

Louisiana 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 state association, [Feeding Louisiana](#), works with the following food banks, which are also members of Feeding America's [network](#).

- [Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [parishes served](#).
 - View the [partner agencies](#).

- [Food Bank of Central Louisiana](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [parishes served](#).
 - View the [partner agencies](#).

- [Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [parishes served](#).
 - [Contact](#) the foodbank for a list of partner agencies.

- [Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [parishes served](#).
 - View the [partner agencies](#).

- [Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [parishes 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 [Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program](#) (GusNIP) grantees in your state:
 - *Current Produce Prescription Funding:*
 - [Market Umbrella](#) (2022-2025)
 - [Share Our Strength](#) (2021-2024 and 2022-2024)
 - *Current Nutrition Incentive Funding:*
 - [Market Umbrella](#) (2020-2024)

Community Nutrition Education Programs

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
 - The implementation agency is the Louisiana State University Agriculture Center.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-Ed)
 - The Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services is the state agency responsible for the LA SNAP-Ed. SNAP-Ed implementing agencies include Feeding Louisiana, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, and Southern University Agricultural Center.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP)
 - [Louisiana SNAP Directory](#)

Senior Nutrition Programs

- [Elderly Nutrition Program](#) led by Feeding Louisiana.
- [Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program](#) led by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

Child Nutrition Programs

[United State 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](#)
- [Louisiana State Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Contact](#) – Region 6
- [Emergency Food Assistance Program \(TEFAP\) Contacts](#)

Food (Policy) Coalitions and Councils

- View a [list of food policy councils](#) in each state through the John Hopkins Center for Livable Future's 2021 Food Policy Network Map.
- [Central Louisiana Local Foods Initiative](#)
- [New Orleans Food Policy Advisory Committee](#)
- [Louisiana Food Policy Action Council](#)

Other Food and Nutrition Security Organizations

- [Kingsley House](#) aims to strengthen families and build communities that are healthy and economically stable.
- [Louisiana Appleseed](#) aims to solve the state's toughest problems at the root cause by creating access to justice, opportunity, and education.
- [Louisiana Public Health Institute](#) champions health for people, within systems, and throughout communities.
- [The Renaissance Project](#) works to improve the quality of life in low-income communities of color by increasing access to fresh, healthy food; improving education opportunities; catalyzing economic development; and celebrating arts and culture.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

Data Sources and Resources

- [LA Profile of Hunger, Poverty and Federal Food 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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