



**Experiencing a food emergency and need money
in your food budget?
SNAP can help!**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps Pennsylvanians buy food. People in eligible low-income households can obtain more nutritious diets with SNAP increasing their food purchasing power at grocery stores and supermarkets. Those who are eligible receive an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) ACCESS Card to make food purchases.

Do I qualify?

You must meet income and asset tests to qualify.

Income requirements, beginning Oct. 1, 2019 through Sept. 30, 2020: If you go to the DHS COMPASS site, you will see the federal guidelines there. Pennsylvania has cost-of-living conditions and a special rule that allows for higher limits. Please use this chart that gives those limits.

Household Size	Before Tax Monthly Income Limit (PA is 160% of Poverty level)
1	\$1,665
2	\$2,255
3	\$2,844
4	\$3,433
5	\$4,023
6	\$4,612
7	\$4,952
8	\$5,201
Add for each additional member	+\$589

There are certain additional deductions from income allowed. Check this on the [Do I Qualify?](#) link on COMPASS.

Currently, households may have \$2,250 in countable resources (such as cash or money in a bank account) or \$3,500 in countable resources if at least one member of the household is age 60 or older, or is disabled. These amounts are updated annually.

Certain resources are NOT counted when determining eligibility for SNAP:

- A home and lot;
- Resources of people who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- Resources of people who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF; also known as welfare) and;
- Most retirement and pension plans (withdrawals from these accounts may count as either income or resources depending on how often they occur).

What about a car?

Licensed vehicles are also subject to an equity test, which is the fair market value less any amount owed on the vehicle. The following vehicles are excluded from the equity test:

- One vehicle per adult household member; and
- Any other vehicle used by a household member under 18 to drive to work, school, job training, or to look for work.

For vehicles with both a fair market value over \$4,650 and an equity value, the greater of the two amounts is counted as a resource. The equity value of unlicensed vehicles generally counts as a resource, with some exceptions.

How do I apply?

Apply for SNAP online in **COMPASS** at www.compass.state.pa.us **Check** for non-financial eligibility requirements at Compass. If you need assistance, you can contact Second Harvest SNAP Outreach at 484-821-2406 or apply by phone at the Pennsylvania SNAP hotline (1-800-692-7462). For more SNAP information, visit www.lvfpcc.org