

Georgia 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

[Feeding Georgia](#) is Georgia's Foodbank Association supporting eight regional food banks that are also members of Feeding America's [network](#).

- [Atlanta Community Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#) within Metro Atlanta.
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Feeding the Valley Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves [17 counties](#) in west Georgia.
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Food Bank of Northeast Georgia](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves [14 counties](#) in northeast Georgia.
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Georgia Mountain Food Bank \(affiliate of the Atlanta Community Food Bank\)](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves Atlanta and Hall, Forsyth, Lumpkin, Union, and Dawson counties in north Georgia.
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Golden Harvest Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).

- Serves [25 counties](#) in east Georgia.
- View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Middle Georgia Community Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves [24 counties](#) in middle Georgia.
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, Inc](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves Savannah and 21 [counties](#) in coastal Georgia.
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Second Harvest of South Georgia](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves [26 counties](#) in south Georgia.
 - 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:*
 - [Forsyth Farmers Market](#) (2022-2025)
 - [Wholesome Wave Georgia](#) (2022-2025)
 - *Current Produce Prescription Funding:*
 - [Wholesome Wave Georgia](#) (2021-2024 and 2023-2026)
- [Open Hand Atlanta - Food Is Medicine, Medically Tailored Meals for Seniors](#)

Community Nutrition Education Programs

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
 - The implementing agencies are University of Georgia and Fort Valley State University.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-ED)
 - The Georgia Department of Human Resources is the state agency responsible for GA SNAP-Ed. SNAP-Ed implementing agencies include Georgia Department of Public Health, HealthMPowers, Open Hand Atlanta, The University of Georgia College of Family and Consumer Sciences.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP)
 - [Georgia SNAP Directory](#)

Senior Nutrition Programs

- [Elderly Nutrition programs](#) led by Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services.
- [Senior Farmers Market Nutrition program](#) is led by the Georgia Department of Public Health.

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](#)
- [State of Georgia 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.
- [Savannah Chatham Food Policy Council](#)
- [Georgia State Physical Activity and Nutrition \(G-SPAN\) Nutrition Collaborative Action Team](#)

Other Key Food and Nutrition Security Organizations

- [Black Too Earth](#) connects Black people with Black environmental organizations through site visits and volunteer opportunities.
- [Food Well Alliance](#) is a collaborative network of growers, community, and city leaders working together to build thriving community gardens and urban farms.
- [National Farm to School Network - Georgia](#) increases access to local food and nutrition education to improve children's health, strengthen family farms, and cultivate vibrant communities.
- [Georgia Farm to School Alliance](#) is a network that joins statewide agencies working in food, farming, and nutrition to coalesce resources and support for farm to school and to create a dialogue for building statewide programming.
- [Georgia Farm to Early Care and Education Coalition](#) is a network that joins stakeholders in early care, food, farming, and nutrition to coalesce resources, support farm to early care education, and create a dialogue for building statewide programming.
- [Global Growers Network](#) builds and sustains networks of growers, land, resources, and markets in order to create a more equitable food system that is driven by cultural diversity, inclusive economies, and regenerative agriculture practices.
- [Georgia Organics](#) connects organic food from Georgia farms to Georgia families.
- [Wholesome Wave Georgia](#) increases access to and awareness of healthy food choices for all Georgians in need through local farmers and community partners.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

Data Sources and Resources

- [Georgia 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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