



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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	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2026- 2030	2026- 2035
BUDGET INFORMATION													
Millions of dollars, by fiscal year													
Estimated Budget Authority	106,081	107,415	110,442	110,643	110,833	111,135	111,543	115,015	115,365	115,806	116,347	550,468	1,124,544
Estimated Outlays	109,635	107,348	110,291	110,633	110,823	111,120	111,522	114,841	115,347	115,784	116,320	550,215	1,124,029
Components of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program													
Total Benefits ^a													
Budget Authority	95,722	96,816	99,514	99,461	99,394	99,432	99,565	102,661	102,712	102,844	103,061	494,617	1,005,460
Assistance for Puerto Rico and American Samoa													
Budget Authority	2,935	2,955	3,047	3,075	3,109	3,145	3,187	3,312	3,362	3,416	3,473	15,331	32,081
Administrative Costs, Other													
Budget Authority	7,424	7,644	7,881	8,108	8,330	8,557	8,790	9,042	9,290	9,546	9,812	40,520	87,000
PARTICIPATION AND BENEFIT INFORMATION													
By fiscal year													
Average Monthly Participation (Millions of people)	42.5	42.6	42.1	41.6	41.0	40.4	39.8	39.1	38.4	37.7	37.0	n.a.	n.a.
Average Monthly Benefit per Participant (Dollars)	187.69	189.39	196.98	199.24	202.02	205.10	208.47	218.80	222.90	227.33	232.12	n.a.	n.a.
OTHER INFORMATION													
By fiscal year													
Thrifty Food Plan, Estimated Change													
June/June Preceding Year, Lagged (Percent) ^a	n.a.	100.7	103.1	100.9	101.1	101.2	101.3	103.9	101.5	101.6	101.7	n.a.	n.a.
Unemployment Rate, Fiscal Year Average (Percent)	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	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	5,225	5,390	5,557	5,723	5,892	6,065	6,242	6,424	6,612	6,806	7,008	28,627	61,719
Employment and Training	627	643	659	675	692	708	725	743	761	780	799	3,377	7,185
Nutrition Education	543	554	568	581	594	607	621	634	648	663	677	2,904	6,147
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	451	454	468	473	478	484	490	509	517	525	534	2,357	4,932
Food Donations on Indian Reservations	178	192	207	223	230	237	245	252	260	268	276	1,089	2,390
Other Program Costs	<u>354</u>	<u>365</u>	<u>377</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>399</u>	<u>411</u>	<u>422</u>	<u>435</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>474</u>	<u>1,940</u>	<u>4,178</u>
Total	7,423	7,643	7,881	8,108	8,330	8,557	8,790	9,042	9,290	9,547	9,813	40,519	87,001
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>504</u>	<u>519</u>	<u>535</u>	<u>552</u>	<u>568</u>	<u>584</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>619</u>	<u>637</u>	<u>656</u>	<u>675</u>	<u>2,758</u>	<u>5,947</u>
Total	628	643	659	676	692	708	726	743	761	780	799	3,378	7,187

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 on September 30, 2025.

- CBO projects the cost of the Thrifty Food Plan (TFP) using a proxy food inflator. Additionally, CBO increases its projections of the cost of the TFP in 2027 and 2032, anticipating that reevaluations of the TFP, which occur every five years, would increase costs.
- Excludes employment and training.