



MARYLAND P-EBT REPORT

School Year 2020–2021

WHO CARDS WERE ISSUED TO:
**Head of household if already receiving SNAP benefits;
eligible child if a new card is created.**

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH PLAN FOR 2020–2021:
**P-EBT webpage, flyers, mass email, outreach material shared with schools,
and collaboration with advocate groups.**

NUMBER OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN SERVED:
450,000

DATE TO START ISSUING SCHOOL-AGE BENEFITS:
May 2021

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE SERVED:
80,000

DATE TO START ISSUING CHILD CARE BENEFITS:
May 2021

Summer 2021

STANDARD BENEFIT (Y/N):
Yes

NUMBER OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN SERVED:
465,000

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE SERVED:
87,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED SCHOOL-AGE BENEFIT ISSUANCE FOR SUMMER:
\$174,375,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED CHILD CARE BENEFIT ISSUANCE FOR SUMMER:
\$32,625,000

SUMMARIES

SUMMARY OF HOW STATE COLLECTED NAMES

FOR ISSUANCE: The Maryland Department of Human Services (MD DHS) developed a system for issuing P-EBT benefits to eligible recipients. The system maintains records of current and past P-EBT recipients. School children who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals under the NSLP and SBP in school year (SY) 20–21 that did not receive P-EBT benefits in the last month of the school year because they attended school in-person and benefitted from a free or reduced-price meal service at school will be added to Summer P-EBT benefits files.

SUMMARY OF HOW THE STATE IDENTIFIED NEWLY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS: The LSSs will follow their normal NSLP application processes and submit data

to Maryland State Department of Education of newly eligible children during the summer of 2021. Data will be shared with MD DHS for retroactive P-EBT benefit processing after the start of the new school year.

SUMMARY OF HOW STATE COLLECTED NAMES FOR CHILDREN UNDER 6:

As of June 15, 2021, the last day of SY 20–21, all SNAP-enrolled children were eligible for P-EBT because they lived in the area of a school that was closed or operating at reduced capacity as result of the COVID-19 pandemic. MD DHS will perform monthly analyses of SNAP administrative records to identify children who are part of a SNAP household who are newly eligible for P-EBT child care benefits during the covered summer period.

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

SUMMARY OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS:

Maryland has granted access to the EPPIC System (the eligibility system in Maryland) to select agents who will handle P-EBT calls. The agents have been trained and will receive refresher training on a wide range of customer inquiries including but not limited to benefit amount, eligibility process, perceived case errors, and P-EBT card replacement.

DATE TO START ISSUING BENEFITS: August 1, 2021