



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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	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2025- 2029	2025- 2034
BUDGET INFORMATION													
Millions of dollars, by fiscal year													
Estimated Budget Authority	110,786	110,073	109,115	111,837	112,279	112,945	113,825	115,084	119,563	120,954	122,647	556,249	1,148,322
Estimated Outlays	111,660	110,108	109,163	111,701	112,257	112,911	113,781	115,021	119,339	120,884	122,562	556,140	1,147,727
Components of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program													
Total Benefits													
Budget Authority	100,618	99,713	98,556	100,960	101,149	101,546	102,142	103,107	107,182	108,252	109,613	501,924	1,032,220
Assistance for Puerto Rico and American Samoa													
Budget Authority	2,928	2,953	2,969	3,077	3,123	3,176	3,236	3,301	3,453	3,526	3,601	15,298	32,415
Administrative Costs, Other													
Budget Authority	7,241	7,406	7,590	7,800	8,007	8,223	8,446	8,676	8,927	9,175	9,433	39,026	83,683
PARTICIPATION AND BENEFIT INFORMATION													
By fiscal year													
Average Monthly Participation (Millions of people)	41.1	40.3	39.6	38.9	38.3	37.7	37.1	36.6	36.1	35.6	35.2	n.a.	n.a.
Average Monthly Benefit per Participant (Dollars)	204.01	206.19	207.40	216.28	220.08	224.46	229.43	234.76	247.42	253.40	259.50	n.a.	n.a.
OTHER INFORMATION													
By fiscal year													
Thrifty Food Plan, Estimated Change													
June/June Preceding Year, Lagged (Percent) ^{a*}	n.a.	100.9	100.5	103.6	101.5	101.7	101.9	102.0	104.7	102.1	102.1	n.a.	n.a.
Unemployment Rate, Fiscal Year Average (Percent)	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	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	5,116	5,243	5,383	5,533	5,690	5,853	6,020	6,193	6,372	6,558	6,751	27,702	59,596
Employment and Training	666	680	695	711	727	744	762	781	799	819	840	3,557	7,558
Other Program Costs	266	268	275	283	291	299	307	316	325	334	344	1,416	3,042
Nutrition Education	524	538	552	565	577	590	603	616	630	644	659	2,822	5,974
Northern Mariana Islands	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	150	300
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	450	454	456	473	480	488	498	507	531	542	554	2,351	4,983
Food Donations on Indian Reservations	178	183	189	196	202	209	216	223	230	238	246	979	2,132
Total	7,240	7,406	7,590	7,801	8,007	8,223	8,446	8,676	8,927	9,175	9,434	39,027	83,685
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	542	556	571	587	603	621	638	657	676	695	716	2,938	6,320
Total	666	680	695	711	727	745	762	781	800	819	840	3,558	7,560

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding; n.a. = not applicable.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is authorized through 2024. 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.

- a. 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.
- b. Excludes employment and training.

* On February 22, 2024, CBO updated numbers in the row labeled "Thrifty Food Plan, Estimated Change, June/June Preceding Year, Lagged (Percent)."