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**United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services** 



#### SNAP

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program** 



**Special Supplemental Nutrition** Program for Women, Infants, & Children



**National School Lunch Program** & School Breakfast Program



**Summer Nutrition Meals / Summer Food Service Program** 



#### State agency

Ex., Departments of Health, **Human Services, and Social Services** 



Ex., Departments of Health or **Human Services** 

**Local WIC clinics** 

and county health

departments



Ex., Department of Education



Ex., Departments of Education or Early Care and Learning



(if applicable — 10 states administer SNAP on the county level\*)



#### **Participating school** districts

## Eligible low-income households\*

#### Women and children

Low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5.

## K-12 students

in public or nonprofit private schools

#### Schools, parks, community centers, and neighborhood locations

in areas where >50% of the children qualify for free or reduced meals

#### **Program benefits**



EBT cards to purchase food at authorized retailers.

#### Program benefits





Food packages and infant formula (bought using WIC EBT card); nutrition education and counseling; referrals to other health, social and welfare programs.

School lunches and/or breakfasts for free, reduced price, or paid rates, depending on family income.

**Program benefits** 

#### Children up to age 18

## **Program benefits**



Free--of-charge meals and snacks in the summer when school meals are unavailable.

### CA, CO, MN, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, VA and WI

Income eligibility thresholds and other requirements (such as work requirements) vary by state.

> Income eligibility thresholds determined by states.





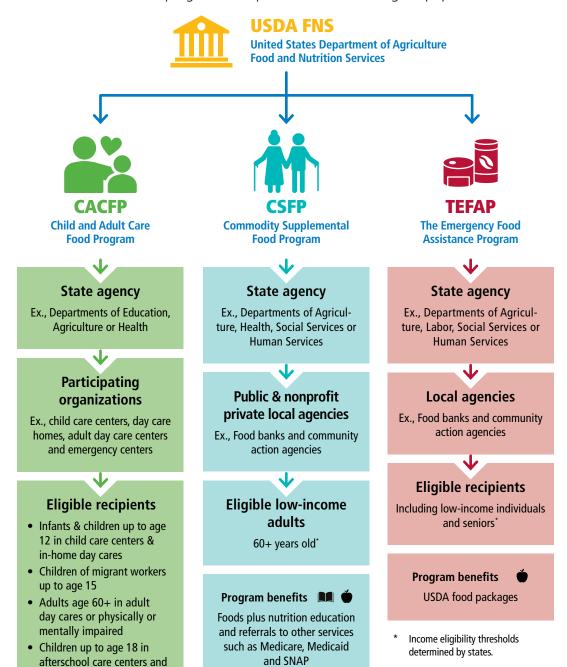
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Education component and/or other services

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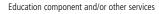


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emergency shelters

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