

Washington, DC



State Performance Measure #2: Healthy Food Access- Percent children living in households that were food insecure at some point during the year

Priority: Improve access to healthcare and healthful foods among children, adolescents, and pregnant women

Population Domain: Cross-Cutting/Systems Building

Objective: Increase access to healthy and affordable food programs for all DC residents.

Strategies:

- Increase access to healthy food at DC public schools.
- Improve the sharing of information and collaboration between DC Health and its partners to get more people involved in food programs.
- Work together with the DC community, including public and private organizations, to offer food that is both affordable and healthy.

Activities:

- DC Title V teams up with different programs that provide food access to address the problem of food insecurity and hunger in the District. These include state-funded, community-focused programs including **Joyful Food Markets, Healthy Corners, Produce Plus**, and federal programs such as **Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children**.
- Title V staff participate in various committees, both internal and external, that deal with issues related to the health of pregnant and postpartum people in the District. **These committees consist of professionals with different perspectives, knowledge, and experiences.** By taking part in these committees, DC Title V staff hear directly from the community about their needs and adjust their programs accordingly. Title V maintains partnerships focusing on **food policy**, preventing birth defects and premature birth, **promoting healthy communities**, and supporting early childhood development.

For more information on Washington, DC's State Performance Measure (SPM # 2), go to the following link and select "Washington, DC" on the map:
<https://mchb.tvিসdata.hrsa.gov/PrioritiesAndMeasures/ListOfStatePerformanceMeasures>