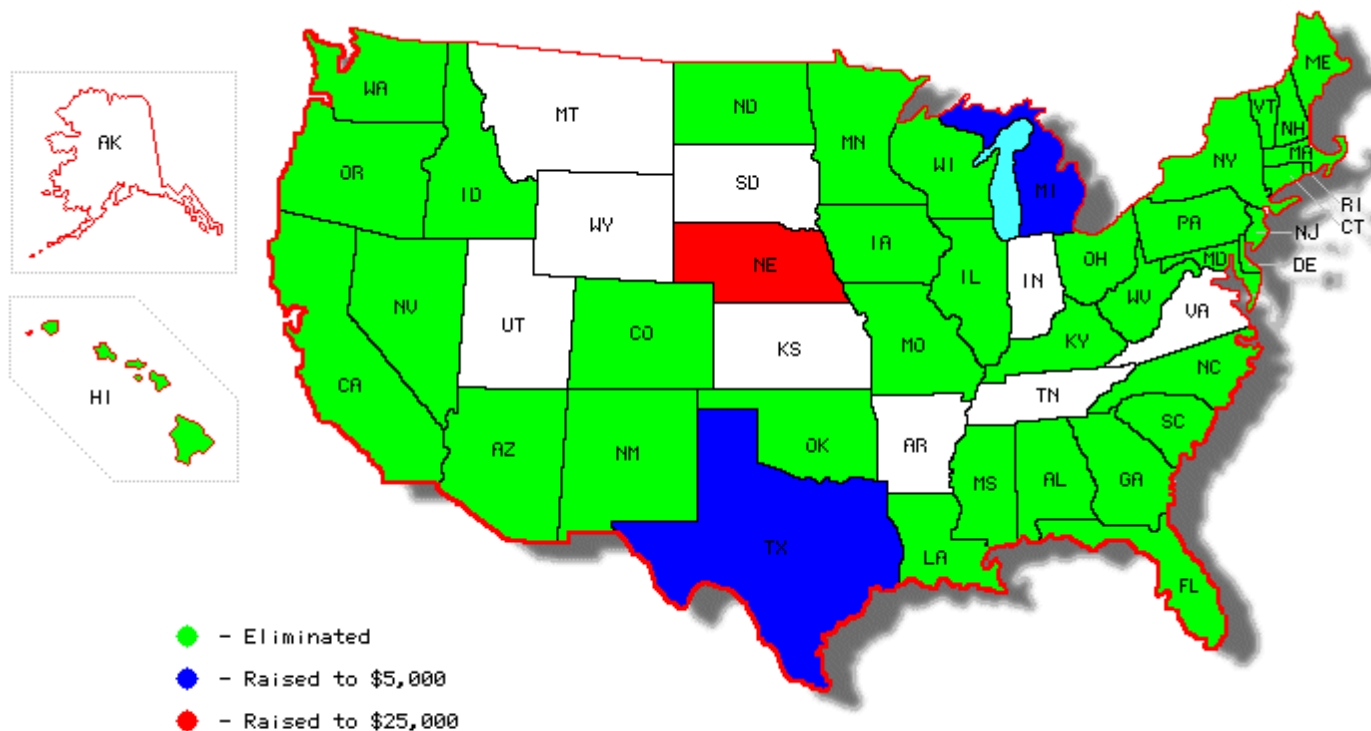


Expanding Access to SNAP

States that have eliminated or raised the asset test to increase access and reduce administrative workload by adopting broad-based categorical eligibility for SNAP



Eliminating the Asset Test

States can take advantage of a federal option known as "categorical eligibility" to expand access to SNAP by eliminating the requirement that households have less than \$2,000 in assets (\$3,250 for elderly or disabled households) in order to qualify for benefits.

This map shows the states that have eliminated or raised the asset test by adopting broad-based categorical eligibility for SNAP.

For more information about ways for states to eliminate the SNAP asset test and otherwise improve access to SNAP, see FRAC's "Heat and Eat: Using Federal Nutrition Programs to Soften Low-Income Households' Food/Fuel Dilemma" (March 2009), posted at www.frac.org/pdf/heat_and_eat09.pdf

Notes

- New Hampshire restricts categorical eligibility to households that include at least one dependent child.

Source: USDA Food and Nutrition Service,
www.fns.usda.gov/snap/rules/Memo/BBCE.pdf

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