

Kentucky 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 Kentucky](#) is the state association supporting Kentucky food banks. The following food banks are members of Feeding America's [network](#).

- [Dare to Care Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Facing Hunger Foodbank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Feeding America, Kentucky's Heartland](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Freestore Foodbank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [God's Pantry Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
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- [Tri-State 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.
- Locate the [Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program](#) (GusNIP) grantees in your state:
 - *Current Nutrition Incentive Funding:*
 - [Community Farm Alliance](#) (2023-2026)
 - *Current Produce Prescription Funding:*
 - [Community Farm Alliance](#) (2019-2024 and 2021-2025)
 - [Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation](#) (2021-2025)

Community Nutrition Education Programs

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
 - The implementation agencies are the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-Ed)
 - The Cabinet for Health and Family Services is the state agency responsible for KY SNAP-Ed. The SNAP-Ed implementing organizations are the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP)
 - [Kentucky SNAP Directory](#)

Senior Nutrition Programs

- [Elderly Nutrition Program](#) led by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
- [Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program](#) led by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

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

Emergency Food Response

- USDA Food and Nutrition Service [State COVID-19 Waiver and Flexibilities](#)
- [Kentucky 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.
- [Eastern Kentucky Food Systems Collaborative](#)
- [Food in Neighborhoods Community Coalition](#)

Other Key Food and Nutrition Security Organizations

- [KY Hunger Initiative](#) aims to study the sources of hunger, identify the unique issues that affect different regions of Kentucky, and take an inventory of resources.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

Data Sources and Resources

- [Kentucky 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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