

February 1, 2021

The Honorable Guy Guzzone
Chairman, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Honorable Maggie McIntosh
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
131 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

RE: 2021 Joint Chairmen's Report – Children Receiving Benefits Through the Summer SNAP for Children Act

Completed pursuant to 2021 Joint Chairmen's Report, pp. 136-137

Dear Chairs Guzzone and McIntosh:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is required to submit a report to the Joint Chairmen of the Senate Budget and Taxation and the House Appropriations Committees on Children Receiving Benefits Through the Summer SNAP for Children Act in accordance with the provisions of the 2021 Joint Chairmen's Report, pages 136-137. In accordance with this reporting requirement, DHS is pleased to provide you with the enclosed report.

If you should require additional information, please contact the Office of Government Affairs at 410-767-8966.

Sincerely,



Lourdes R. Padilla
Secretary

cc: Sarah Albert, Mandated Reports Specialist, Department of Legislative Services (5 copies)



**REPORT ON CHILDREN RECEIVING BENEFITS THROUGH THE SUMMER SNAP
FOR CHILDREN ACT**

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Completed pursuant to the 2021 Joint Chairmen's Report, p. 132

February 1, 2022

REPORT REQUIREMENT

This report is hereby submitted in response to the following reporting requirement:

The committees request that the Department of Human Services (DHS) provide two reports with the following information:

- *the number of children served by jurisdiction;*
- *the benefit level provided by jurisdiction; and*
- *the number of children in participating jurisdictions that are not able to receive benefits due to insufficient funding by jurisdiction.*

In addition, the first report should also provide information on the number of jurisdictions that applied for the program funding; how the determination for funding was made by jurisdiction; the total funding available for benefits, including the local match by jurisdiction; and how jurisdictions determined which children would receive the benefit.

The first report should cover the summer portion of the program (June, July, and August 2021), while the second report should cover the winter portion of the program (December 2021).

Source: 2021 Joint Chairmen's Report, 132

NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED BY THE JURISDICTION

Summer SNAP winter benefits were issued on December 23, 2021 to children identified within the six approved jurisdictions.

A total of six jurisdictions applied to participate in the FY21 Summer SNAP program and all applicants were accepted. The funding allocation was distributed based on the available budget, including the local share of funds.

The following table reflects the number of children who received winter Summer SNAP benefits for the month of December 2021.

Jurisdiction	Number of Summer SNAP Recipients
Baltimore City	931
Baltimore County	543
Howard County	226
Montgomery County	1510
Prince George's County	716
Queen Anne's County	70
Total	3996

Benefits could not be issued to 294 previously identified children because the household was no longer eligible to receive SNAP benefits at the time of issuance. The participating jurisdictions have been requested to identify children to substitute the inactive cases so that remaining benefits may be issued.

BENEFIT LEVEL PROVIDED PER JURISDICTION

Each eligible child will have received \$100 in total Summer SNAP benefit this fiscal year- the amount was split in fall installments including \$30 for the months of June through August, and \$10 for December. The Summer SNAP Program has an annual allocated budget of \$200,000 with the requirement that all participating jurisdictions contribute, at a minimum, matching funds at a rate consistent with the school construction formula. Contributions that exceed the minimum local share increases the ability to serve more children in that particular jurisdiction.

The table below displays Summer SNAP budgets by participating jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	Local Share of Funds Rate	Local Share of Funds Obligation	Local Share of Funds Contributed	DHS Funding Allocation	Total Cost
Baltimore City	9%	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$91,000	\$100,000
Baltimore County	44%	\$19,800	\$19,800	\$25,200	\$45,000
Howard County*	46%	\$9,752	\$16,701	\$4,499	\$21,200
Montgomery County*	50%	\$83,600	\$140,000	\$27,200	\$167,200
Prince George's County	30%	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$46,700.00	\$66,700.00
Queen Anne's County	49%	\$14,161.00	\$14,161.00	\$14,739.00	\$28,900.00
Total	N/A	\$156,313.00	\$219,662.00	\$209,338.00	\$429,000.00

*Howard County and Montgomery County elected to invest an additional local share of funds in excess of their required rate which resulted in the ability to serve a higher number of children in the two counties

NUMBER OF CHILDREN NOT SERVED DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING

The table below displays the number of SNAP children residing in the jurisdiction, the number of children who received Summer SNAP and the percentage of children served through the program.

Jurisdiction	Number of Summer SNAP Recipients Served	Number of SNAP Children in the Jurisdiction*	Participation Rate
Baltimore City	1,000	74,513	1.34%
Baltimore County	450	51,627	0.87%
Howard County	212	9,447	2.24%
Montgomery County	1,672	31,856	5.25%
Prince George's County	667	48,973	1.36%
Queen Anne's County	289	1,636	17.67%
Total	4,290	218,052	1.97%

*Average number of monthly SNAP recipients who receive SNAP benefits.

Understanding the need to streamline eligibility to a smaller population based on the availability of funds, the participating jurisdictions chose various methods to identify the children selected to participate in Summer SNAP this year.

Montgomery County used the same selection criteria from last year by targeting school age children who receive Temporary Cash Assistance and also included a substantial amount of children residing in SNAP households who receive free and reduced meals at school.

Prince George's County targeted children residing in the highest concentration of poverty in the county.

Howard County collaborated with the Local Children's Board and the Howard County Public School System to identify two communities with the largest SNAP population but have reported to be limited in the engagement of a school summer food service program.

Baltimore County targeted youth who suffer long-term impacts of trauma associated with homelessness.

Baltimore City targeted youth ages 14-17 participating in the Youth Works Job Program.

Queen Anne's County targeted the rural Northern Region of the county – this includes children in SNAP households in zip codes 21620, 21623, 21651, and 21668.