

NYC Opposes Cuts To SNAP And Calls On Congress To Maintain Or Increase SNAP Funding Levels.

1.8 Million New Yorkers Rely On Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The Farm Bill is the foremost federal legislation governing food access, rural economic resiliency, and food security across the United States.



In New York City, 560,000 children rely on SNAP.



Family of 4 receives a maximum of approximately \$32/day in SNAP benefits. Hardly enough to cover groceries in a high-cost city. USDA found that recipients redeem more than 75% of their monthly benefit in the first two weeks after receipt.



Older Adults (60+) represent 30% (530,000) of total SNAP recipients in NYC.

SNAP Helps Combat Food Insecurity.

SNAP Boosts Food Purchasing Power Which Allows Low-Income Families To Focus On Housing And Healthcare.



A systematic review found that students living in food-secure households were nearly 60% less likely to be absent from school when compared to their food-insecure peers.



Almost 1 in 5 New York City renters experience food insecurity. Among this group, those in public housing (26%) and affordable rental units (41%) experience the highest rates.



More than half of New Yorkers facing food hardship also reported facing health problems.

SNAP Is Essential For Supporting Local And Regional Food Businesses And Economies.

In 2024 the
NYC Department
of Social Services
issued approximately
\$5 billion
in SNAP benefits.



Local supermarkets and bodegas rely on clients using SNAP funds at their stores, especially in low-income neighborhoods.

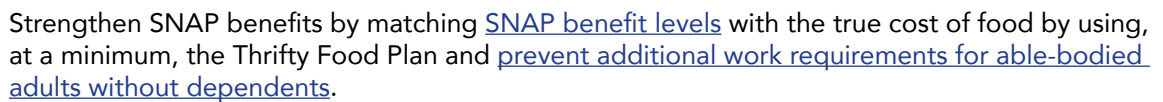


USDA estimates the [GDP multiplier for SNAP](#) to be 1.54, meaning that \$1 billion in SNAP dollars spent induces further spending in the economy that collectively increases GDP by \$1.54 billion, which supports 13,560 jobs and creates \$32 million in farm income.

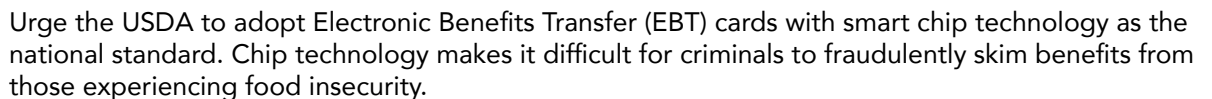


More than \$3M of SNAP benefits are redeemed at Farmers Markets.

1 Promote Food Security



- ## 2 Equip Electronic Benefit Cards With Current Technology

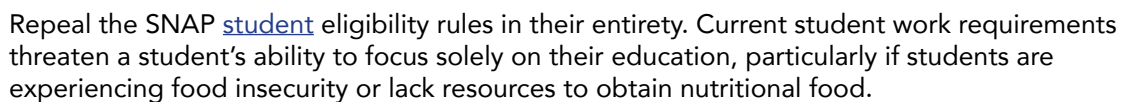


- This initiative would result in a cost savings for the federal government which is currently reimbursing clients victimized by skimming.

As of May 15, 2024: DSS has received roughly 81,000

distinct skimming claims and approved \$25.9 million in replacement benefits:

- ### 3 Eliminate Barriers To Higher Education



The rules concerning student eligibility for SNAP, under which a student must meet special work rules, were temporarily suspended during COVID. Due to the lifting of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency these waivers ended on June 30, 2023.

- ## Prevalence Of Food Insecurity, Average 2020-2022



Source: USDA, Economic Research Service using data from U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2020, 2021, and 2022 Current Population Survey Food Security Supplements.