Congregate Nutrition Services

Congregate Nutrition Services provide healthy meals to older adults in group settings like senior centers, community centers, or faith-based organizations. In addition to meals, many programs offer nutrition education and opportunities for social engagement, helping older adults maintain their independence and well-being.



Congregate Meals served in fiscal year 2024



1 congregate meal provides

one half or more of their total food for the day.



of participants reported the program helped them to continue to live independently.



18,918,288

Americans aged 60 and older live alone.

Congregate sites reflect the community by offering nutritious meals sourced by local providers.

- Entry point for other services: Congregate meal sites often offer additional programs such as health education programs, chronic disease management, and exercise classes.
- Combats social isolation: Congregate meal programs provide participants with opportunities for social engagement, preventing loneliness and its associated health risks.