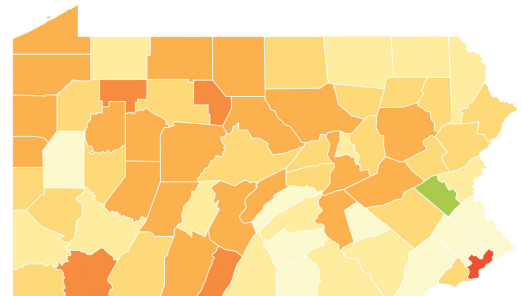


PROTECT SNAP

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

LEHIGH COUNTY

Population: 360,774



54,493

county residents received \$6,240,028 in SNAP benefits to help make ends meet in December 2018

SNAP FACTS

- 66% of those receiving SNAP are children, seniors, and persons with disabilities
- 97% of benefits are redeemed by the end of the month
- Low income SNAP participants spend \$1,400, or nearly 25%, less in annual medical costs than low-income adults who don't participate in SNAP
- SNAP boosts wages for workers who don't earn enough to afford a basic diet, and is also there to help those who are in between jobs while they search for work

Lehigh County: SNAP By the Numbers, 2018

\$114.51

Average monthly benefit per person

\$1.40

National average SNAP amount to be spent per meal

\$129.4 Million*

in economic activity generated by SNAP benefits in Lehigh County in 2018

*Every one dollar of SNAP benefits has an estimated economic impact of \$1.70.



Sources: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (Data as of December 2018), USDA, US Census, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

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