

Mississippi 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](#).

- [Feeding the Gulf Coast](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves Holmes, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River, Perry, Stone, and Washington Counties.
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Mid-South Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#) under How We Work tab.
 - Serves [18 counties](#) in North Mississippi.
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Mississippi Food Network](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties](#) served.
 - View the [partner agencies](#)

Select Food and Nutrition 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:*
 - [Delta Health Alliance](#) (2022-2025)



- [University of Mississippi](#) (2022-2025)
- *Current Nutrition Incentive Funding:*
 - [Jackson Medical Mall Foundation](#) (2021-2025)

Community Nutrition Education Programs

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
 - The implementing agencies are Mississippi State University and Alcorn State University.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-ED)
 - The Mississippi Department of Human Services is the state agency responsible for the MS state SNAP-Ed program. SNAP-Ed implementing agency is Mississippi State University.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP)
 - [Mississippi SNAP Directory](#)

Senior Nutrition Programs

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

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
- USDA Foods in Schools

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](#)
- Mississippi [State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Contacts](#) – Region 4
- [Emergency Food Assistance Program \(TEFAP\) Contacts](#)



Food (Policy) Coalitions and Councils

- [Mississippi Food Justice Collaborative](#)
- [Mississippi Food Policy Council](#)
- [Delta Fresh Foods Initiative](#)
- 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

- [Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians](#) is the only federally recognized Native American tribe in Mississippi. It is a sovereign nation with more than 11,000 Tribal members, and more than 33,000 acres of Tribal land across Mississippi and Tennessee.
- [Mississippi Health Advocacy Programs](#) combines research, analysis, and community education to improve health policies, practices and funding in Mississippi, especially in support of the state's under resourced communities.
- [Mississippi State University Food Security Network](#) connects students in need to food resources within the community.
- [The University of Mississippi Office of Food and Nutrition Security](#) transforms communities through food and nutrition security-related initiatives.
- [Mississippi State Farmers Market](#) is the centralized hub for farm-fresh produce raised by Mississippi farmers.
- [National Farm to School Network - Mississippi](#) increases access to local food and nutrition education to improve children's health, strengthen family farms, and cultivate vibrant communities.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

Data Sources and Resources

- [MS 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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