

South Carolina 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

There are four food banks that serve South Carolina and are members Feeding America's [network](#). [Feeding the Carolinas](#) is the state association serving both North and South Carolina food banks.

- [Golden Harvest Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves [25 counties](#) across South Carolina.
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Harvest Hope Food Bank](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves [20 counties](#) across South Carolina.
 - View [partner agencies](#).
- [Lowcountry Food Bank](#)
 - View [programs offered](#).
 - Serves the 10 coastal Counties of South Carolina - Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Jasper and Williamsburg.
 - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina](#)
 - View the [programs offered](#).
 - Serves Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenwood, Lancaster, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, Union, and York Counties.
 - View the [partner agencies](#).

Select Food and Nutrition Security Programs

Food Is Medicine Programs

- Find the [Double Up Food Bucks](#) program in your state.
- [Healthy Bucks](#) led by South Carolina Department of Social Services
- Locate the [Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program](#) (GusNIP) grantees in your state:
 - *Current Produce Prescription Funding:*
 - [Clemson University](#) (2022-2025)
 - [LiveWell Greenville](#) (2022-2025)
 - [South Carolina Hospital Association Foundation](#) (2022-2025)

Community Nutrition Education Programs

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
 - The implementing agencies are Clemson University Extension and South Carolina State University.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-ED)
 - The South Carolina Department of Social Services is the state agency responsible SC SNAP-Ed. SNAP-Ed implementing agencies are Clemson University (Youth Learning Institute), Lowcountry Food Bank, South Carolina Department of Public Health and University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP)
 - [South Carolina SNAP Directory](#)

Senior Nutrition Programs

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

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](#)
- [South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Contact](#) – Region 4
- [Emergency Food Assistance Program \(TEFAP\) Contacts](#)

Food (Policy) Coalitions and Councils

- [South Carolina Food Policy Council](#)
- View [list of local food policy councils](#) supported by the University of South Carolina SNAP-Ed.
- 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

- [Wholespire](#) is a nonprofit organization working to advance community-led change to increase access to healthy choices for ALL people.
- [FoodShare South Carolina](#) makes it easier for families in SC to enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables daily.
- [South Carolina Association of State Farmers Markets](#) supports sustainable food in SC through the state's farmers markets.
- [Farm to School South Carolina](#) is the hub for farm to school efforts in SC.
- [South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center](#) advocates for improved access to nutritious food and other social, economic and legal injustices for low-income South Carolinians.
- [South Carolina Office of Rural Health](#) builds community coalitions, strengthens health networks, and invests in local projects that together improve the social determinants of health at the local level.

Data Sources and Resources

- [SC 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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