

## District of Columbia Food and Nutrition Security 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

The District of Columbia (D.C.) is served by one foodbank and is a member of Feeding America's [network](#).

- [Capital Area Food Bank](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - View the [counties served](#).
  - 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:*
    - [D.C. Central Kitchen](#) (2023-2027)
    - [Freshfarm Markets](#) (2021-2025)
  - *Current Produce Prescription Funding:*
    - [Children's National Medical Center](#) (2022-2025)
    - [Partnership for a Healthier America](#) (2022-2025)
    - [YMCA of Metropolitan Washington](#) (2022-2025)

#### Community Nutrition Education Programs

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
  - University of the District of Columbia
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-Ed)

- The District of Columbia Economic Security Administration is the state agency responsible for D.C. SNAP-Ed. The SNAP-Ed implementing agency is D.C. Health.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP)
  - [District of Columbia SNAP Directory](#)

### **Senior Nutrition Programs**

- [Elderly Nutrition Program](#) led by the D.C. Department of Aging and Community Living.
- [Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program](#) led by D.C. Health.

### **Child Nutrition Programs**

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

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

### **Emergency Food Response**

- USDA Food and Nutrition Service [COVID-19 Waivers and Flexibilities](#)
- [District Preparedness System Doctrine](#)
- [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.

### **Other Food and Nutrition Security Organizations**

- [D.C. Hunger Solutions](#) is an initiative of the Food Research & Action Center, that works to a hunger-free community and improve the nutrition, health, economic security, and well-being of low-income District of Columbia residents.
- [D.C. Greens](#) is a non-profit organization that advances health equity by building a just and resilient food system.
- [D.C. Central Kitchen](#) is a nonprofit and social enterprise that combats hunger and poverty through job training and job creation in the food and culinary field.
- [National Farm to School Network – District of Columbia](#) increases access to local food and nutrition education to improve children's health, strengthen family farms, and cultivate vibrant communities.

- [Freshfarm Markets](#) is a nonprofit that builds a more equitable, sustainable, and resilient food system by producing innovative solutions in partnership with local communities and organizations.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

### Data Sources and Resources

- [District of Columbia Profile of Hunger, Poverty and Federal Nutrition Programs](#) – Food Research and Action Center
- [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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