

## **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—CBO’s January 2020 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

January 28, 2020

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<b>Baseline Totals</b>											
Budget Authority	62,583	60,924	61,137	62,024	62,819	63,652	64,383	65,292	66,655	68,194	69,765
Outlays	62,614	61,007	61,126	61,980	62,779	63,611	64,346	65,247	66,587	68,117	69,686
<b>Budget Authority for Program Components</b>											
Total Benefits	54,909	53,055	53,048	53,689	54,247	54,842	55,334	55,993	57,101	58,381	59,694
Assistance for Puerto Rico and American Samoa	1,946	1,971	2,017	2,066	2,116	2,163	2,208	2,254	2,302	2,349	2,400
Administrative Costs, Other	5,728	5,898	6,072	6,269	6,457	6,648	6,840	7,045	7,252	7,463	7,671
<b>Key Assumptions</b>											
Average Monthly Benefits (Dollars per person)	124.17	125.88	130.46	134.44	138.45	142.23	146.04	149.90	153.82	157.79	161.86
Average Monthly Participation (Millions of people)	36.8	35.1	33.9	33.3	32.7	32.1	31.6	31.1	30.9	30.8	30.7
Thrifty Food Plan Estimated Change June/June Preceding Year, Lagged (Percent)		101.3	102.4	102.4	102.4	102.2	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1
Unemployment Rate, Fiscal Year Average	3.5	3.5	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5

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<b>Budget Authority Other Than Benefits and Nutrition Assistance for Puerto Rico and American Samoa</b>											
State Administration <sup>a</sup>	4,139	4,270	4,408	4,555	4,706	4,860	5,016	5,174	5,336	5,501	5,668
Employment and Training	477	487	498	511	523	536	549	562	575	589	603
Other Program Costs	195	203	205	219	218	217	217	224	231	238	238
Nutrition Education	440	450	462	474	486	498	509	521	532	544	556
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	310	314	320	327	335	342	350	357	364	372	380
Food Donations on Indian Reservations	<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>	<u>205</u>
Total	5,728	5,898	6,072	6,269	6,457	6,648	6,840	7,045	7,252	7,463	7,671

**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>353</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>374</u>	<u>387</u>	<u>399</u>	<u>412</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>451</u>	<u>465</u>	<u>479</u>
Total	477	487	498	511	523	536	549	562	575	589	603

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

a. Excludes employment and training.