

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

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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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 participating jurisdiction;*
- *the benefit level provided by jurisdiction;*
- *the number of children in participating jurisdictions that are not able to receive benefits due to insufficient funding by jurisdiction; and*
- *participation rates 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 also address efforts to implement the new nationwide Summer EBT program, including how or whether the State's Summer SNAP will align or duplicate the new program.

The first report should cover the summer portion of the program (June, July, and August 2023), while the second report should cover the winter portion of the program (December 2023).

Source: 2023 Joint Chairmen's Report, page 144-145

NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED BY THE JURISDICTION

Maryland allocated \$5 million for the FY '24 Summer SNAP Program to increase statewide participation.

Fourteen out of 24 jurisdictions in Maryland submitted an application and plan to participate in FY '24 Summer SNAP. All applicants were accepted, identifying a total of 91,513 children to receive additional SNAP benefits during the summer months and the month of December. Three of the 14 jurisdictions provided adequate local share of funds to serve all school aged children in their county. Overall, local jurisdictions provided \$4.5 million in matching funds - bringing the total available funds to \$9,505,812.47.

The following table reflects the number of children identified by participating jurisdictions.

Participating Jurisdiction	Identified Children
Allegany	213
Anne Arundel*	12,492
Baltimore City	13,140
Baltimore Co.*	27,905
Caroline	1,051
Carroll	1,115
Charles	2,005
Frederick	513
Howard	3,159
Kent	181
Montgomery	15,359
Prince George's	12,099
Queen Anne's*	889
Wicomico	1,392
Total	91,513

*Anne Arundel, Baltimore, and Queen Anne's County opted to serve all school aged children in their county.

Summer SNAP benefits are issued to SNAP-enrolled children who meet the eligibility criteria determined by each participating local jurisdiction. Local jurisdictions provide a list of children who meet their local jurisdiction eligibility criteria. Once determined eligible at the beginning of the summer school break, a child continues to receive benefits even if his or her SNAP case closes. Benefits were issued to approximately 99% of the children identified to receive Summer SNAP. There were processing exceptions for the remaining 1% due to identified cases that had not received at least one month of

SNAP previously or the case had changed in the system. In an effort to exhaust available funding, the participating jurisdictions will be contacted to identify replacement recipients, if necessary.

BENEFIT LEVEL PROVIDED PER JURISDICTION

Each eligible child will receive \$100 in total Summer SNAP benefit this year. The amount is split in four installments broken down into \$30 for the months of June through August, and \$10 for December. The Summer SNAP Program has an allocated budget of \$5 million with the requirement that all participating jurisdictions contribute, at a minimum, matching funds at a rate consistent with the school construction formula. Several participating jurisdictions elected to reallocate remaining Summer SNAP FY '23 Local Share of Funds to Summer SNAP FY '24. Unused funding was made available to the jurisdictions whose contributions exceeded the minimum local share, on a first come, first served basis to increase the ability to serve more children in the participating jurisdiction.

The table below displays Summer SNAP budgets by participating jurisdictions.

Participating Jurisdiction	Local Share of Funds FY '24 Rate (Required)	Local Share of Funds Rate (Actual - including FY' 23 Reallocation)	Local Share of Funds Reallocated from FY '23	Local Share of Funds Contributed FY '24	DHS Funding Allocation	Total Cost
Allegany	15%	15%	\$209.00	\$3,000	\$18,184	\$21,393
Anne Arundel	50%	76%	\$727,394.56	\$322,772	\$322,772	\$1,372,938.56
Baltimore City	7%	10%	\$21,305.97	\$106,927	\$1,350,818	\$1,479,050.97
Baltimore Co.	44%	62%	\$304,220.25	\$1,403,425	\$1,082,855	\$2,790,500.25
Caroline	19%	39%	\$4,157.65	\$37,250	\$64,749	\$106,156.65
Carroll	41%	45%	\$8,478.99	\$45,431	\$65,775	\$119,684.99
Charles	39%	39%	—	\$78,181	\$122,283	\$200,464.00
Frederick	36%	36%	—	\$20,772	\$36,928	\$57,700.00
Howard	45%	51%	\$31,520.60	\$129,053	\$155,409	\$315,982.60
Kent	50%	50%	\$1,936.67	\$7,413	\$9,351	\$18,700.67
Montgomery	50%	51%	\$54,493.52	\$720,469.79	\$760,937	\$1,535,900.31
Prince George's	30%	32%	\$37,690.39	\$346,000	\$826,268	\$1,209,958.39
Queen Anne's	49%	71%	\$39,518.50	\$49,294	\$35,947	\$124,759.50
Wicomico	3%	3%	\$4,898.58	\$0	\$147,724	\$152,622.58
Total			\$1,235,824.68	\$3,269,987.79	\$5,000,000	\$9,505,812.47

NUMBER OF CHILDREN NOT SERVED DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING

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

Participating Jurisdiction	Number of Summer SNAP Recipients Served	Number of SNAP Children in the Jurisdiction*	Participation Rate
Allegany	213	3,602	6%
Anne Arundel	12,487	12,564	99%
Baltimore City	12,607	36,194	35%
Baltimore Co.	27,860	29,533	94%
Caroline	1,051	1,679	63%
Carroll	1,115	2,330	48%
Charles	2,005	4,474	45%
Frederick	513	5,618	9%
Howard	3,002	5,725	52%
Kent	179	591	30%
Montgomery	15,359	18,448	83%
Prince George's	12,098	32,575	37%
Queen Anne's	889	926	96%
Wicomico	1,392	5,154	27%
Total	90,770	159,413	57%

*Number of children ages 5-18 yrs. as of September 2023.

A budget of \$15.9 million would be required to serve all the children ages 5-18 participating in FY '24; therefore, the need to streamline eligibility to a smaller population based on the availability of funds was necessary for most of the participating jurisdictions.

The various methods utilized to identify the children selected to participate in Summer SNAP this year are as follows:

Participating Jurisdiction	Selection Method
Allegany	Selected low-income children in an active SNAP household who reside in Public Housing facilities that are located within the City of Cumberland.
Anne Arundel	All children ages 5-18 years of age in an active SNAP household.
Baltimore City	14-17 youth who were in an active SNAP household that signed up and did not receive placement in a YouthWorks site in 2022, 14-17 youth active in a SNAP household worked at a YouthWorks site in 2022 and 14-17 youth who reside in an active SNAP household with three or more children.
Baltimore Co.	All children ages 5-18 years of age in an active SNAP household.
Caroline	Selected children in active SNAP households that are specific zip codes to target low-income areas in the county.
Carroll	Selected children in active SNAP households that are specific zip codes to target low-income areas in the county.
Charles	Selected children in active SNAP households that are specific zip codes to target low-income areas in the county.
Frederick	All Frederick County children aged 5-18 who are in active SNAP and TCA households.
Howard	Targeted students in an active SNAP household who are attending one of 47 elementary and middle schools who are not easily accessible to the Howard County Public School Summer Meals Program. Children that will be age 5 on or before September 2022 and who are 10 on or before July 2023.
Kent	Selected children in active SNAP households that are specific zip codes to target low-income areas in the county.
Montgomery	Targeted children who receive Temporary Cash Assistance and are active in a SNAP household that are residing in specific zip codes in the county.
Prince George's	Targeted children active in a SNAP household that are residing in the highest concentration of poverty in the county.
Queen Anne's	Selected specific zip codes however, ended up serving all children 5-17 years of age in an active SNAP household.
Wicomico	Selected children active in a SNAP household that reside in specific zip codes to target low-income areas in the county.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONWIDE SUMMER EBT PROGRAM

The successful implementation of the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (S-EBT) program requires a strong collaboration and partnership between the Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) and Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). This partnership will work toward developing a stronger state program, including expanding disbursement of benefits to qualified families with children. Additionally, DHS and MSDE will collaborate in the development of processes to implement the federally established S-EBT program. The partnership will ensure the Maryland State Summer SNAP program aligns with the new nationwide Summer EBT program.