## **SNAP 2021 Fact Sheet**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), helps people buy nutritious food items they need to stay healthy. If eligible, your SNAP benefits will be provided on a Hoosier Works Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. The EBT card can be used like a debit card to buy food items at most stores. Indiana SNAP recipients can also use their EBT cards to buy groceries online for pickup or delivery at ALDI, Amazon, and Walmart.



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#### Am I Eligible?

Applicants must have incomes under certain levels, based on their household size. Monthly income limits by household size are listed in the table to the right. A household is a group of people who live together and eat meals together. Applicants may have resources (such as a bank account or cash), but they must total less than \$5,000 for most households.

To see if you qualify for SNAP, download Community Compass or text the word "hi" to 317-434-3758 for eligibility pre-screening. Community Compass is a free, quick, and easy app designed to show people where they can find food assistance.

For more on Community Compass, please visit: <a href="https://www.indyhunger.org/compass/">https://www.indyhunger.org/compass/</a>

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Household Size	Gross Income	Net Income	SNAP Alottment
1	\$1,354	\$1,041	\$194
2	\$1,832	\$1,410	\$355
3	\$2,311	\$1,778	\$509
4	\$2,790	\$2,146	\$646
5	\$3,269	\$2,515	\$768

\*Gross income is your total income, before taxes or any deductions. Net Income is determined by subtracting certain allowable deductions from the gross income.

#### How Do I Apply?

You apply for benefits by completing a state application form. The form can be completed online, by mail or fax, or in person at your county Division of Family Resources (DFR) office. DFR will contact you for an interview after they receive your application. After your interview, you will need to provide ID, Social Security numbers for everyone who lives in your household, proof of assets and proof of income, including unemployment benefits and child support. After you provide these documents, you should know in 30 days or less if you are eligible.

To apply online, visit <a href="https://www.fssabenefits.in.gov/CitizenPortal/application.do#">https://www.fssabenefits.in.gov/CitizenPortal/application.do#</a>

# **Need Help Applying?**

Gleaners Food Bank can help you apply for SNAP and learn more about the program. To talk to the Gleaners SNAP team, please call 317-644-1280.

# I am an Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD). Can I receive SNAP benefits?

Yes! ABAWDs stands for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents. ABAWDs are people who do not have disabilities and do not have dependents. ABAWDs must also be 18-49 years old. Before, ABAWDs could not receive more than 3 months of SNAP benefits every 3 years unless they met certain work requirements. nts to not meet old work requirements. So ABAWDs who are unor under-employed may be eligible. Work requirements have been waived during the COVID-19 pandemic, so more people can now access SNAP benefits

### **How Much Money Will I Receive?**

In 2020, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act was passed. This act allows Indiana SNAP recipients to temporarily receive the maximum benefit amount for their household size. The American Rescue Plan of 2021 also increases an individual's SNAP benefits by 15%. The increase will provide about \$28 more per person, per month, or more than \$100 more per month for a household of four, in additional SNAP benefits. The extra money is meant to help Hoosiers who are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.



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