Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Ohio SNAP Benefits Disbursed by FFY

- The federal government pays the full cost of SNAP benefits.
- Federal, state, and local agencies share the administrative costs to operate the program.

The increase from 2019 to 2022 is due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The reason is twofold: SNAP benefits were temporarily increased during this time and additional individuals and households participated in the program.

In FY 2023 benefit amounts declined due to the end of pandemic increases. Benefit amounts went back to normal levels after the February 2023 issuance.

Characteristics of SNAP Households in FY 2020*

- Monthly, an average of 730,208 Ohio households and 1,418,005 individuals received benefits.

Households must meet eligibility requirements based on income and resources to receive SNAP benefits. These include having a gross monthly income below 130% of the federal poverty level ($3,250 for a family of four) and meeting asset limits. Some households with an elderly or disabled member may still qualify with incomes above this limit.

Composition of Households

- 37.6% Children
- 22.8% Elderly individuals
- 32.3% Non-elderly individuals with disabilities
- 27.7% Single adults with children
- 12.2% Adults aged 18-49 without disabilities in childless households

Race/Ethnicity of Household Head

- 62.2% White (not hispanic)
- 31.6% African American (not hispanic)
- 2.8% Hispanic (any race)
- 1.9% Other, not Hispanic
- 2.8% Unknown

Note: These categories are not mutually exclusive.

*Data for October 2019 through February 2020
Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture