Local Incentives to Improve Access to Healthy Foods

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SUMMARY
This map identifies variation in laws across seven jurisdictions aimed at improving food access through incentives to small food retailers.

ABOUT FOOD ACCESS LAWS & THE DATA
This map, and the data used to create it, presents city and county-level small food retail laws that stimulate healthier food retail through incentivization. The map includes key characteristics of these laws, such as types of incentives; whether the incentive distributes funding; types of retailer eligible for the incentive; whether incentives are provided to retailers that accept government subsidized food assistance; types of projects that are eligible; whether the policy has an underserved component; geographic areas the policy targets; whether preference is given to retailers using local food suppliers; categories of food retailers may offer; how long funded retailers must operate; and evaluation requirements.

This is a cross-sectional dataset and captures variations in laws across seven jurisdictions in effect as of August 1, 2018.

NAVIGATING THE DATA
There are two ways to navigate the data by clicking the Filter tab or the Explore tab — for each option, the data can be visualized in a map and table format or in jurisdiction profiles.

Filter
The dataset homepage will default to the Filter tab. Here, users may answer a series of questions to learn more about the characteristics of the laws. Answering more than one question will show all the jurisdictions that meet the combined criteria. Criteria selected will be listed above the questions, and can be removed by clicking the white X or by clicking “Reset” above the questions.

Explore
Users can access Explore by clicking the Explore tab in the bar above the questions. Using Explore, users will see the answers to one question across all jurisdictions.

The primary questions in this dataset are:
1. Does the jurisdiction have a policy promoting access to healthy foods?
2. What types of incentives are included in the policy?
3. Does the incentive distribute funding?
   3.1 How are the funds distributed?
   3.2 Who makes funding decisions?
   3.3 Does the funding organization also implement the incentive?
4. What type of retail is eligible for the incentive?
5. Does the law provide any incentive to retailers that accept government subsidized food assistance?
6. What types of projects are eligible under the policy?
7. Does the policy have an underserved component?
8. What geographic areas does the policy target?
9. Does the policy give first preference to retailers using local food suppliers?
10. Does the policy specify categories of food that the funded retailers may offer?
    10.1 What categories of foods are specified?
11. How long must the funded retailer operate?
12. Does the policy require evaluation?

**DISPLAYING THE RESULTS**

There are two display modes once criteria have been selected by using either the Filter or Explore tab — **Map display mode** and **Profiles display mode**.

**Map Display**

LawAtlas.org dataset homepages default to the map display mode. When querying the data using the Filter tab, all jurisdictions that meet the criteria selected will display in one tone of yellow. Those jurisdictions that do not meet the criteria selected will be colored gray. When querying the data using the Explore tab, the map will illuminate with colors from yellow to red that are associated with the various answer choices (the color-coding is defined by the key to the left of the map).

Below the map, a table will appear. Using the Filter or Explore tab to navigate the questions will change the display:

- Using the Filter tab, you can select an unlimited number of criteria and the applicable jurisdictions that meet the combined criteria will be displayed in the table below.
- Using the Explore tab, you can isolate a single criterion and the applicable jurisdictions will appear in the table below.

**Profiles Display**

The Profiles display presents the results of the criteria selected in a text-based format for each applicable jurisdiction. Using the Filter tab, jurisdictions that meet the criteria selected will display. Using the Explore tab, jurisdictions that meet the criterion selected will display. If no criteria are selected, the full profiles for each state will appear under both Filter and Explore.
Profile Legend

Within each Profile box, above the questions and answers, there are additional options and information useful in exploring the law:

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<td>Toggle Legal Text</td>
<td>Selecting this option will show all the legal text used to answer questions for this jurisdiction.</td>
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<td>Toggle Full Place Profile</td>
<td>Selecting this option will show all questions and answers for this jurisdiction, regardless of what was selected using the Filter or Explore tabs.</td>
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<td>Toggle Size</td>
<td>Selecting this option will make the profile larger, but will not change the information displayed.</td>
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Map and Profile Legend

There are a few symbols to be aware of in both Map and Profiles display modes:

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<td>Clicking this symbol will open a window that displays excerpts from the law that correspond to the question and answer.</td>
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<td>Caution Note</td>
<td>Clicking on this symbol will open a small window that displays text that describes important caveats about the question and answer.</td>
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DATASET RESOURCES

Each dataset homepage includes the following resources available for download:

- Data: The Data file exports in CSV. format and may contain two tabs. The “Statistical Data” tab contains the legal variables coded in the dataset, displayed as values defined in the accompanying Codebook. The “Summary Data” tab contains the legal variables coded in the dataset in text form, as well as the accompanying citations and any caution notes that may be included. Note: if there is only one tab available for download it will be the “Statistical Data” as described above.

- Codebook: The Codebook defines all of the coded variables in the dataset. The Codebook lists the question, question type, variable name, variable value and variable label. The Codebook should be used in conjunction with the Statistical Data extract.

- Research Protocol: The Research Protocol is a comprehensive document that outlines the entire methodology of the project, including the scope, inclusion and exclusion
criteria, data collection methods, definitions, coding scheme decisions, as well as the quality control process.

- Summary Report: The Summary Report provides a snapshot of important findings from the dataset.

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