

# Florida 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](mailto:CAHCinfo@chronicdisease.org).

## Food Banks, Pantries and Feeding Programs

The following food banks are supported by [Feeding Florida](#) and are members of Feeding America's [network](#).

- [All Faiths Food Bank](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves DeSoto and Sarasota Counties in Southwest Florida.
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
  
- [Feeding The Gulf Coast](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton and Washington Counties in West Florida.
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
  
- [Feeding Northeast Florida](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Baker, Bradford, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties in Northeast Florida.
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
  
- [Feeding South Florida](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties.
  - View the [partner agencies](#).

- [Feeding Tampa Bay](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Citrus, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sumter Counties.
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
  
- [Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties.
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
  
- [Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Brevard, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia Counties.
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
  
- [Second Harvest of the Big Bend, Inc.](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - View the [counties served](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
  
- [Treasure Coast Food Bank](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie Counties.
  - View the [partner agencies](#).

For a list of food banks in your state that operate independently from Feeding America, see [listing](#) compiled by Food Bank News.

## Select Food and Nutrition Security Programs

### **Food Is Medicine Programs**

- Find the [Double Up Food Bucks](#) program in your state.
- [Fresh Access Bucks](#) led by Feeding Florida. [Feeding Florida](#)
- Locate the [Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program](#) (GusNIP) grantees in your state:
  - *Current Nutrition Incentive Funding:*
    - [Feeding Florida, Inc](#) (2021-2025)
  - *Current Produce Prescription Funding:*
    - [Feeding Florida, Inc](#) (2022-2025)
    - [Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA](#) (2022-2025)

### **Community Nutrition Education Programs**

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
  - The implementing agencies are Florida A&M University Extension and 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 are Feeding Florida and University of Florida.

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

### **Senior Nutrition Programs**

- [Elderly Nutrition Program](#) led by the Department of Elder Affairs.
- [Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program](#) led by the Department of Elder Affairs.

### **Child Nutrition Programs**

[United States Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) Child Nutrition Programs](#) contacts for implementing agencies of programs are 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)
- USDA Foods in Schools

### **Emergency Food Response**

- USDA Food and Nutrition Service [State COVID-19 Waivers and Flexibilities](#)
- [Florida Emergency Preparedness 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.

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

- [Florida Food Force, Inc](#) provides nutritional food products and other resources to nurture, sustain, and enhance the quality of life for all recipients.
- [Florida Impact](#) advances 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](#) 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.

- [The Florida Farmers' Market Association](#) connects the farmers [markets](#) in Florida into one membership-driven network and provides training and resources for vendors, market managers, and consumers.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

### Data Sources and Resources

- [Florida 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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