

## **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—CBO’s April 2018 Baseline**

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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(Millions of dollars, by fiscal year)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
<b>Baseline totals</b>											
Budget Authority	70,012	65,625	65,251	65,023	64,850	64,952	65,501	66,281	67,190	68,790	70,381
Outlays	69,212	65,817	65,268	65,033	64,857	64,947	65,477	66,247	67,151	68,720	70,311
<b>Program components (budget authority)</b>											
Total Benefits	61,350	58,094	57,532	57,096	56,711	56,595	56,914	57,466	58,140	59,506	60,862
Assistance for Puerto Rico and American Samoa <sup>1</sup>	3,200	1,938	1,974	2,017	2,064	2,111	2,162	2,211	2,260	2,310	2,361
Administrative Costs / Other	5,462	5,593	5,745	5,910	6,075	6,246	6,425	6,605	6,791	6,974	7,158
<b>Major assumptions</b>											
Average Monthly Benefits (Dollars per person)	125.00	123.50	126.50	130.00	133.50	137.50	142.00	146.00	150.00	154.00	158.00
Average Monthly Participation (Millions of people)	40.9	39.2	37.9	36.6	35.4	34.3	33.4	32.8	32.3	32.2	32.1
Thrifty Food Plan Estimated Change June/June Preceding Year, Lagged	100.1%	100.5%	101.9%	102.2%	102.3%	102.3%	102.4%	102.3%	102.2%	102.2%	102.2%
Unemployment rate, fiscal year average	3.9%	3.3%	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	4.7%	4.8%	4.8%	4.9%	4.9%	4.8%

Note: Components may not add up to totals because of rounding.

Table incorporates the effects of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-141), as signed by the President on March 23, 2018.

<sup>1</sup> Includes \$1.27 b in disaster funding in 2018 provided in PL 115-72.

**Detail of SNAP Budget Authority Other than Benefits and Nutrition Assistance for Puerto Rico and American Samoa****CBO's April 2018 Baseline**

(Millions of dollars, by fiscal year)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
State Administration Other Than E&T	3,918	4,044	4,170	4,295	4,420	4,548	4,685	4,820	4,960	5,099	5,237
Employment and Training (E&T)	439	449	459	469	480	490	502	513	525	537	548
Other Program Costs	227	208	204	210	216	222	229	236	242	249	256
Nutrition Education	419	428	438	449	460	472	483	495	507	519	531
Northern Mariana Islands	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Community Food Projects	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Program Access Grants	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Emergency Food Assistance Commodities	287	289	294	301	308	315	322	329	337	344	352
Food Donations on Indian Reservations	<u>146</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>208</u>
Total	5,462	5,593	5,745	5,910	6,075	6,246	6,425	6,605	6,791	6,974	7,158

**Detail of Employment and Training Funds, Budget Authority**

100 Percent Federal Funds	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110
50 Percent Federal Funds	329	339	349	359	370	380	392	403	415	427	438
Total Budget Authority	<u>439</u>	<u>449</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>469</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>513</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>537</u>	<u>548</u>

Note: Details may not add up to totals because of rounding.