**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—**
**CBO's Estimate of the President's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides benefits that help people in low-income households to purchase food. People generally are eligible for SNAP if they participate in certain other assistance programs, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or can demonstrate that that their income and assets fall below certain thresholds. SNAP benefit amounts are based on a household's net income and size. The maximum benefit is determined by the number of people in the household and the cost of the Thrifty Food Plan (a basket of foods identified by the Department of Agriculture as providing a nutritious diet) for a group of that size. CBO's projections of outlays for SNAP benefits are based on the estimated number of participating households and their average benefits.

**Proposals for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) - CBO's Estimate of the President's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget**

Millions of Dollars, by Fiscal Year

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| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2020-2024 | 2020-2029 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Increases or Decreases (-) in Direct Spending Outlays** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Work Requirements for Able-Bodied Adults Ages 18-65 [a] | 0 | -4,197 | -4,307 | -4,427 | -4,550 | -4,664 | -4,778 | -4,733 | -4,693 | -4,649 | **-17,481** | **-40,998** |
| Eliminate LIHEAP and HCSUA Link and Standardize State HCSUA Amounts [b] | -510 | -1,150 | -1,150 | -1,160 | -1,170 | -1,180 | -1,180 | -1,210 | -1,230 | -1,260 | **-5,140** | **-11,200** |
| Restrict Categorical Eligibility to Households Receiving TANF Cash Assistance [c] | -475 | -1,165 | -1,180 | -1,190 | -1,205 | -1,215 | -1,225 | -1,250 | -1,275 | -1,310 | **-5,215** | **-11,490** |
| Cap Federal Share of State Administrative Expenses at the 50th Percentile | 0 | 0 | -990 | -1,018 | -1,047 | -1,077 | -1,109 | -1,142 | -1,175 | -1,208 | **-3,055** | **-8,766** |
| Eliminate Nutrition Education | -441 | -452 | -464 | -476 | -488 | -499 | -511 | -523 | -535 | -547 | **-2,321** | **-4,936** |
| Eliminate the Minimum Benefit | -105 | -245 | -240 | -255 | -245 | -255 | -250 | -245 | -260 | -260 | **-1,090** | **-2,360** |
| Cap Household Benefits at the Six-Person Maximum Allotment | -110 | -110 | -110 | -115 | -115 | -115 | -115 | -120 | -120 | -125 | **-560** | **-1,155** |
| Modify Age Definition | 0 | 0 | -60 | -60 | -60 | -60 | -60 | -70 | -70 | -70 | **-180** | **-510** |
| Create a Single SNAP EBT Transaction Gateway | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | **50** | **100** |
| Increase Claims Retention Rate for States | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | **50** | **100** |
| Eliminate Funding for Interoperability Grants | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | **-1** | **-1** |
| Conduct Data Matching Between SNAP Recipients and Store Owners | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **0** |
| Interactions [b] | 5 | 190 | 195 | 200 | 205 | 210 | 215 | 215 | 210 | 210 | **795** | **1,855** |
| Establish America's Harvest Box [d] | n.e. | n.e. | n.e. | n.e. | n.e. | n.e. | n.e. | n.e. | n.e. | n.e. | n.e. | n.e. |

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

The President's Budget also includes policies in other programs, such as Supplemental Security Income, that would change SNAP benefits for certain participants; those effects are not included on this table.

ABAWD = able-bodied adults without dependents; EBT = electronic benefit transfer; HCSUA = Heating and Cooling Standard Utility Allowance; LIHEAP = Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program;

SNAP = Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; USDA = Department of Agriculture; n.e. = not estimated; * = between -$500,000 and zero.

a. This policy was not sufficiently specified for CBO to make its own estimate of its effects on the budget. However, CBO included the Administration's estimates as a placeholder because the agency judged those estimates to be achievable targets for the budgetary effects of detailed policies that might be proposed in the future. However, CBO assumed that the policy would become effective in 2021.

b. The interaction between the policies to eliminate the LIHEAP and HCSUA link and to standardize state HCSUA amounts is included in the line for those policies. All other interactions are included in the line for interactions.

c. This policy also would result in child nutrition savings, which are included on this table.

d. This policy was not sufficiently specified for CBO to assess whether the proposal would result in costs or savings.