

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—  
CBO’s Estimate of the President’s Fiscal Year 2019 Budget**

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.

**Proposals for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) - CBO's Estimate of the President's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget**

Millions of Dollars, by Fiscal Year

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2019-2023	2019-2028
<b>Decreases in Direct Spending Outlays</b>												
Restrict Categorical Eligibility to Households Receiving TANF Cash Assistance	-425	-1,015	-1,010	-1,005	-1,000	-1,010	-1,020	-1,035	-1,060	-1,085	<b>-4,455</b>	<b>-9,665</b>
Limit ABAWD Waivers to Areas With Unemployment Above 10 Percent and Eliminate 15 Percent Exemptions	-500	-3,000	-3,000	-3,000	-3,000	-3,000	-3,000	-3,100	-3,100	-3,200	<b>-12,500</b>	<b>-27,900</b>
Eliminate LIHEAP and HCSUA Link and Standardize State HCSUA Levels	-320	-770	-920	-1,070	-1,080	-1,080	-1,090	-1,100	-1,130	-1,160	<b>-4,160</b>	<b>-9,720</b>
Cap Federal Share of State Administrative Expenses at the 50th Percentile	0	0	-1,185	-1,217	-1,250	-1,287	-1,323	-1,361	-1,398	-1,436	<b>-3,652</b>	<b>-10,457</b>
Modify Age Definition	0	0	-590	-440	-630	-650	-520	-740	-820	-650	<b>-1,660</b>	<b>-5,040</b>
Eliminate Nutrition Education	-428	-438	-449	-460	-472	-483	-495	-507	-519	-531	<b>-2,247</b>	<b>-4,782</b>
Eliminate the Minimum Benefit	-75	-190	-185	-175	-185	-180	-185	-185	-185	-195	<b>-810</b>	<b>-1,740</b>
Cap Household Benefits at the Six-Person Maximum Allotment	-115	-115	-115	-115	-115	-115	-115	-115	-120	-120	<b>-575</b>	<b>-1,160</b>
Mandate Use of the National Accuracy Clearinghouse	0	-8	-25	-45	-60	-80	-90	-90	-95	-95	<b>-138</b>	<b>-588</b>
Eliminate Performance Bonus	0	-48	-48	-48	-48	-48	-48	-48	-48	-48	<b>-192</b>	<b>-432</b>
SNAP USDA Foods Box <sup>a</sup>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>										

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

ABAWD = able-bodied adults without dependents; HCSUA = Heating and Cooling Standard Utility Allowance; LIHEAP = Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program; SNAP = Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;

TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; USDA = United States Department of Agriculture; n.a. = not available

The President's Budget also includes policies in other programs, such as Supplemental Security Income, that would change SNAP benefits for certain participants; those effects are not included on this table.

a. This policy was not sufficiently specified for CBO to assess whether the proposal would result in costs or savings.