

Nevada 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](#).

- [Food Bank of Northern Nevada](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves [13 counties](#) in Northern Nevada.
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Three Square Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, and Nye Counties in Central/Southern Nevada.
 - 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:*
 - [Together We Can](#) (2021-2023)
 - [Healthy Communities Coalition of Lyon and Storey Counties](#) (2021-2024 and 2023-2025)

Community Nutrition Education Programs

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
 - The implementing agency is University of Nevada.



- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-Ed)
 - The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services is the state agency responsible for SNAP-Ed. The SNAP-Ed implementing organization is University of Nevada, Reno Extension.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP)
 - [Nevada SNAP Directory](#)

Senior Nutrition Programs

- [Elderly Nutrition Program](#) led by the Nevada Department of Agriculture.
- [Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program](#) led by the Nevada 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
- 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 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](#)
- [Nevada Emergency Response Plan](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Contacts](#) – Region 9
- [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

- [National Farm to School Network - Nevada](#) increases access to local food and nutrition education to improve children’s health, strengthen family farms, and cultivate vibrant communities.
- [State Farmers Market Association](#), led by Made in Nevada/Nevada Grown, is a nonprofit organization that fosters the success of sustainable agriculture and encourages healthy eating for Nevada’s communities through education, support and promotion.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

Data Sources and Resources

- [Nevada Profile of Hunger, Poverty and Federal Nutrition Programs](#) – Food Research and Action Center
- [2023 Food Security Strategic Plan](#) – Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
- [Nevada's 2023-2028 State Health Improvement Plan](#) – Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
- [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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