

New Mexico 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 [New Mexico Association for Food Banks](#) is a collaboration of [five food banks](#), working towards ending hunger in New Mexico through collaborative food acquisitions and distribution, education, and advocacy. The following food bank is a member of Feeding America's [network](#).

- [The Community Pantry](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves McKinley and Cibola Counties in northwestern New Mexico.
 - 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:*
 - [New Mexico Farmers Marketing Association](#) (2021-2025)
 - *Current Produce Prescription Funding:*
 - [New Mexico Farmers Marketing Association](#) (2020-2025)
 - [Community Outreach and Patient Empowerment Program, Inc.](#) (2019-2025)
 - [La Semilla Food Center](#) (2021-2024)

Community Nutrition Education Programs

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
 - The implementing agency is the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension.



- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education \(SNAP-Ed\)](#)
 - The NM Human Services Department is the state agency responsible for NM SNAP-Ed. SNAP-Ed implementing agencies include Cooking with Kids, Inc., the New Mexico Department of Health, Kids Cook!, the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension, and the University of New Mexico Prevention Research Center.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program \(SNAP\)](#)
 - [New Mexico SNAP Directory](#)

Senior Nutrition Programs

- [Elderly Nutrition Program](#) led by the New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department.
- [Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program](#) is led by the New Mexico 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 (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

[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](#)
- [New Mexico Preparedness Guide](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Contact](#) – Region 6
- [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.
- [New Mexico Food & Agriculture Policy Council](#)



Other Key Food and Nutrition Security Organizations

- [Farm to Table New Mexico](#) builds local, healthy, equitable, and sustainable food system.
- [National Farm to School Network - New Mexico](#) increases access to local food and nutrition education to improve children's health, strengthen family farms, and cultivate vibrant communities.
- [NM Appleseed](#) solves complex problems of child poverty.
- [Three Sisters Kitchen](#) creates a space where good food, diverse communities, and economic opportunity come together for a healthier and more vibrant city.
- [New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association](#) strengthens the local food system by supporting New Mexico agriculture producers and cultivating strong networks for a healthier New Mexico.
- [New Mexico Grown](#) works with local farmers, ranchers, and food businesses to connect them to schools, senior centers, and food banks.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

Data Sources and Resources

- [New Mexico 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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