

# PROTECT SNAP TO REDUCE HUNGER AND STRENGTHEN LOCAL ECONOMIES

## TECHNICAL NOTES

The state and the District of Columbia fact sheets provide estimates of the total impact of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by state based on the most recent and reliable data available nationwide. A previous version of this fact sheet included SNAP Quality Control data from fiscal year 2022. That has been replaced with fiscal year 2024 data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).



**1. SNAP PARTICIPATION DATA:** SNAP participation data is available in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) reports, which include state-level, person-level, and household-level participation data on a monthly basis. Person-level participation by state is based on the initial October 2024 participation retrieved from: U.S. Department of Agriculture. (2025). *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Number of persons participating*. <https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/snap-persons-1.pdf>. Federal funds received through SNAP reflect the total benefits issued to recipients in fiscal year 2024, as reported in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. (2025). *SNAP monthly state participation and benefit summary P-EBT/other excluded — Public data, fiscal year 2024*. <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/snap-zip-fy69tocurrent-2.zip>. Alaska and Hawaii have a higher benefit average than the 48 contiguous states and D.C. because their Thrifty Food Plan formula reflects the higher costs in their respective states. Information about Thrifty Food Plan cost estimates for Alaska and Hawaii can be found here: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cnpp/tfp-akhi>.

**2. FOOD INSECURITY BY STATE:** Rabbitt, M. P., Reed-Jones, M., Hales, L. J., Burke, M. P., & Economic Research Service. (2024, September 4). Table 4. *Household food security in the United States in 2023* (337). U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service. <https://www.ers.usda.gov/webdocs/publications/109896/err-337.pdf?v=3859.9>.

**3. SNAP'S IMPACT BY STATE:** Participation rates by household characteristics, among veterans, and by rural, small-town, and urban participation rates by state are based on the Food Research & Action Center's (FRAC) analysis of [U.S. Census Bureau 2019–2023 American Community Survey \(ACS\) 5-Year Estimates using the ACS Public Use Microdata Sample](#). In the dataset, “veterans” were identified as individuals who had served on active duty, excluding those who only trained in the Reserves or National Guard. State-level person and household datasets were merged to align individual veteran status with

household-level SNAP reciprocity for all 50 states and DC. Veterans receiving SNAP is defined as individuals meeting the veteran criteria with a reported SNAP benefit receipt.

U.S. Census Bureau defines older adults as those who are 60 years old and over. The number of children participating in SNAP was retrieved from Table B.14 of U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Office of Policy Support. *Characteristics of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program households: Fiscal year 2022*. <https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/ops-snap-fy22-characteristics.pdf>.

Average monthly benefit amounts retrieved from: U.S. Department of Agriculture. (2025). *SNAP monthly state participation and benefit summary P-EBT/other excluded — Public data, fiscal year 2024*. <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/snap-zip-fy69tocurrent-2.zip>. Per person per day average benefit was determined by dividing the average monthly household benefit level across FY 2024 by the household size and 30.437, the average number of days per month.

**4. KEY ECONOMIC FACTS:** Participation rates among working families by state are based on FRAC's analysis of [U.S. Census Bureau 2019–2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates](#). SNAP's economic stimulus effect was retrieved from: Canning, P., & Stacy, B. (2019, July). The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the economy: New estimates of the SNAP multiplier (report 265). *Economic Research Report*. United States Department of Agriculture. [https://ers.usda.gov/sites/default/files/\\_laserfiche/publications/93529/ERR-265.pdf?v=94909](https://ers.usda.gov/sites/default/files/_laserfiche/publications/93529/ERR-265.pdf?v=94909). Number of retailers and total benefits redeemed by state was retrieved from: United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service. (n.d.). *SNAP retailer management year end summary FY 2023*. Retrieved February 10, 2025, from <https://www.fns.usda.gov/data-research/data-visualization/snap-retailer-management-dashboard>.