

# Hawai`i 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

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

- [Hawai`i Food Bank](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Oahu and Kaua`i Counties.
  - View the partner [agencies](#).

The following food banks operate independently of Feeding America:

- [Hawai`i Island Food Basket](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Hawai`i County.
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Kaua`i Independent Food Bank](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Kaua`i County.
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Maui Food Bank](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Maui County.
  - 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:*
    - [The Food Basket](#) (2021-2025 and 2021-2025)
  - *Current Produce Prescription Program Funding:*
    - [Elepaio Social Services](#) (2023-2026)
    - [Heritage Ranch, Inc.](#) (2021-2025 and 2020-2024)
    - [Kahuku Medical Center](#) (2022-2024)
    - [Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services](#) (2021-2024 and 2020-2024)
    - [Pacific Health Research and Education Institute](#) (2023-2026)
    - [Waianae District Comprehensive Health and Hospital Board](#) (2021-2025 and 2020-2024)

### **Community Nutrition Education Programs**

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
  - The implementation agency is the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-Ed)
  - The Hawai'i Department of Human Services is the state agency responsible for HI SNAP-Ed. The SNAP-Ed implementing organizations are Hawai'i Chronic Disease Prevention Health Promotion Division and University of Hawai'i.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP)
  - [Hawai'i SNAP Directory](#)

### **Senior Nutrition Programs**

- [Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program](#) led by the Hawai'i Office of Community Services.

### **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)
- USDA Foods in Schools



## Emergency Food Response

- USDA Food and Nutrition Service [State COVID-19 Waivers and Flexibilities](#)
- [State Emergency Preparedness Plans](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Contact](#) – Region 9
- [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.
- [Hawai'i Good Food Alliance](#)
- [Maui Nui Food Alliance](#)
- [Kauai Food Access](#)
- [Transforming Hawai'i's Food System Together](#)

## Other Key Food and Nutrition Security Organizations

- [Aloha Harvest](#) collects and re-distributes food to Hawai'i's hungry.
- [Food Security Hawai'i](#) collaborates with others to remove the obstacles to food security for the Hawai'i islands.
- [Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice](#) seeks opportunities to achieve economic security for everyone.
- [Hawai'i Public Seed Initiative](#) works with communities, farmers, and gardeners statewide to select, grow, harvest, store, and improve seed varieties that thrive in Hawai'i.
- [Malama Kauai](#) aims to increase local food production and food access.
- [Hawai'i Public Health Institute](#) supports Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Coalitions on Oahu, Maui, Kauai, and Hawai'i Island. The HEAL coalitions are working to build a Hawai'i where all residents live in healthy communities, have access to healthy foods, and have safe streets and pathways for physical activity. The coalitions include: [Get fit Kauai](#), [Hawaii Island](#), [Maui](#), [Molokai](#), [Lanai](#), and [Obesity Prevention Task Force](#)
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

### Data Sources and Resources

- [Hawai'i 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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