



# SNAP Benefits (Food Stamps)

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## Who Is Eligible for SNAP?

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MONTHLY INCOME (Before Taxes)
1	\$1,665
2	\$2,255
3	\$2,844
4	\$3,433
5	\$4,023
Each Add'l Person Add	+\$589

If your monthly income is below the amount listed above for your household size, you likely qualify.

### SNAP Household

- If you live with your spouse or children under the age of 22, they need to be part of your SNAP household.
- If you live with other people, you do not need to apply with them unless you buy and prepare most of your food together.

### There are added requirements for SNAP if you are

- Not a US Citizen
- A college student

## There are several ways to apply:

County Assistance Offices (CAOs) are closed. You Can:

- Apply online at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us).
- Philadelphia: Call BenePhilly at 833-373-5868 for help with SNAP & other benefits over the phone.
- If you live in Philadelphia, Bucks, & Chester Counties: Fill out a pre-screening form at [www.hungercoalition.org/snap/contact](http://www.hungercoalition.org/snap/contact) You will receive a call to fill out an application over the phone.\*
- Print an application (available in English, Cambodian, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese) at: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/Apply-for-Benefits.aspx>. Fill it out and drop, mail, or fax it to your County Assistance Office (CAO). [Click here for a list of offices statewide.](#)
- Call 877-395-8930 (statewide) or 215-560-7226 (Philadelphia) to request a paper application be mailed to you.

\*Due to the COVID-19 crisis, there is a very high volume of calls. It may be a few days before you receive a call back to complete an application.



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## What If I Am Also Applying for Unemployment Compensation?

- If you currently have no income, list zero income on your SNAP application.
- Note that you are applying for Unemployment Compensation (UC).
- Once you are approved and receive UC, call the customer service center to report this income. Philadelphia: 215-560-7226; Statewide: 877-395-8930.

## What Paperwork Do I Need?

When applying for SNAP, you are asked for a lot of paperwork. While you still need to provide all the information you can, CAOs can accept your word ("self-attestation") if you are not able to provide documents (such as pay stubs) due to the current crisis. If you are applying on COMPASS, you can explain your situation in the "comments" section.

## Will I Need To Do An Interview?

Normally, you have to complete an interview to get SNAP benefits. During the COVID-19 crisis, this step has been waived.

## Finding Additional Food

- Find a City of Philadelphia food site, meals for kids, and open community centers for "grab and go" meals at [www.phila.gov/2020-03-28-where-to-find-free-nutritious-food-during-covid-19](http://www.phila.gov/2020-03-28-where-to-find-free-nutritious-food-during-covid-19).
- Find additional food pantries at [www.communityresourceconnects.org](http://www.communityresourceconnects.org).
- Pregnant women and families with children under age 5 can also apply for WIC. In Philadelphia, call 215-978-6100 ext. 38 or 19, or, email your name, phone number, and a short message to: [phillywic@northwic.org](mailto:phillywic@northwic.org). Outside of Philadelphia, call 800-WIC-WINS (800-942-9467), enter your zip code, and your call will go to your local office.