

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—CBO’s Baseline as of March 6, 2020

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

	March 19, 2020										
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Baseline Totals											
Budget Authority	61,853	60,193	60,406	61,300	62,094	62,781	63,496	64,424	65,771	67,311	68,873
Outlays	61,923	60,276	60,395	61,256	62,055	62,746	63,460	64,378	65,703	67,234	68,795
Budget Authority for Program Components											
Total Benefits	54,466	52,620	52,619	53,276	53,842	54,300	54,785	55,472	56,573	57,863	59,168
Assistance for Puerto Rico and American Samoa	1,946	1,971	2,017	2,066	2,116	2,163	2,208	2,254	2,302	2,349	2,400
Administrative Costs, Other	5,441	5,602	5,769	5,958	6,137	6,318	6,502	6,698	6,896	7,099	7,305
Key Assumptions											
Average Monthly Benefits (Dollars per person)	123.00	124.57	128.97	132.93	137.21	140.97	144.48	148.64	152.57	156.56	160.61
Average Monthly Participation (Millions of people)	36.9	35.2	34.0	33.4	32.7	32.1	31.6	31.1	30.9	30.8	30.7
Thrifty Food Plan Estimated Change June/June Preceding Year, Lagged (Percent)		101.3	102.4	102.4	102.4	102.2	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1
Unemployment Rate, Fiscal Year Average	3.5	3.5	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5

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Budget Authority Other Than Benefits and Nutrition Assistance for Puerto Rico and American Samoa											
State Administration ^a	3,906	4,030	4,160	4,299	4,442	4,587	4,734	4,884	5,036	5,192	5,350
Employment and Training	434	443	453	464	475	486	497	509	521	532	545
Other Program Costs	176	183	184	198	196	194	193	200	206	212	218
Nutrition Education	441	451	463	475	487	498	510	521	533	545	557
Northern Mariana Islands	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Community Food Projects	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Program Access Grants	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Emergency Food Assistance Commodities	310	314	320	327	335	342	350	357	364	372	380
Food Donations on Indian Reservations	<u>153</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>224</u>	<u>234</u>
Total	5,441	5,602	5,769	5,958	6,137	6,318	6,502	6,698	6,896	7,099	7,305
Budget Authority for Employment and Training											
100 Percent Federal Funds	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124
50 Percent Federal Funds	<u>310</u>	<u>319</u>	<u>329</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>362</u>	<u>373</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>397</u>	<u>409</u>	<u>421</u>
Total	434	443	453	464	475	486	497	509	521	532	545

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Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

a. Excludes employment and training.