

Program Name: SNAP

Food Stamps was renamed the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in 2008

**Agency:** Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA)

**Description:** SNAP is a federal nutrition program administered by the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) for Massachusetts residents. The benefits can be used in food stores but not restaurants to purchase food items.

**Eligibility:**

Household gross income not to exceed 130% of Federal Poverty Level and household net income not to exceed 100% FPL to be eligible.

Deductions and some exceptions apply to income determination. Asset limits and work requirements also apply.

SNAP eligibility is based on who is in the household, income and certain expenses. "Eligibility" means who can and can't get the benefit.

If you aren't sure if you are eligible, apply! The agency will talk to you and make a decision based on the rules. If you are approved, SNAP will go back to the date you applied.

**Limitations:**

- SNAP benefits can be used to purchase food items at most grocery stores, convenience stores, and pharmacies (look for sign accepting EBT or Electronic Benefits Transfer cards).
- Hot foods and non-food items like alcohol, cigarettes, pet food, or medications are not covered.
- Teen parents: If teen is living on her own, she can apply for SNAP herself. However, if teen is under age 22 and lives with natural or adoptive parents, or is under 18 living with other adults, the parent or adult must apply for SNAP on behalf of teen and the household.
- Immigrants: Many non-citizens are eligible for SNAP, such as those who have worked in the U.S. for a certain amount of time or have come into the U.S. with a particular immigration status. Even if head of household is undocumented, he/she should apply for other eligible household members.
- See [www.gettingfoodstamps.org/helpforimmigrants.html](http://www.gettingfoodstamps.org/helpforimmigrants.html) for more information.

**Amount:**

Recipients do not receive cash; rather, a monthly credit appears on an EBT card which they swipe at the store.

Household size, income, assets, and living expenses taken into account when determining a family's SNAP allotment. Maximum monthly amount: 1 person=\$194, family of 4=\$649.

Household Size	Maximum Monthly Income (before taxes)	Maximum Monthly SNAP Amount
1	\$2,510	\$291
2	\$3,407	\$535
3	\$4,303	\$766
4	\$5,200	\$973
5	\$6,097	\$1,155
6	\$6,993	\$1,386
7	\$7,890	\$1,532
8	\$8,787	\$1,751
Each additional person	+ \$897	+ \$219

**How to Apply:** Apply at [http://internal\\_link.com/form/snap](http://internal_link.com/form/snap)