

Minnesota 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](#).

- [Channel One Regional Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Great Plains Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [North Country Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Second Harvest Heartland](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
 - View [partner agencies](#).
- [Second Harvest Northland](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
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For a list of food banks in your state that operate independently from Feeding America, see [listing](#) compiled by Food Bank News.

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:*
 - [Community Action Duluth](#) (2023-2026)
 - [Fairview Health Services](#) (2023-2026)
 - [Minnesota Department of Health, Office of Statewide Improvements](#) (2022-2025)
 - [Regents of the University of Minnesota](#) (2022-2025)
 - Current Nutrition Incentive Funding:
 - [Hunger Solutions Minnesota](#) (2021-2025)

Community Nutrition Education Programs

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
 - The implementing agency is the University of Minnesota.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-Ed)
 - The Minnesota Department of Human Services is the state agency responsible for MN SNAP-Ed. The MN SNAP-Ed implementing agencies include University of Minnesota Extension, White Earth Nation, and the Lower Sioux Indian Community.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP)
 - [Minnesota SNAP Directory](#)

Senior Nutrition Programs

- [Elderly Nutrition Program](#) led by the Minnesota Department of Human Services.
- [Senior Farmers Market Program](#) led by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Child Nutrition Programs

[United States Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) Child Nutrition Programs](#) contacts for implementing agencies of programs are listed below:

- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
- National School Lunch Program (Universal School Lunch)
- School Breakfast Program (Universal School Breakfast)
- Special Milk Program
- Summer Food Service Program (SUN Meals)
- The Patrick Leahy Farm to School Program
- USDA Foods in Schools



Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

The [Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations](#) 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](#)
- [Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management 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.

Other Key Food and Nutrition Security Organizations

- [Minnesota FoodShare](#) addresses food insecurity and poverty by engaging communities throughout the state.
- [Minnesota SuperShelf](#) aims to transform food shelves to provide welcoming and respectful environments to access healthy food.
- [Hunger Solutions Minnesota](#) works to alleviate hunger in Minnesota.
- [Minnesota Farm to School Network](#) increases access to local food and nutrition education to improve children's health, strengthen family farms, and cultivate vibrant communities.
- [Minnesota Farm to Early Care](#) connects young children with nutritious, locally grown foods and support farmers in their communities.
- [Minnesota State Farmers Market Association](#) provides services, programs and leadership that support and promote farmers' markets across Minnesota.
- [Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches](#) aims to address the root causes of inequities to create sustainable, rather than temporary solutions.
- [Seeds of Native Health](#) supports Native American grassroots nutrition programs and initiatives grant-making, sharing of best practices, capacity-building, research, advocacy, and educational initiatives.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)



Data Sources and Resources

- [MN 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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