

# Illinois 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 members of Feeding America's [network](#).

- [Central Illinois Foodbank](#)
  - View the [counties served](#).
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Eastern Illinois Food Bank](#)
  - View the [counties served](#).
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Greater Chicago Food Depository](#)
  - Serves Cook County.
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Northern Illinois Food Bank](#)
  - View the [counties served](#).
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Riverbend Food Bank](#)
  - View the [counties served](#).
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [St. Louis Area Foodbank](#)
  - View the [counties served](#).

- View the [programs offered](#).
- View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Tri-State Food Bank](#)
  - View the [counties served](#).
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - 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 Produce Prescription Funding:*
    - [Chicago Horticultural Society DBA: Chicago Botanic Garden](#) (2021-2024)
    - [Top Box Foods](#) (2022-2024)
  - *Current Nutrition Incentive Funding:*
    - [The Experimental Station: 6100 Blackstone](#) (2020-2025)
    - [Presence Chicago Hospitals Network](#) (2021-2024)
    - [Star Farm Chicago](#) (2023-2024)

### **Community Nutrition Education Programs**

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
  - The implementation agency is the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-Ed).
  - The Illinois Department of Human Services is the state agency responsible for IL SNAP-Ed. The SNAP-Ed implementing agency is University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program](#) (SNAP)
  - [Illinois SNAP Directory](#)

### **Senior Nutrition Programs**

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

### **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
- SUN Meals (Summer Food Service Program)
- 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](#)
- [Illinois Emergency Operations Plan](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Contact](#) – Region 5
- [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.
- [Advocates for Urban Agriculture](#)
- [Alliance for Health Equity](#)
- [Illinois Alliance to Promote Opportunities for Health](#)
- [Illinois Commission to End Hunger](#)
- [Illinois Food Scrap Coalition](#)
- [Illinois Hunger Coalition](#)
- [Illinois Stewardship Alliance](#)

## Other Key Food and Nutrition Security Organizations

- [National Farm to School Network - Illinois](#) increases access to local food and nutrition education to improve children’s health, strengthen family farms, and cultivate vibrant communities.
- [Illinois Farmers Market Association](#) connects farmers markets, market managers, producers, and consumers and provides coordinated resources, advocacy, technical services, and training to ensure the continued vibrancy and sustainability of Illinois farmers markets.
- [Illinois Public Health Institute](#) mobilizes stakeholders, catalyzes partnerships and leads action to improve public health systems to maximize health, health equity and quality of life for people and communities.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

### Data Sources and Resources

- [IL State of Hunger, Poverty and Federal Nutrition Programs](#) – Food Research and Action Center
- [IL Community Food Map](#) – University of Illinois Extension
- [Roadmap to End Hunger in Illinois: From Food Insecurity to Food Equity](#) – Illinois Commission to End Hunger
- [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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