

### **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—CBO’s January 2019 Baseline**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides benefits that help people in low-income households to purchase food. People generally are eligible for SNAP if they participate in certain other assistance programs, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or can demonstrate that their income and assets fall below certain thresholds. SNAP benefit amounts are based on a household’s net income and size. The maximum benefit is determined by the number of people in the household and the cost of the Thrifty Food Plan (a basket of foods identified by the Department of Agriculture as providing a nutritious diet) for a group of that size. CBO’s projections of outlays for SNAP benefits are based on the estimated number of participating households and their average benefits.

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Millions of Dollars, by Fiscal Year

January 28, 2019

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>Baseline Totals</b>											
Budget Authority	64,246	64,244	64,616	65,125	65,733	66,265	66,901	67,652	69,105	70,525	72,126
Outlays	65,029	64,244	64,597	65,100	65,703	66,238	66,869	67,615	69,033	70,455	72,046
<b>Budget Authority for Program Components</b>											
Total Benefits	56,761	56,549	56,721	57,031	57,420	57,732	58,142	58,664	59,875	61,051	62,402
Assistance for Puerto Rico and American Samoa	1,931	1,968	2,012	2,058	2,104	2,155	2,205	2,253	2,303	2,354	2,406
Administrative Costs, Other	5,555	5,726	5,883	6,036	6,209	6,378	6,554	6,736	6,927	7,120	7,318
<b>Key Assumptions</b>											
Average Monthly Benefits (Dollars per person)	123.50	126.00	129.50	133.50	137.50	141.50	145.50	149.50	154.00	158.00	162.00
Average Monthly Participation (Millions of people)	38.3	37.4	36.5	35.6	34.8	34.0	33.3	32.7	32.4	32.2	32.1
Thrifty Food Plan Estimated Change June/June Preceding Year, Lagged (Percent)		101.9	102.2	102.3	102.3	102.4	102.3	102.2	102.2	102.2	102.2
Unemployment Rate, Fiscal Year Average	3.6	3.6	4.0	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7

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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>Budget Authority Other Than Benefits and Nutrition Assistance for Puerto Rico and American Samoa</b>											
State Administration <sup>a</sup>	3,982	4,095	4,211	4,328	4,453	4,586	4,725	4,868	5,014	5,161	5,310
Employment and Training	467	481	490	500	511	522	534	546	558	571	583
Other Program Costs	212	224	232	234	248	247	247	247	255	262	270
Nutrition Education	430	439	450	462	473	485	497	508	520	532	544
Northern Mariana Islands	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Community Food Projects	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Program Access Grants	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Emergency Food Assistance Commodities	296	313	319	326	333	340	348	356	364	372	380
Food Donations on Indian Reservations	<u>145</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>208</u>
Total	5,555	5,726	5,883	6,036	6,209	6,378	6,554	6,736	6,927	7,120	7,318
<b>Budget Authority for Employment and Training</b>											
100 Percent Federal Funds	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124
50 Percent Federal Funds	<u>343</u>	<u>357</u>	<u>366</u>	<u>376</u>	<u>387</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>422</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>459</u>
Total	467	481	490	500	511	522	534	546	558	571	583

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

a. Excludes employment and training.