

# Pennsylvania Food and Nutrition Security State Profile

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## Overview

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](#).

- [Central Pennsylvania Food Bank](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).
  - View [counties served](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).
  - View [counties served](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [H&J Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).
  - View [counties served](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Helping Harvest](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).
  - View [counties served](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Mercer County Food Bank](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Mercer County.
  - View the [partner agencies](#).

- [Philabundance](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).
  - View [counties served](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
  
- [Second Harvest Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).
  - View [counties served](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
  
- [Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).
  - View [counties served](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
  
- [Westmoreland County Food Bank](#)
  - View [programs offered](#).
  - Serves Westmoreland County.
  - 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 Produce Prescription Funding:*
    - [The Food Trust](#) (2021-2024)
  - *Current Nutrition Incentive Funding:*
    - [The Food Trust](#) (2021-2024)

### **Community Nutrition Education Programs**

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
  - The implementing agency is the Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension.
  
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-Ed)
  - The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services is the state agency responsible for PA SNAP-Ed. The SNAP-Ed implementing agency is Pennsylvania State University.
  
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program](#) (SNAP)
  - [Pennsylvania SNAP Directory](#)

### **Senior Nutrition Programs**

- [Elderly Nutrition Program](#) led by Pennsylvania Department of Aging.

- [Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program](#) led by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

### **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](#)
- [Commonwealth Emergency Operations Plan](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Contact](#) – Region 3
- [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 - Pennsylvania](#) increases access to local food and nutrition education to improve children's health, strengthen family farms, and cultivate vibrant communities.
- [Drexel University - Center for Hunger-Free Communities](#) is a community-engaged research and advocacy center focused on developing innovative, empirically tested solutions to the challenges of hunger and economic insecurity.
- [Health Promotion Council](#) connects underserved communities with the knowledge, services, and resources they need to live healthier lives.
- [Meals on Wheels Association of Pennsylvania](#) coordinates home-delivered and congregate meal member programs across the state.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

## Data Sources and Resources

- [Pennsylvania 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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