



## **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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	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2024-2028	2024-2033
<b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>													
<b>Estimated Budget Authority</b>	129,389	119,971	121,862	120,445	121,844	120,743	120,256	120,240	120,565	124,304	124,904	<b>604,865</b>	<b>1,215,134</b>
<b>Estimated Outlays</b>	145,000	126,594	123,367	120,516	121,774	120,798	120,280	120,241	120,549	124,117	124,874	<b>613,049</b>	<b>1,223,110</b>
<b>Components of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program</b>													
Total Benefits													
Budget Authority	115,353	109,387	111,004	109,378	110,482	109,139	108,378	108,063	108,072	111,379	111,636	<b>549,390</b>	<b>1,096,918</b>
Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer Program													
Budget Authority	4,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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	<b>15,891</b>	<b>33,273</b>
Administrative Costs, Other													
Budget Authority	7,209	7,511	7,714	7,908	8,118	8,332	8,565	8,808	9,059	9,331	9,596	<b>39,583</b>	<b>84,942</b>
<b>PARTICIPATION AND BENEFIT INFORMATION</b>													
By fiscal year													
Average Monthly Participation (Millions of people)	42.3	42.2	41.7	40.9	40.0	39.2	38.3	37.5	36.7	35.9	35.1	n.a.	n.a.
Average Monthly Benefit per Participant (Dollars)	227.25	216.01	221.83	222.86	230.17	232.01	235.81	240.14	245.40	258.54	265.04	n.a.	n.a.
<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b>													
By fiscal year													
Thrifty Food Plan, Estimated Change													
June/June Preceding Year, Lagged (Percent) <sup>a</sup>	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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	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2024-2028	2024-2033
<b>BUDGET AUTHORITY OTHER THAN BENEFITS AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE FOR PUERTO RICO AND AMERICAN SAMOA</b>													
By fiscal year, millions of dollars													
State Administration <sup>b</sup>	5,134	5,301	5,446	5,595	5,751	5,918	6,096	6,281	6,472	6,668	6,867	28,011	60,395
Employment and Training	668	686	701	717	734	751	770	790	810	831	852	3,589	7,642
Other Program Costs	265	271	279	286	294	302	311	320	330	340	350	1,432	3,083
Nutrition Education*	504	528	544	556	568	579	592	606	620	634	649	2,775	5,876
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*	7,153	7,452	7,652	7,844	8,054	8,266	8,497	8,739	8,989	9,260	9,523	39,268	84,276
<b>BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING</b>													
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>544</u>	<u>562</u>	<u>577</u>	<u>593</u>	<u>610</u>	<u>627</u>	<u>646</u>	<u>666</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>707</u>	<u>728</u>	<u>2,969</u>	<u>6,402</u>
Total	668	686	701	717	734	751	770	790	810	831	852	3,589	7,642

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's outlays continue.

- 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.

\* On August 2, 2023, CBO updated amounts in the rows labeled "Nutrition Education" and "Total" to correct a spreadsheet error.