



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

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Self-Sufficiency Programs (SSP) Overview

- SSP serves Oregonians of all ages through a variety of inter-related programs and partnerships.
- Benefits and services work together to reduce poverty in Oregon and stop the cycle of poverty for the next generation.



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

SNAP offers food benefits and a bridge to employment, training, and opportunity by;

- Supplementing the monthly food budget of people who are unemployed or underemployed
- Reducing food insecurity
- Building the employment skills of recipients and supporting their pursuit of work that moves them towards self-sufficiency



SNAP Funding

- SNAP benefits are federally funded by Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Administrative costs are split evenly between federal funds and Oregon general funds
- From July 2019 to June 2020, over \$1 billion was brought into Oregon in SNAP dollars.

Benefits

100% Federal

0% State

Administrative Costs

50% Federal

50% State

SNAP Overview

- An individual or household applies for benefits
- An interview is conducted, and eligibility is determined
- If eligible, an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card is issued. Benefits are deposited on a monthly basis.
- Employment & Training (E&T) services are offered through community partners and internal E&T Navigators
- Support services are provided to remove barriers to engagement

\$3,386 or 185% FPL
Income limit for a family of 3

\$535
Maximum monthly benefit for a family of 3 prior to 1/1/21

518,126
Current SNAP cases

295,849
Current number of children

SNAP Use



- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat, poultry, fish and shellfish
- Dairy products
- Breads and cereals
- Other foods such as snack foods and non-alcoholic beverages
- Seeds and plants, which produce food



- Beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes, or tobacco
- Vitamins, medicines, and supplements
- Live animals
- Hot or prepared foods
- Non-food items like pet food, cleaning supplies or hygiene items

In Person

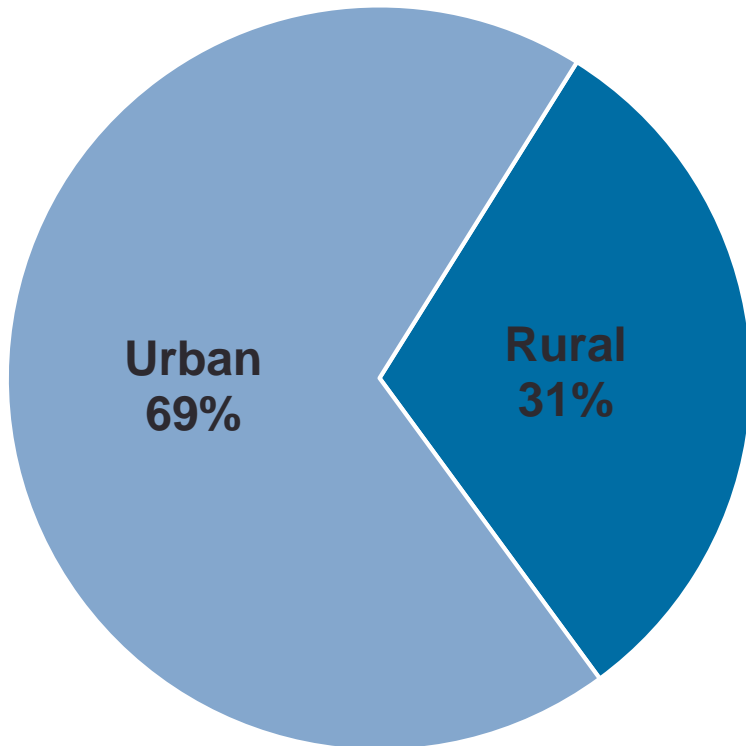
At most Oregon stores that sell food and farmers markets.

Online

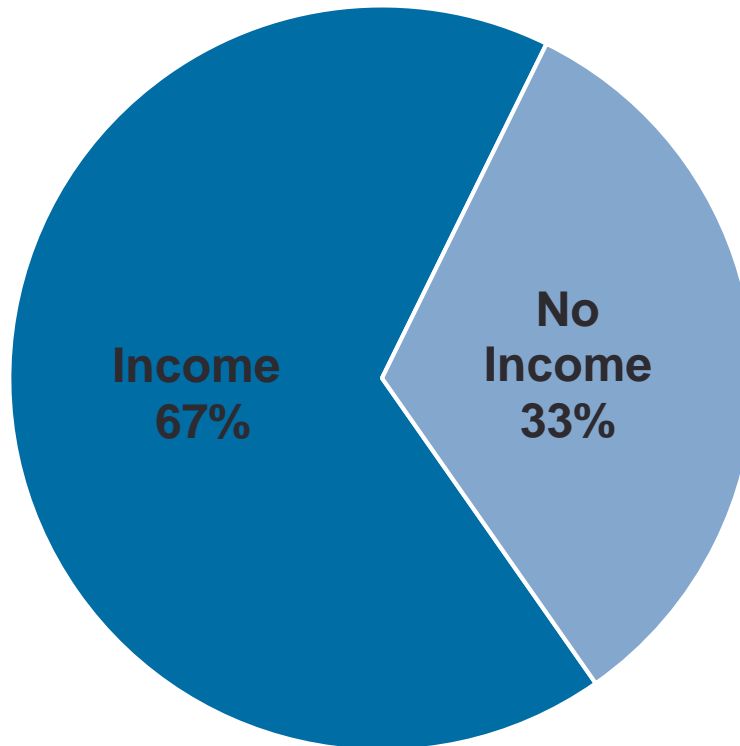
For delivery through Amazon or Walmart or pickup from stores that give online options.

SNAP Snapshot

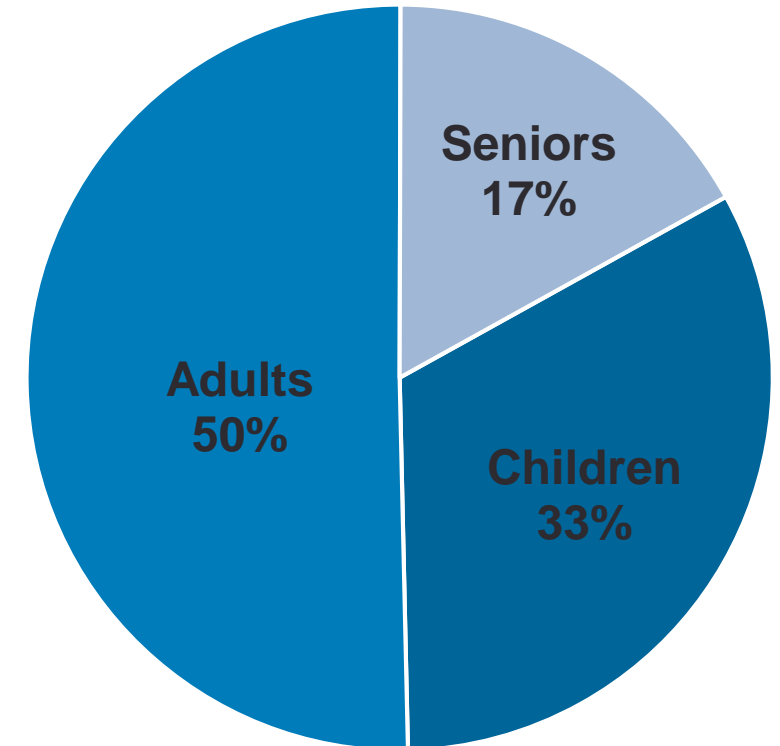
Rural vs Urban



Income vs No income



Population



SNAP Outreach

Contracted SNAP Outreach partners provide:

- Information about SNAP to potentially eligible individuals
- Application assistance to individuals who want to apply
- Individualized support and referrals to SNAP participants
- We have 16 contractors which include statewide organizations such as 211info, the Oregon Food Bank and Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon as well as local and culturally specific organizations.

2.7 million

Information given to potentially eligible individuals

7,900

Application assistance

14,000

Individualized support to SNAP participants

SNAP Ed

- Federally funded nutrition and obesity prevention program
- SSP contracts with the Oregon State University Extension to deliver community-based nutrition education statewide
- Provides tools and resources to help individuals make:
 - Healthy food choices within a limited budget, and
 - Physically active lifestyle choices
- Tools are found online at www.FoodHero.org



Safety
Net

Family
Stability

Connection
to Careers

Employment & Training Program

Oregon has two types of voluntary SNAP E&T programs

- SNAP Training and Employment Program (STEP) nationally known as the SNAP 50/50 program
- Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) program.

Between the SNAP E&T programs and our Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Jobs program services are provided by 140 providers and contracted partners in locations statewide (examples Oregon Employment Department, Goodwill Industries and the Community College Consortia).



Safety Net

Family Stability

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COVID-19 and Wildfire Response

To help SNAP participants affected by these crises, the following temporary changes were enacted to help put food on the table:

- Maximum Emergency Supplemental Allotments- \$310 million
- Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfers for over 316,000 students totaling \$170 million
- Disaster SNAP benefits for individuals affected by the wildfires
- Adjustments to deadlines and requirements to help individuals get and keep SNAP benefits

Double Up Food Bucks

Matches up to \$10 a day of SNAP benefits used to purchase fruits and vegetables.

Benefits are matched at:

- Participating farmers markets
- Participating retail stores
- Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm shares

Thank You
