



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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	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2027- 2031	2027- 2036
BUDGET INFORMATION													
Billions of dollars, by fiscal year													
Estimated Budget Authority	98,415	97,308	93,281	94,792	96,170	97,671	99,362	100,350	101,308	102,343	103,281	479,222	985,866
Estimated Outlays	100,053	97,418	93,684	94,641	96,032	97,521	99,193	100,251	101,212	102,240	103,187	479,296	985,379
Components of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program													
Total Benefits													
Budget Authority	88,000	89,465	85,076	86,375	87,520	88,811	90,295	91,074	91,815	92,626	93,333	437,247	896,390
Assistance for Puerto Rico and American Samoa													
Budget Authority	2,991	3,110	3,196	3,269	3,337	3,404	3,469	3,529	3,592	3,657	3,722	16,316	34,285
Administrative Costs, Other													
Budget Authority	7,424	4,732	5,009	5,148	5,313	5,456	5,599	5,747	5,901	6,061	6,226	25,658	55,192
PARTICIPATION AND BENEFIT INFORMATION													
By fiscal year													
Average Monthly Participation (Millions of people)	39.3	38.2	37.5	37.0	36.6	36.1	35.8	35.3	34.8	34.4	33.9	n.a.	n.a.
Average Monthly Benefit per Participant (Dollars)	186.60	195.17	189.06	194.54	199.27	205.01	210.18	215.00	219.86	224.38	229.43	n.a.	n.a.
OTHER INFORMATION													
By fiscal year													
Thrifty Food Plan, Estimated Change													
June/June Preceding Year, Lagged (Percent)	n.a.	104.0	102.7	102.3	102.1	102.0	101.9	101.7	101.8	101.8	101.8	n.a.	n.a.
Unemployment Rate, Fiscal Year Average (Percent)	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	n.a.	n.a.
BUDGET AUTHORITY OTHER THAN BENEFITS AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE FOR PUERTO RICO AND AMERICAN SAMOA													
Millions of dollars, by fiscal year													
State Administration ^a	5,701	2,945	3,035	3,125	3,216	3,309	3,404	3,502	3,603	3,708	3,817	15,630	33,664
Employment and Training	622	638	654	670	686	702	719	736	753	772	791	3,350	7,121
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	460	478	491	502	513	523	533	542	552	562	572	2,507	5,268
Food Donations on Indian Reservations	222	241	262	271	280	290	300	310	321	333	344	1,344	2,952
Other Program Costs	<u>374</u>	<u>386</u>	<u>397</u>	<u>409</u>	<u>421</u>	<u>432</u>	<u>441</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>494</u>	<u>2,045</u>	<u>4,379</u>
Total	7,424	4,733	4,884	5,022	5,161	5,301	5,442	5,588	5,740	5,900	6,063	25,101	53,834

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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>498</u>	<u>514</u>	<u>530</u>	<u>546</u>	<u>562</u>	<u>578</u>	<u>595</u>	<u>612</u>	<u>629</u>	<u>648</u>	<u>667</u>	2,730	5,881
Total	622	638	654	670	686	702	719	736	753	772	791	3,350	7,121

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, 2026.

a. Excludes employment and training.