

# New Jersey Food and Nutrition Security State Profile

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## 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](mailto:CAHCinfo@chronicdisease.org).

## Food Banks, Pantries and Feeding Programs

The following food banks are members of Feeding America's [network](#).

- [Community Food Bank of New Jersey](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - View the [counties served](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
  
- [Food Bank of South Jersey](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - View the [counties served](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
  
- [FULFILL- \(The Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties, Inc.\)](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - View the [counties served](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
  
- [Philabundance](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - View the [counties 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 the [Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program \(GusNIP\)](#) grantees in your state:
  - *Current Produce Prescription Funding:*
    - [City of Hudson](#) (2022-2025)
  - *Current Nutrition Incentive Funding:*
    - [City Green](#) (2021-2024)
    - [HMH Hospitals Corporation](#) (2023-2025)

### **Community Nutrition Education Programs**

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
  - The implementation agency is Rutgers University.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-Ed)
  - The New Jersey Department of Human Services is the state agency responsible for SNAP-Ed. The implementing agency is the New Jersey Department of Health.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP)
  - [New Jersey SNAP Directory](#)

### **Senior Nutrition Programs**

- [Elderly Nutrition Program](#) led by New Jersey Department of Health.
- [Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program](#) led by New Jersey Department of Health.

### **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

### **Emergency Food Response**

- USDA Food and Nutrition Service [State COVID-19 Waivers and Flexibilities](#)
- [New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Plan](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Contact](#) – Region 2
- [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

- [Hunger Free New Jersey](#) works to end hunger in New Jersey.
- [Hunters Helping the Hungry](#) is a non-profit organization working with regional food banks which enables hunters to donate venison while addressing the overpopulation of deer in New Jersey.
- [National Farm to School Network - New Jersey](#) increases access to local food and nutrition education to improve children's health, strengthen family farms, and cultivate vibrant communities.
- [New Jersey Farmers Against Hunger](#) connects healthy food from farms to families.
- [Meals on Wheels Association of New Jersey](#) coordinates home-delivered and congregate meal member programs across the state.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

### Data Sources and Resources

- [New Jersey Profile of Hunger, Poverty and Federal Nutrition Programs](#) – Food Research and Action Center
- [Food Security in the U.S.](#) – U.S. Department of Agriculture
- [Child Nutrition Programs Dashboard](#) – U.S. Department of Agriculture
- [Food Environment Atlas](#) – U.S. Department of Agriculture
- [Map the Meal Gap](#) – Feeding America

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