



H.R.1 and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

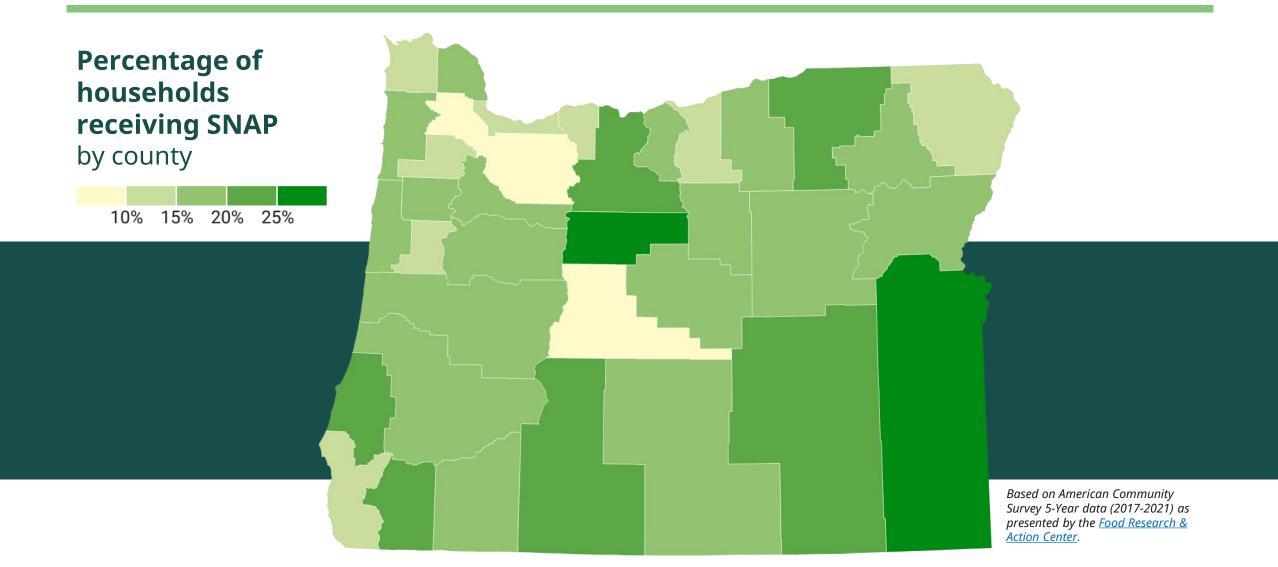
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Agenda

- 1. SNAP by the numbers
- 2. Why SNAP matters for kids
- 3. Key H.R.1 provisions and impacts



1 in 6 Oregonians participate in SNAP



SNAP combats child hunger and poverty

 More than 54% of Oregon households receiving SNAP include children.



• 1 in 5 children in Oregon rely on SNAP to get enough to eat.



Between 2015 and 2019, SNAP lifted **44,000 children** above the poverty line.



Access to SNAP increases child safety

SNAP participation is associated with **lower risk for child welfare system involvement.**

 Adopting SNAP policy options that increase household resources helps prevent child maltreatment and Child Protective Services (CPS) involvement.*



^{*}Johnson-Motoyama, et. al (2022): <u>Association Between State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Policies, Child Protective Services Involvement, and Foster Care in the US, 2004-2016</u>. JAMA network open, 5(7), e2221509.

SNAP supports better educational outcomes



SNAP participation:

- Leads to improvements in reading and mathematics skills among elementary-age children.*
- Increases the chances of graduating from high school by as much as 18 percentage points.*
- Lowers the likelihood that a child living below the poverty line will have to repeat a grade.**

^{*}Frongillo, et. al (2006): <u>Food Stamp Program Participation is Associated with Better Academic Learning among School Children</u>. Journal of Nutrition, vol 136, issue 4, 1077-80.

^{**}Beharie, et. al (2017): <u>A Protective Association between SNAP Participation and Educational Outcomes Among Children of Economically Strained Households</u>. Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition, vol 12, issue 2, 181-92.

SNAP-Ed program: A partnership with OSU Extension Service

169

Oregon K-12 sites

24

early childhood education sites

16

before/after school sites

187 farm-to-school activities

 Grades 9-12 increased eating more than 1 type of some days of the week by 13.64% and frequency of eating vegetables 34.43% per day

 Grades 1-2 decreased screen time (TV and video games) by 5.19% per day

 Ages 5-17 increased reading of nutrition labels and/or ingredient lists from 37.36% of participants to 44.63%.



SNAP and the Direct Certification Program

162,215 eligible children*

- Referred to the National School Lunch
 Program (NSLP) through direct
 certification.
- Qualified for summer food benefits through Summer EBT.



H.R.1: SNAP provisions with impacts on children

| Effective date | Description | | Population impact |
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| July 4, 2025 | Thrifty Food Plan Re-evaluation: Requires that any adjustment to the Thrifty Food Plan be cost-neutral. | | SNAP benefits won't rise with food prices, making it harder to afford groceries. |
| July 4, 2025 | SNAP eligibility for refugee, asylee and other lawfully present immigrants: Limits eligibility to US citizens or nationals, Lawful Permanent Residents, certain Cuban and Haitian entrants, and Compact of Free Association (COFA) citizens. | - | ~3,000 lawfully present individuals lose benefits, including refugees, asylees and other conditionally allowed individuals. |
| October 1, 2025 | National Education and Obesity Prevention Grant repeal : Eliminates funding for SNAP-Ed program, a nutrition education program carried out in partnership with Oregon State University Extension Service. | | In FY 2024, SNAP-Ed reached 25,000+ Oregonians . |
| No later than November 1, 2025 | Availability of Standard Utility Allowances based on receipt of energy assistance : Only households with an older adult or member with a disability can exclude energy assistance from countable income; delinks energy assistance programs and SNAP for all but these households. | → | 29,000 households will see an average monthly benefit decrease of \$58. |

Domino impacts: Shrinking access to school and summer meals

- Fewer schools could qualify for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)
 - Increased paperwork burden for families
 - Lost school meals for children in immigrant families
- Disrupted access to Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (Summer EBT) program



Questions

