

# D.C. Hunger Solutions: SNAP Benefits in the District



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# Who is D.C. Hunger Solutions?

- ❑ We work to create a hunger-free community and improve the nutrition, health, economic security, and well-being of low-income District residents.
- ❑ Vision for D.C. Hunger Solutions:  
Marry policy and practice to end poverty and hunger in the nation's capital by insisting on the highest and best use of federal nutrition programs.



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# Who is D.C. Hunger Solutions?

1. Review local policies and procedures.
2. Maximize participation in federal nutrition programs.
3. Provide data related to program participation
4. Educate the public regarding poverty and hunger outcomes in D.C.



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# Annual Reports/Publications

- ❑ Still Minding the Grocery Gap
- ❑ D.C. School Breakfast Scorecard
- ❑ D.C. School Meals Report
- ❑ Federal Nutrition Programs Toolkit



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# SNAP Snapshot



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# SNAP Participation

- ❑ 83k+ persons participating; 138K households.
- ❑ Ward 7 & 8 represent highest participation.
  - ❖ 38K persons combined
- ❑ Older Adults (60+) highest number of participants.
  - ❖ 20K+ participants (male and female combined)



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# SNAP Benefits During COVID

- ❑ Federal minimum: \$16; District residents received \$30
- ❑ Minimum SNAP benefit exceed federal minimum through SNAP Expansion Act.
- ❑ Average Monthly Participation: 147,846
- ❑ Average Monthly Benefit: \$140 per person
- ❑ 2022: District received \$15M per month in SNAP funding.
- ❑ Benefits last on average two weeks.



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# SNAP Emergency Allotments

- ❑ Over 90,000 residents received SNAP EAs.
- ❑ Average Benefit Amount: \$95 to \$250 per person.
- ❑ Older Adults impacted the most by ending of EAs.
  - ❖ Experienced loss in benefits dropping from \$281 to \$30
- ❑ District lost estimated \$14M in SNAP funding.
- ❑ CAFB: Loss of 23 meals per month.



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# Pandemic/Summer EBT (PEBT)

- ❑ Supported Children under 6 in Childcare and School Age Children during the Summer.
- ❑ FY22: Children under 6 in Childcare received \$602 during school year and \$391 during summer.
- ❑ School Age Children received \$391 during summer.
- ❑ In D.C.: 85K children; \$33M in benefits.



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# Pandemic/Summer EBT (2023)

- ❑ Supported Children under 6 in Childcare August to May 11, 2023; School Age Children during the Summer.
- ❑ Children under 6 in Childcare receive \$478.00 during school year.
- ❑ School Age Children receive \$120.00 for Summer PEBT
- ❑ No Summer PEBT for Children under 6 in Childcare.



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# Solutions to SNAP



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# Give SNAP a Raise

- ❑ Increase the maximum benefit amount by 10%.
- ❑ Impact all District residents participating in SNAP.
- ❑ Estimated \$47 increase in benefits; \$51M in 1<sup>st</sup> year implementation.
- ❑ Passed December 2022.
- ❑ Funding Amendment passed June 2023.



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# Questions?



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