

Montana 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 bank is a member of Feeding America's [network](#).

- [Montana Food Bank Network](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves all counties in Montana.
 - View the [partner agencies](#).

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 Food and Agriculture Coalition](#) (2022-2025)
 - *Current Nutrition Incentive Funding:*
 - [Community Food and Agriculture Coalition](#) (2020-2024)

Community Nutrition Education Programs

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
 - The implementing agency is the Montana State University Cooperative Extension.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-Ed)
 - The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services is the state

agency responsible for MT SNAP-Ed. The SNAP-Ed implementing agency is the Montana State University Cooperative Extension.

- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program](#) (SNAP)
 - [Montana SNAP Directory](#)

Senior Nutrition Programs

- [Elderly Nutrition Program](#) led by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.
- [Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program](#) led by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

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

[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](#)
- [Montana Emergency Response Framework](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Contact](#) – Region 8
- [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.
- [The Montana Food Security Council](#)
- [Grow Montana Food Policy Coalition](#)

Other Key Food and Nutrition Security Organizations

- [Montana Farmers Union](#) is a statewide, grassroots organization working for family farmers, ranchers, and rural communities.



- [National Farm to School Network - Montana](#) 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

- [Montana Profile of Hunger, Poverty and Federal Nutrition Programs](#) – Food Research and Action Center
- [2023 Montana Hunger Report](#) – Montana Food Bank Network
- [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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