

OVERVIEW: FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCE INDICATORS

BACKGROUND

While many efforts have developed food system indicator sets, few focus explicitly on resilience, and those that do often remain conceptual. Local governments across the United States need operational tools to track and assess food system resilience in actionable ways. This project addresses that gap by identifying and organizing indicators relevant to local jurisdictions, aligned with food system resilience capacities and outcomes.

METHODS

We used a multi-stage approach to gather and assess indicators from:

- Existing resources from our research team
- Local governments and practitioners via three national listservs (JHCLF Food Policy Council Network, APA Food Division, and Food for Cities)
- Peer-reviewed and grey literature using Dimensions and Google Scholar

Full details on the methods used [can be found here](#).

RESULTS

The compilation includes three main tables:

1. Full list of indicators
2. Qualitative indicators
3. Community resilience indicators

Each indicator is labeled with:

- Food system sector and subsector
- Resilience attribute (primary and secondary)
- Indicator type
- Data source and availability (if known)
- Frequency of collection (if known)

Descriptions of each field are available in the grid view.

HOW TO USE THESE TABLES

These indicators can support local governments in assessing resilience capacities and planning interventions. They may also help identify gaps in current data systems or areas requiring further development.