

# U.S. to pay reduced food aid benefits

U.S. President Donald Trump's administration will comply with a court order to fund food aid benefits during the government shutdown, but only at 50% of the amount that eligible households normally receive

## SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

■ **Service:** Nearly **42 million** people per month in **22 million** households – one in eight Americans

■ **Eligibility:** Benefits vary depending on income, family size and essential living expenses

■ **Benefits:** Averages **\$187.20** per participant per month

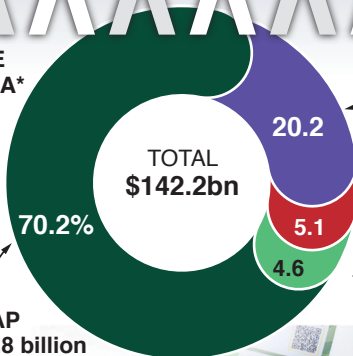


## FOOD ASSISTANCE SPENDING BY USDA\*

Fiscal year 2024, %



SNAP  
\$99.8 billion



Child nutrition programmes  
**\$28.7 billion**

Women, infants and children (WIC)  
**\$7.2 billion**

Other programmes  
**\$6.5 billion**

## SNAP Cost per month



Trump administration will use **\$4.6 billion** from contingency fund to cover about half of November's SNAP benefits

**USDA officials warn payments will take several weeks to arrive**

\*U.S. Department of Agriculture

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