

Kansas 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

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

- [Harvesters Community Food Network](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Kansas Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Second Harvest Community 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.

Community Nutrition Education Programs

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
 - The implementation agency is Kansas State University.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-Ed)
 - The Kansas Department for Children and Families is the state agency

responsible for Kansas SNAP-Ed. The SNAP-Ed implementing organization is Kansas State University.

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

Senior Nutrition Programs

- [Elderly Nutrition Program](#) is led by Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services.
- [Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program](#) is led by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

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

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

The [Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation](#) program provides USDA Foods to income-eligible households living on Indian reservations and to Native American households residing in designated areas near reservations. [State program contacts](#)

Emergency Food Response

- USDA Food and Nutrition Service [State COVID-19 Waivers and Flexibilities](#)
- [Kansas Response Plan](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Contact](#) – Region 7
- [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

- [Kansas Association of Community Action Programs](#) exists to support Kansas's eight Community Action Agencies in their local, state, regional, and national efforts to end poverty.
- [Kansas Food Action Network](#) is a statewide network of local food, farm and policy councils that advocate for local, state and national policies for more equitable access to healthy, affordable food.



- [Kansas Rural Center](#) promotes the long-term health of the land and its people through research, education, and advocacy that advance an economically viable, ecologically sound, and socially just food and farming system.
- [Kansas Rural Grocery Initiative](#) aims to sustain locally owned rural grocery stores to enhance community vitality and improve access to healthy foods by identifying, developing, and sharing resources that support grocers and rural communities.
- [National Farm to School Network - Kansas](#) increases access to local food and nutrition education to improve children’s health, strengthen family farms, and cultivate vibrant communities.
- [Kansas Healthy Food Initiative](#), led by Kansas State University Research and Extension, provides both technical assistance and funding to improve access to healthy food in Kansas.
- [KC Healthy Kids](#) advances the health and well-being of children and families through community-driven initiatives and advocacy such as local food and good food policy projects.
- [Meals on Wheels Association of Kansas](#) coordinates home-delivered and congregate meal member programs across the state.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

Data Sources and Resources

- [Kansas Profile of Hunger, Poverty and Federal Nutrition Programs](#) – Food Research and Action Center
- [From the Ground Up: Planning & Zoning for Urban Agriculture in Greater Kansas City](#) – Greater KC Food Policy Coalition
- [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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