

Ohio 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 [Ohio Association of Foodbanks](#) serves the following food banks, which are also members of Feeding America's [network](#).

- [Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Facing Hunger Foodbank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves Lawrence County.
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [The Foodbank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Freestore Foodbank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves Greater Cincinnati area.
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Greater Cleveland Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
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- [Mid-Ohio Food Collective](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
 - View the [partner agencies](#).

- [Second Harvest Food Bank of Clark, Champaign, and Logan Counties](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
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- [Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
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- [Shared Harvest Foodbank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
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- [Southeast Ohio Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
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- [Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
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- [West Ohio Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
 - View the [partner agencies](#).

For a list of food banks in your state that operate independently from Feeding America, see [this 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 Nutrition Incentive Funding:*
 - [Produce Perks Midwest](#) (2021-2024)
 - *Current Produce Prescription Funding:*
 - [ProMedica Health System](#) (2022-2025)
 - [Produce Perks Midwest](#) (2022-2025)
 - [Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation](#) (2021-2024)

Community Nutrition Education Programs

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
 - The implementation agency is the Ohio State University Extension.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-Ed)
 - The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is the state agency responsible for OH SNAP-Ed. The SNAP-Ed implementing agency is the [Ohio State University Extension](#).
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program](#) (SNAP)
 - [Ohio SNAP Directory](#)

Senior Nutrition Programs

- [Elderly Nutrition Program](#) led by the Ohio Department of Aging.
- [Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program](#) led by the Ohio Department of Aging.

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 School

Emergency Food Response

- USDA Food and Nutrition Service [State COVID-19 Waivers and Flexibilities](#)
- [State Emergency Preparedness Plan](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Contact](#) – Region 5
- [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.
- [Ohio Food Policy Network](#)
- [Ohio Food Policy Council Directory](#)
- [Food Councils in Ohio](#)

Other Key Food and Nutrition Security Organizations

- [National Farm to School Network - Ohio](#) increases access to local food and nutrition education to improve children's health, strengthen family farms, and cultivate vibrant communities.

- [Children's Hunger Alliance](#) is a nonprofit organization that provides healthy meals and snacks to children, as well as nutrition and physical activity education to children and their families.
- [Ohio Organizing Collaborative](#) builds transformative relational power with everyday Ohioans for statewide social, racial, and economic justice.
- [Meals on Wheels Association of Ohio](#) coordinates home-delivered and congregate meal member programs across the state.
- [Farm to Early Care and Education Coalition](#) supports the processes that get more nutritious, local foods to young children in early care settings, while supporting more local farmers.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

Data Sources and Resources

- [Ohio 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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