

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—CBO’s May 2019 Baseline

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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Millions of Dollars, by Fiscal Year

	May 2, 2019										
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Baseline Totals											
Budget Authority	63,668	63,870	63,769	64,127	64,700	65,504	66,250	66,994	68,261	69,739	71,424
Outlays	64,991	63,860	63,774	64,109	64,671	65,464	66,213	66,957	68,198	69,666	71,341
Budget Authority for Program Components											
Total Benefits	56,166	56,159	55,857	56,016	56,368	56,953	57,471	57,986	59,011	60,245	61,680
Assistance for Puerto Rico and American Samoa	1,931	1,968	2,012	2,058	2,104	2,155	2,205	2,253	2,303	2,354	2,406
Administrative Costs, Other	5,571	5,743	5,900	6,053	6,227	6,397	6,573	6,755	6,947	7,140	7,338
Key Assumptions											
Average Monthly Benefits (Dollars per person)	123.50	126.14	129.53	132.82	136.72	140.90	145.05	149.03	153.08	157.25	161.49
Average Monthly Participation (Millions of people)	37.9	37.1	35.9	35.1	34.4	33.7	33.0	32.4	32.1	31.9	31.8
Thrifty Food Plan Estimated Change June/June Preceding Year, Lagged (Percent)		101.9	102.2	102.3	102.3	102.4	102.3	102.2	102.2	102.2	102.2
Unemployment Rate, Fiscal Year Average	3.6	3.6	4.0	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7

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Budget Authority Other Than Benefits and Nutrition Assistance for Puerto Rico and American Samoa											
State Administration ^a	4,035	4,148	4,266	4,384	4,511	4,646	4,787	4,932	5,079	5,228	5,380
Employment and Training	463	477	487	496	507	518	530	542	554	566	579
Other Program Costs	185	195	203	204	217	215	214	213	220	226	233
Nutrition Education	432	441	452	464	476	488	499	511	523	535	547
Northern Mariana Islands	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Community Food Projects	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Program Access Grants	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Emergency Food Assistance Commodities	296	313	319	326	333	340	348	356	364	372	380
Food Donations on Indian Reservations	<u>138</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>198</u>
Total	5,571	5,743	5,900	6,053	6,227	6,397	6,573	6,755	6,947	7,140	7,338

Budget Authority for Employment and Training

100 Percent Federal Funds	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124
50 Percent Federal Funds	<u>339</u>	<u>353</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>373</u>	<u>383</u>	<u>394</u>	<u>406</u>	<u>418</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>442</u>	<u>455</u>
Total	463	477	487	496	507	518	530	542	554	566	579

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

a. Excludes employment and training.