

# **GEORGIA P-EBT REPORT**

## School Year 2020–2021

WHO CARDS WERE ISSUED TO: Eligible child

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH PLAN FOR 2020–2021: P-EBT focused webpage, social media and print media updates, collaboration with community partners and advocacy groups.

NUMBER OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN SERVED:

856,460

DATE TO START ISSUING SCHOOL-AGE BENEFITS: July 2021

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE SERVED: 257,921

DATE TO START ISSUING CHILD CARE BENEFITS:

June 2021

#### SUMMARY OF HOW STATE COLLECTED NAMES

**FOR ISSUANCE:** The state of Georgia will use data collected from the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) about enrollment and eligibility for National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program to determine all eligible children. The state's data processor, Georgia State University, will compare all eligible children against those who did not receive P-EBT during the last month of the year.

**SUMMARY OF HOW THE STATE IDENTIFIED NEWLY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS:** The state's school districts accept applications for free and reduced-priced meals throughout the summer, either through online forms or paper forms. District coordinators will process the applications when they return for school year 2021–22. The district coordinators will transfer those data directly to the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) to be processed.

#### SUMMARY OF HOW STATE COLLECTED NAMES FOR

**CHILDREN UNDER 6:** The state will use monthly SNAP files to determine children 0–5 who are or are not eligible to receive P-EBT during the last month of the school year. For all children eligible for P-EBT during the last month of the year, they will have summer P-EBT payments in December 2021, to help with smoothing of total issuance amounts across the P-EBT program. The state will continue to provide monthly SNAP file updates to its data partner, Georgia State University, to cover children who are newly eligible.

### **Summer 2021**

STANDARD BENEFIT (Y/N): Yes

NUMBER OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN SERVED:

856,460

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE SERVED: 257,921

TOTAL ESTIMATED SCHOOL-AGE BENEFIT ISSUANCE FOR SUMMER: \$321,172,500

TOTAL ESTIMATED CHILD CARE BENEFIT ISSUANCE FOR SUMMER: \$96,720,375

The state will issue one monthly summer benefit to these children for the full summer period.

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH PLAN FOR SUMMER 2021: See School Year Communications and Outreach Summary.

#### SUMMARY OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS: If

families reach out to DFCS to resolve issues related to a dispute about eligibility or amounts of benefits from SY 2019–2020, DFCS will work with GaDOE as a data provider to determine if benefits should be issued to those families. If eligible, DFCS will receive approval from Food Nutrition Service to issue the benefit and work with its EBT team to issue retroactive benefits to families.

DATE TO START ISSUING BENEFITS: October 6, 2021

