



**Congressional Budget Office**

Supplemental Data for *The Budget and Economic Outlook: 2021 to 2031*

## **Baseline Projections**

### **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**

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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**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2022-2026	2022-2031
<b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>													
Millions of dollars, by fiscal year													
<b>Estimated Budget Authority</b>	132,755	97,969	76,589	75,621	75,217	74,619	74,062	73,522	72,824	72,101	71,273	400,015	763,797
<b>Estimated Outlays</b>	132,168	98,708	77,658	75,669	75,237	74,648	74,090	73,549	72,859	72,137	71,314	401,920	765,869
<b>Components of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program</b>													
Total Benefits													
Budget Authority	104,472	90,263	68,669	67,482	66,853	66,023	65,217	64,424	63,466	62,479	61,381	359,290	676,257
Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer Program													
Budget Authority	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assistance for Puerto Rico and American Samoa													
Budget Authority	2,645	2,045	2,085	2,132	2,180	2,228	2,279	2,331	2,385	2,441	2,497	10,670	22,603
Administrative Costs, Other													
Budget Authority	5,638	5,660	5,835	6,007	6,184	6,368	6,565	6,767	6,973	7,182	7,395	30,054	64,936
<b>PARTICIPATION AND BENEFIT INFORMATION</b>													
By fiscal year													
Average Monthly Participation (Millions of people)	43.4	44.4	42.3	40.6	39.1	37.7	36.2	34.7	33.3	31.8	30.4	n.a.	n.a.
Average Monthly Benefit per Participant (Dollars)	200.60	169.41	135.28	138.51	142.48	145.94	150.13	154.72	158.82	163.73	168.26	n.a.	n.a.
<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b>													
By fiscal year													
Thrifty Food Plan Estimated Change June/June Preceding Year, Lagged (Percent)	n.a.	100.0	101.9	102.3	102.2	102.2	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	n.a.	n.a.
Unemployment Rate, Fiscal Year Average	6.1	5.1	4.8	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3	n.a.	n.a.
<b>BUDGET AUTHORITY OTHER THAN BENEFITS AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE FOR PUERTO RICO AND AMERICAN SAMOA</b>													
By fiscal year													
State Administration <sup>a</sup>	3,953	4,067	4,197	4,334	4,476	4,622	4,773	4,927	5,084	5,242	5,405	21,696	47,127
Employment and Training	438	446	456	467	478	489	501	512	525	537	549	2,336	4,960
Other Program Costs	285	181	194	191	190	189	196	202	208	214	221	945	1,986
Nutrition Education	443	454	464	474	485	497	509	521	534	547	560	2,374	5,045
Northern Mariana Islands	26	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	60	120
Community Food Projects	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	25	50
Program Access Grants	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	25	50
Emergency Food Assistance Commodities	324	324	330	337	345	352	360	368	377	386	394	1,688	3,573
Food Donations on Indian Reservations	<u>159</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>224</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>244</u>	<u>905</u>	<u>2,026</u>
Total	5,638	5,660	5,835	6,007	6,184	6,368	6,565	6,767	6,973	7,182	7,395	30,054	64,936



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<b>BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING</b>													
By fiscal year													
100 Percent Federal Funds	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	620	1,240
50 Percent Federal Funds	<u>314</u>	<u>322</u>	<u>332</u>	<u>343</u>	<u>354</u>	<u>365</u>	<u>377</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>401</u>	<u>413</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>1,716</u>	<u>3,721</u>
Total	438	446	456	467	478	489	501	512	525	537	549	2,336	4,960

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding; n.a. = not applicable.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is authorized through 2023. Consistent with section 257 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, CBO assumes that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program outlays continue in the baseline.

a. Excludes employment and training.