

Delaware Food and Nutrition Security State Profile

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.

Food Banks, Pantries, and Feeding Programs

The following food bank is a member of Feeding America's [network](#).

- [Food Bank of Delaware](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves the entire state of Delaware.
 - View the [partner agencies](#).

For a list of food banks in Delaware that operate independently from Feeding America, see the [Delaware Food Systems Map](#).

Select Food and Nutrition Security Programs

Food Is Medicine Programs

- Find the [Double Up Food Bucks](#) program in your state.

Community Nutrition Education Programs

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
 - The implementing agencies are Delaware State University and University of Delaware.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-Ed)
 - The Delaware Department of Health & Social Services is the state agency responsible for DE SNAP-Ed. SNAP-Ed implementing agencies include the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension, and Delaware State University Cooperative Extension.

- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#)
 - [Delaware SNAP Directory](#)

Senior Nutrition Programs

- [Elderly Nutrition Program](#) led by the Delaware Department of Health & Social Services.
- [Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program](#) led by the Delaware Department of Agriculture.

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
- USDA Foods in Schools

Emergency Food Response

- USDA Food and Nutrition Service [State COVID-19 Waivers and Flexibilities](#)
- [Delaware Emergency Management Strategic Plan](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Contact](#) – Region 3
- [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.
- [Delaware Council on Farm and Food Policy](#)

Other Key Food and Nutrition Security Organizations

- [Healthy Communities Delaware](#) is a public-private collaborative working with investors and communities to improve health, well-being and equity.
- [Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids](#) aims to inspire healthier lives by providing youth with school gardening experiences and opportunities to eat the garden-fresh vegetables they've grown.
- [National Farm to School Network - Delaware](#) increases access to local food and nutrition education to improve children's health, strengthen family farms, and cultivate vibrant communities.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

Data Sources and Resources

- [Delaware Profile of Hunger, Poverty and Federal Nutrition Programs](#) – Food Research and Action Center
- [Delaware Food Resource Connection, Data Analysis and Tools](#) – Delaware Council on Farm and Food Policy
- [Food Security in the U.S.](#) – USDA
- [Child Nutrition Programs Dashboard](#) – USDA
- [Food Environment Atlas](#) – USDA

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