to prosperity in Alabama through education, collaboration, and advocacy.
- [Alabama Sustainable Agriculture Network](#) is a grassroots network committed to promoting sustainable agriculture including state farmers markets in Alabama.
- [Break for a Plate Alabama](#) is a federally-funded program, administered by Alabama's State Department of Education, that reimburses providers who serve free, healthy meals to children and teens age 18 and younger during summer months.
- [E.A.T South](#), an urban teaching farm, aims to change the way food travels from the ground to plates.
- [National Farm to School Network - Alabama](#) increases access to local food and nutrition education to improve children's health, strengthen family farms, and cultivate vibrant communities.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)



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### Data Sources and Resources

- [Alabama Profile of Hunger, Poverty and Federal Nutrition Programs](#) – Food Research and Action Center
- [Alabama Food Map](#) – University of Auburn
- [Food Security in the U.S.](#) – USDA
- [Child Nutrition Programs Dashboard](#) – USDA
- [Food Environment Atlas](#) – USDA
- [Map the Meal Gap](#) – Feeding America

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