

Rhode Island 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](#).

- [Rhode Island Community Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves all counties in Rhode Island.
 - 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:*
 - [Farm Fresh Rhode Island](#) (2022-2025)
 - [The Rhode Island Public Health Institute](#) (2020-2024)
- [Rhode Island Department of Human Services](#), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Eat Well, Be Well, pilot statewide incentive program.

Community Nutrition Education Programs

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
 - The implementation agency is the University of Rhode Island.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-ED)
 - The Rhode Island Department of Human Services is the state agency responsible for RI SNAP-Ed. The implementing agency is the University of Rhode Island.



- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#)
 - [Rhode Island SNAP Directory](#)

Senior Nutrition Programs

- [Elderly Nutrition Programs](#) led by the Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging.
- [Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program](#) led by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Farm Fresh Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Office of Healthy 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 Schools

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 1
- [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.
- [Rhode Island Food Policy Council](#)

Other Key Food and Nutrition Organizations

- [Relish Rhody](#) is a state-led, interagency strategy to improve the food system in Rhode Island; informed by a robust network of community partners. In the process of developing [Rhode Island's Food Strategy 2.0](#).
- [National Farm to School Network - Rhode Island](#) increases access to local food and nutrition education to improve children's health, strengthen family farms, and cultivate vibrant communities.
- [Farm Fresh Rhode Island](#) increases the availability and affordability of locally sourced foods, reduce food waste on local farms, and share knowledge on how to access fresh, local ingredients.
- [URI Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America](#) is focused on protecting the well-being of low-income Rhode Islanders.

- [Hunger Elimination Task Force](#) seeks to reduce hunger and increase access to healthy, culturally appropriate food for all Rhode Island residents; part of Rhode Island Food Policy Council.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

Data Sources and Resources

- [Rhode Island 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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