

Oklahoma 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 Eastern Oklahoma](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - View the [counties served](#).
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma](#)
 - 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 [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:*
 - [Hunger Free Oklahoma](#) (2022-2026)
 - *Current Nutrition Incentive Funding:*
 - [Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts, Inc.](#) (2022-2025)
 - [Oklahoma Foundation for Medical Quality Inc.](#) (2022-2024)

Community Nutrition Education Programs

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
 - The implementing agencies are Oklahoma State University and Langston University.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-Ed)
 - The Oklahoma Department of Human Services is the state agency responsible for SNAP-Ed. The SNAP-Ed implementing organizations are the Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma Tribal Engagement Partners, Oklahoma State University, and the University of Oklahoma.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP)
 - [Oklahoma SNAP Directory](#)

Senior Nutrition Programs

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

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

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](#)
- [State Emergency Operations Plan](#)
- [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.
- [Oklahoma Childhood Food Security Coalition](#) seeks to improve education and health outcomes for children by increasing awareness of and access to nourishing meals outside of school hours.



Other Key Food and Nutrition Security Organizations

- [Commonwealth Urban Farms of OKC](#) creates urban gardens in vacant lots in Oklahoma City and provides training to urban gardeners.
- [Oklahoma Farm to School](#) provides a connection between farmers and schools seeking to create healthier meals for their students. Part of the [National Farm to School Network](#).
- [Oklahoma Farm and Food Alliance](#) is a coalition of local food producers, distributors, restaurants, customers, and health groups. The Alliance works to increase access to locally grown foods through education and outreach.
- [Oklahoma Farmers and Ranchers Association](#) supports socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in Oklahoma.
- [Oklahoma Policy Institute](#) is a nonpartisan policy think-tank that advances equitable and fiscally responsible policies that expand opportunity for all Oklahomans through nonpartisan research, analysis, and advocacy.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

Data Sources and Resources

- [Oklahoma 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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