



SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program **2024 Eligibility**

Who is in 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 students eligible for SNAP?

Generally, students attending an institution of higher education more than half-time are only eligible for SNAP if they meet an exemption. The institution of higher education determines what is considered 'half-time' enrollment. Students who meet an exemption must also meet all other SNAP eligibility requirements. If you are enrolled less than half-time, the student restrictions on SNAP eligibility do not apply to you. If you are a student and you meet SNAP eligibility requirements, you may be eligible for SNAP if you meet one of the following exemptions:

- 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 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
- Receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

I'm on a campus meal plan. Can I still 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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