

Did you know?



Wyoming's participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP) is the lowest in the nation. We call this issue the SNAP gap.

None of our friends and neighbors should go hungry. That's why we're advocating for commonsense changes to close the SNAP gap. SNAP's a program that supports Wyoming families working hard to put food on the table. It's also a program that deserves strong, ongoing support.

**"THE CLOSEST OFFICE IS
40 MILES FROM HERE."**

— Focus Group Participant

WHY IS THERE A SNAP GAP?

1. Lack of awareness
2. Stigma and pride
3. Complex application process
4. Geography and transportation
5. Mistrust of government
6. Benefits don't stretch far enough
7. System gaps and red tape

HOUSEHOLDS WITH SOMEONE OVER 60 OR LIVING WITH A DISABILITY EXPERIENCE THE LARGEST SNAP GAP IN WYOMING. *Households Eligible for SNAP, by Eligibility Type*

	Receives SNAP		Does Not Receive SNAP		Total N	Total %
	n	%	n	%		
Categorically Eligible ¹	1,524	40	2,286	60	3,810	12
People Over 60 or Who Live with a Disability	1,762	11.2	13,934	88.8	15,696	49.5
Everyone Else	3,807	31.2	8,412	68.8	12,219	38.5
Total	7,093	22.4	24,632	77.6	31,725	100

¹ A household is categorically eligible if all its members receive financial assistance such as POWER, Tribal TANF, and/or Social Security.

Read the full report: <https://wycf.org/wycountkids/>

People worry that working just a few extra hours could cost them all their benefits. These are hard workers who want to work, but they limit their hours because they worry they won't be able to take care of their families without the supports. If a family earns even a little more, they can lose their benefits entirely. There's no gradual reduction.

SNAP INCOME LIMITS

\$2,500/month

take-home pay for a family of four

“ ...NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY LOVE WORKING—A LOT OF THEM LOVE WAITRESSING—THEY WOULD HAVE LOVED TO PUT 35 OR 40 HOURS IN. BUT IT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE. BECAUSE IF THEY DID THAT, THEN THEY WOULD LOSE THEIR BENEFITS.”

Households Eligible for SNAP, by Children in the Home and Household Type

		Receives SNAP		Does Not Receive SNAP		Total N
		n	%	n	%	
Households with Children under 5	Single Mother	705	57.7	517	42.3	1,222
	Single Father	198	85.7	33	14.3	231
	Married Couple	432	30.9	966	69.1	1,398
	Other*	162	39.8	245	60.2	407
	Total	1,497	45.9	1,761	54.1	3,258
Households with Children under 18	Single Mother	1,582	53.8	1,357	46.2	2,939
	Single Father	489	56.3	380	43.7	869
	Married Couple	543	24.3	1,688	75.7	2,231
	Other*	307	46.7	350	53.3	657
	Total	2,921	43.6	3,775	56.4	6,696

Note: Households with children under 5 are also included in households with children under 18.

CLOSING THE GAP

Honest feedback highlights challenges to accessing SNAP, but there are also things that work:

1. Provide support from service providers and nonprofits

2. Improve local outreach

3. Build trust through relationships

4. Improve messaging about SNAP

5. Make SNAP more accessible

WHEN ASKED WHAT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE SNAP BENEFITS:

51%

Said a mobile-friendly online application

40%


Said a simpler application process

28%

Said faster processing times

27%

Said fewer documentaion requirements



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