



Federal Government Shutdown Impacts on SNAP Food Assistance

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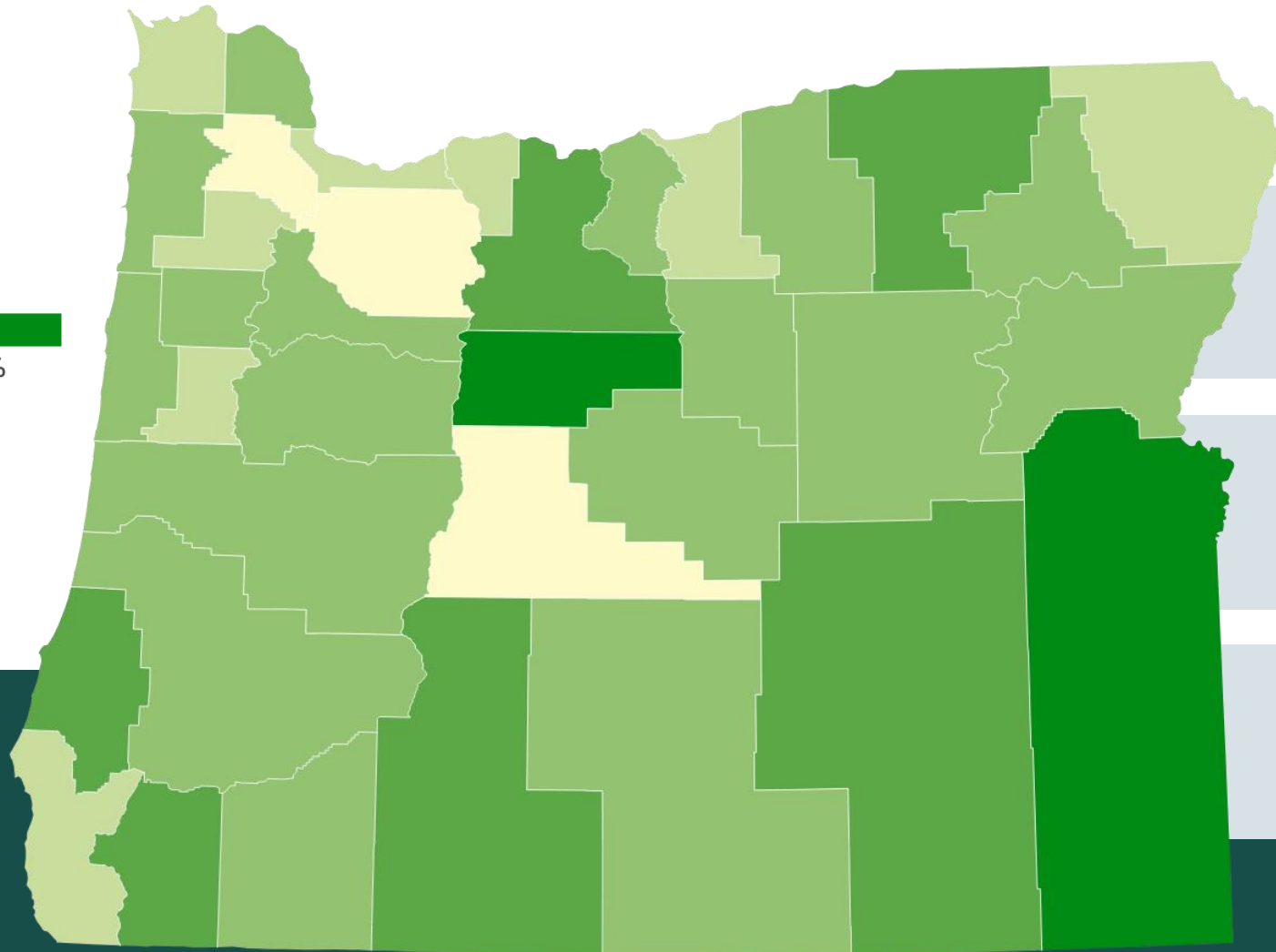
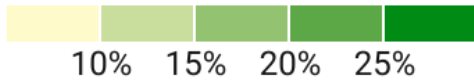
SNAP in Oregon

By the numbers



1 in 6 Oregonians participate in SNAP

Percentage of households receiving SNAP by county



757,000
individuals*

8,600 Tribal
members**

450,000
households*

Map graphic based on American Community Survey 5-Year data (2017-2021) as presented by the Food Research & Action Center.

**Based on July 2025 ODHS caseload data
**Based on Sept 2025 ODHS caseload data and Tribal membership self-attestation*

SNAP households

- More than **54%** of Oregon SNAP participants are in households with **children.**



- More than **37%** are in households with members who are **older adults or have disabilities.**



- **35%** of participating Oregon households have income at or below **50% of the poverty line.**



All data on this slide sourced from the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities: [Oregon Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#), January 2025.

SNAP monthly snapshot

\$313

Average
benefit per
household

\$183

Average
benefit per
person

210k+

Participating
children

130k+

Participating
adults 65+



Source: Oregon
Department of
Human Services
caseload data,
March 2025.

SNAP and the shutdown

Key developments



November SNAP benefits issued in full

- Governor directed ODHS to issue **100% of November's benefits** to SNAP recipients by the morning of Nov. 7.
 - All people who were SNAP-eligible on November 7 and 8 **received their full benefit.**
 - **Federal actions over the weekend of Nov. 8 – 9 did not reverse Oregon's benefit issuance.** Benefits remain on people's EBT cards and can be used as usual.
- **All remaining November benefits** were issued following the end of the shutdown.
 - As of Nov. 14, all remaining benefits have been issued.



Shutdown timeline: Federal guidance and state response

Shutdown
ends Nov. 12

October 1

- **Shutdown begins**
- No impact to SNAP or other federally funded benefits in October

October 28

- Oregon and 21 other states file suit against USDA for unlawful suspension of SNAP funds

October 31

- Federal court orders Trump Administration to release contingency funds to pay for SNAP

November 5

- **USDA guidance:** Issue 65% of household benefits

November 7

- **USDA notice:** Funds will be available to support full Nov. SNAP issuance

November 13

- **USDA guidance:** Resume normal SNAP operations, including full Nov. and Dec. issuances
- No penalties for Nov. due to the federal shutdown
- Prepare for future funding lapses.

October 10

- **USDA notice:** Insufficient funds for SNAP if shutdown continues
- ODHS begins mass comms

October 30

- Governor declares hunger emergency
- ODHS launches statewide emergency response

November 3

- **USDA guidance:** Issue 50% of household benefits
- No federal funds released

November 6

- Federal court orders USDA to fully fund Nov. SNAP
- Governor directs ODHS to issue benefits in full

November 8

- **USDA notice:** Full SNAP payments for November were "unauthorized."

Hunger emergency continues

Governor confirmed on Nov. 7 that the **emergency declaration will remain in place** until federal uncertainty is resolved.

- ODHS **incident management team (IMT)** coordinating statewide response
- \$5M to **Oregon Food Bank** network
- \$1M distributed equally across **Nine Federally Recognized Tribes**
- Statewide **food donation campaign**



Gratitude



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I cannot thank you enough for whatever you did to make sure kids are eating today.... The last week was terrifying. Thank you thank you thank you!!! My kids are eating something nutritious right now instead of ramen....

— Instagram direct message

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I wanted to sincerely thank you and your team for your astounding efforts to ensure Oregon families received Snap funding in a timely manner.... Your foresight and efforts are a prime example of how all government employees can stand up and make a difference in these difficult circumstances. Thank you for your intelligent leadership, your team makes me proud to call Oregon home.

— Anonymous SNAP recipient, via email

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So very grateful and thankful for all your effort and hard work to make this happen. I am very grateful to know that we won't be hungry on Thanksgiving Day.

— Comment on Governor's Facebook reel

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Questions



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