



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 spending for SNAP benefits are based on the estimated number of participating households and their average benefits.

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	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2025- 2029	2025- 2034
BUDGET INFORMATION													
Millions of dollars, by fiscal year													
Estimated Budget Authority	103,764	103,958	103,951	106,831	107,506	108,424	109,196	110,598	114,890	116,602	118,162	530,670	1,100,118
Estimated Outlays	104,530	103,948	103,951	106,687	107,472	108,378	109,157	110,528	114,675	116,516	118,084	530,436	1,099,396
Components of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program													
Total Benefits													
Budget Authority	93,529	93,499	93,285	95,862	96,299	96,958	97,457	98,572	102,470	103,873	105,111	475,903	983,386
Assistance for Puerto Rico and American Samoa													
Budget Authority	2,928	2,977	3,007	3,116	3,159	3,210	3,264	3,323	3,467	3,531	3,598	15,469	32,652
Administrative Costs, Other													
Budget Authority	7,306	7,482	7,659	7,853	8,047	8,256	8,475	8,703	8,952	9,198	9,454	39,297	84,079
PARTICIPATION AND BENEFIT INFORMATION													
By fiscal year													
Average Monthly Participation (Millions of people)	41.0	40.4	39.8	39.1	38.6	38.1	37.5	37.1	36.6	36.3	35.9	n.a.	n.a.
Average Monthly Benefit per Participant (Dollars)	190.10	192.86	195.32	204.31	207.90	212.07	216.57	221.41	233.31	238.46	243.99	n.a.	n.a.
OTHER INFORMATION													
By fiscal year													
Thrifty Food Plan, Estimated Change													
June/June Preceding Year, Lagged (Percent) ^a	n.a.	101.7	101.0	103.6	101.4	101.6	101.7	101.8	104.3	101.8	101.9	n.a.	n.a.
Unemployment Rate, Fiscal Year Average (Percent)	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	n.a.	n.a.

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BUDGET AUTHORITY OTHER THAN BENEFITS AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE FOR PUERTO RICO AND AMERICAN SAMOA													
Millions of dollars, by fiscal year													
State Administration ^b	5,134	5,274	5,407	5,544	5,689	5,846	6,011	6,182	6,360	6,546	6,739	27,760	59,598
Employment and Training	619	632	645	658	672	687	703	720	737	755	773	3,294	6,982
Other Program Costs	352	358	367	376	385	396	407	418	430	443	456	1,882	4,036
Nutrition Education	526	544	557	569	582	595	608	621	635	649	663	2,847	6,023
Northern Mariana Islands	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	175	350
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	464	458	462	479	486	494	502	511	533	543	553	2,379	5,021
Food Donations on Indian Reservations	<u>167</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>219</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>913</u>	<u>1,975</u>
Total	7,307	7,483	7,660	7,853	8,047	8,257	8,476	8,703	8,952	9,200	9,454	39,300	84,085
BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING													
Millions of dollars, by fiscal year													
100 Percent Federal Funds	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	620	1,240
50 Percent Federal Funds	<u>495</u>	<u>508</u>	<u>521</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>548</u>	<u>563</u>	<u>579</u>	<u>596</u>	<u>613</u>	<u>631</u>	<u>649</u>	<u>2,674</u>	<u>5,742</u>
Total	619	632	645	658	672	687	703	720	737	755	773	3,294	6,982

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding; n.a. = not applicable.

Consistent with section 257 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, CBO assumes that the program will continue to operate as it would immediately before its scheduled expiration in fiscal year 2024.

- 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.
- Excludes employment and training.