

# Washington Food and Nutrition Security State Profile

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## 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](mailto:CAHCinfo@chronicdisease.org).

## Food Banks, Pantries, and Feeding Programs

The following food banks are members of Feeding America's [network](#).

- [Food Lifeline](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - View the [counties served](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Oregon Food Bank](#)
  - View the [programs offered](#).
  - View the [counties served](#).
  - View the [partner agencies](#).
- [Second Harvest Inland Northwest](#)
  - 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:*



- [Friends in Service to Humanity](#) (2022-2025)
- [Foundation of District 304](#) (2020-2024 and 2021-2024)
- *Current Nutrition Incentive Funding:*
  - [Washington State Department of Health](#) (2020-2024 and 2023-2025)

### **Community Nutrition Education Programs**

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
  - The implementation agency is Washington State University.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education](#) (SNAP-Ed)
  - The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services is the state agency responsible for Washington SNAP-Ed. The implementing agencies are Washington State Department of Health and Washington State University.
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP)
  - [Washington SNAP Directory](#)

### **Senior Nutrition Programs**

- [Elderly Nutrition Program](#) led by Washington State Community Living Connections.
- [Washington Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program](#) led by Washington State Department of Social and Health 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)
- USDA Foods in Schools

### **Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations**

The [Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation](#) program 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](#)
- [Washington Emergency Management Plan](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Contact](#) – Region 10
- [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.
- [Washington Food Coalition](#)
- [Clark County Food Systems Council](#)
- [Gorge Grown Food Network – Food Security Coalition](#)
- [Jefferson County Local Food System Council](#)



## Other Food and Nutrition Security Organizations

- [University of Washington - Center for Public Health Nutrition](#) researches food systems and nutrition, food and nutrition policy, and food access.
- [Washington State Farmers Market Association](#) works with member farmers markets to bring local, healthy food to communities and direct sales to farmers.
- [Washington Farm to School Network](#) works to improve school food and establish links between farms and schools, and to introduce policies to support farm to school activities.
- [Washington State Public Health Association](#) aims to improve the health of all people, places, and communities in Washington.
- [Northwest Harvest](#) is a food justice organization that advocates to change inequitable policies, practices, and institutions that perpetuate hunger and poverty.
- [United Way of King County](#) is a nonprofit organization that addresses homelessness and poverty.
- [USDA Local Food Directories](#)

### Data Sources and Resources

- [WA 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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### [Women, Infants, and Children \(WIC\) Program](#)

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