



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

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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| | By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars | | | | | | | | | | | 2024- 2028 | 2024- 2033 |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|------------------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 2032 | 2033 | | |
| BUDGET INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Budget Authority | 124,091 | 118,041 | 119,877 | 118,454 | 119,804 | 118,707 | 118,334 | 118,426 | 118,712 | 122,346 | 122,855 | 594,883 | 1,195,556 |
| Estimated Outlays | 127,027 | 124,625 | 123,327 | 118,525 | 119,738 | 118,763 | 118,352 | 118,421 | 118,698 | 122,164 | 122,827 | 604,978 | 1,205,440 |
| Components of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Benefits | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Budget Authority | 110,030 | 107,319 | 108,877 | 107,240 | 108,291 | 106,948 | 106,295 | 106,082 | 106,047 | 109,243 | 109,403 | 538,675 | 1,075,745 |
| Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer Program | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Budget Authority | 3,890 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Assistance for Puerto Rico and American Samoa | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Budget Authority | 2,827 | 3,072 | 3,144 | 3,159 | 3,245 | 3,271 | 3,313 | 3,369 | 3,434 | 3,594 | 3,672 | 15,891 | 33,273 |
| Administrative Costs, Other | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Budget Authority | 7,344 | 7,650 | 7,856 | 8,054 | 8,269 | 8,488 | 8,725 | 8,974 | 9,231 | 9,509 | 9,780 | 40,317 | 86,536 |
| PARTICIPATION AND BENEFIT INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| By fiscal year | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Average Monthly Participation (Millions of people) | 41.3 | 41.4 | 40.9 | 40.1 | 39.2 | 38.4 | 37.6 | 36.8 | 36.0 | 35.2 | 34.4 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Average Monthly Benefit per Participant (Dollars) | 222.02 | 216.01 | 221.83 | 222.85 | 230.17 | 232.01 | 235.50 | 240.13 | 245.39 | 258.53 | 265.03 | n.a. | n.a. |
| OTHER INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| By fiscal year | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thrifty Food Plan, Estimated Change | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June/June Preceding Year, Lagged (Percent) ^a | 112.5 | 108.7 | 102.3 | 100.5 | 102.7 | 100.8 | 101.3 | 101.7 | 101.9 | 104.7 | 102.2 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Unemployment Rate, Fiscal Year Average (Percent) | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | n.a. | n.a. |

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|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| BUDGET AUTHORITY OTHER THAN BENEFITS AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE FOR PUERTO RICO AND AMERICAN SAMOA | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| By fiscal year, millions of dollars | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| State Administration ^b | 5,354 | 5,528 | 5,680 | 5,835 | 5,998 | 6,171 | 6,357 | 6,550 | 6,749 | 6,953 | 7,161 | 29,212 | 62,982 |
| Employment and Training | 630 | 646 | 661 | 675 | 691 | 707 | 725 | 743 | 762 | 781 | 801 | 3,380 | 7,192 |
| Other Program Costs | 278 | 285 | 293 | 301 | 309 | 318 | 327 | 337 | 347 | 357 | 368 | 1,506 | 3,242 |
| Nutrition Education | 501 | 524 | 541 | 553 | 565 | 576 | 589 | 602 | 616 | 630 | 645 | 2,759 | 5,841 |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 60 | 120 |
| Community Food Projects | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 25 | 50 |
| Program Access Grants | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 25 | 50 |
| Emergency Food Assistance Commodities | 435 | 472 | 483 | 486 | 499 | 503 | 509 | 518 | 528 | 552 | 564 | 2,443 | 5,114 |
| Food Donations on Indian Reservations | <u>125</u> | <u>172</u> | <u>177</u> | <u>182</u> | <u>186</u> | <u>191</u> | <u>197</u> | <u>202</u> | <u>207</u> | <u>213</u> | <u>219</u> | <u>908</u> | <u>1,946</u> |
| Total | 7,345 | 7,649 | 7,857 | 8,054 | 8,270 | 8,488 | 8,726 | 8,974 | 9,231 | 9,508 | 9,780 | 40,318 | 86,537 |
| BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| By fiscal year, millions of dollars | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 100 Percent Federal Funds | 124 | 124 | 124 | 124 | 124 | 124 | 124 | 124 | 124 | 124 | 124 | 620 | 1,240 |
| 50 Percent Federal Funds | <u>506</u> | <u>522</u> | <u>537</u> | <u>551</u> | <u>567</u> | <u>583</u> | <u>601</u> | <u>619</u> | <u>638</u> | <u>657</u> | <u>677</u> | <u>2,760</u> | <u>5,952</u> |
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Components may not sum to totals because of rounding; n.a. = not applicable.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is authorized through 2023. However, consistent with section 257 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, CBO's baseline reflects the assumption that the program continues to operate.

- a. CBO increased its projections of the cost of the Thrifty Food Plan (TFP) in 2027 and 2032, anticipating that reevaluations of the TFP, which occur every five years, would increase costs.
- b. Excludes employment and training.