



## SNAP – Special Assistance Program 2024 Eligibility

### **Who is a SNAP household?**

- Everyone who lives together AND purchases and prepares meals together is grouped as one SNAP household.
- Some people who live together, such as spouses and most children under age 22, are included in the same SNAP household, even if they purchase and prepare meals separately.
- If a person is 60 years of age or older and unable to purchase and prepare meals separately because of permanent disability, the person and the person's spouse may be in a separate SNAP household if the others they live with do not have very much income (no more than 165 percent of the poverty level).

### **Non-Citizens**

- The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 limits eligibility for SNAP benefits to U.S. citizens and certain lawfully present non-citizens. Generally, to qualify for SNAP, non-citizens must meet one of the following criteria:
  - o Have lived in the United States for at least 5 years
  - o Be receiving disability-related assistance or benefits
  - o Be children under 18.

### **Are you eligible for SNAP?**

- Work at least 20 hours a week in paid employment
- Participate in a state or federally-financed work-study program
- Are under age 18 or are age 50 or older
- Are physically or mentally unfit
- Care for a child under the age of 6
- Care for a child aged 6 to 11 and lack the necessary childcare enabling you to attend school and work 20 hours a week or participate in work-study
- Are a single parent enrolled full-time in college and taking care of a child under 12
- Receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

### **Can I get SNAP?**

If a meal plan covers less than half of your meals, you may be eligible for SNAP.

### **What are the SNAP income limits?**

To qualify for SNAP, households have to pass both a gross income, or initial eligibility, test as well as a net income eligibility test. Ohio put a state option into place effective October 1 that raised the gross income level for SNAP from 130% to 200% of the Federal Poverty

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Level. Gross Monthly Income Limit is equal to total take home pay per month. Net Monthly Income Limit is equal to total take home after deductions. Deductions can include rent/mortgage payments, childcare costs, medical expenses, costs fuel to heat and cook with, electricity cost, water fees, basic fees for one telephone, and more.

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income Limit (200 percent of poverty)	Net Monthly Income Limit
1	\$2,510	\$1,255
2	\$3,407	\$1,704
3	\$4,304	\$2,152
4	\$5,200	\$2,600
Each additional member	+\$897	+\$449

**What are the SNAP requirements**

In general, people must meet work requirements to be eligible for SNAP. These work requirements include registering for work, not voluntarily quitting a job or reducing hours, and taking a job if offered. Able-bodied adults without dependents are required to work for at least 20 hours per week to receive SNAP benefits for more than 3 months in a 36-month period. Some special groups may not be subject to these requirements including children,

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