

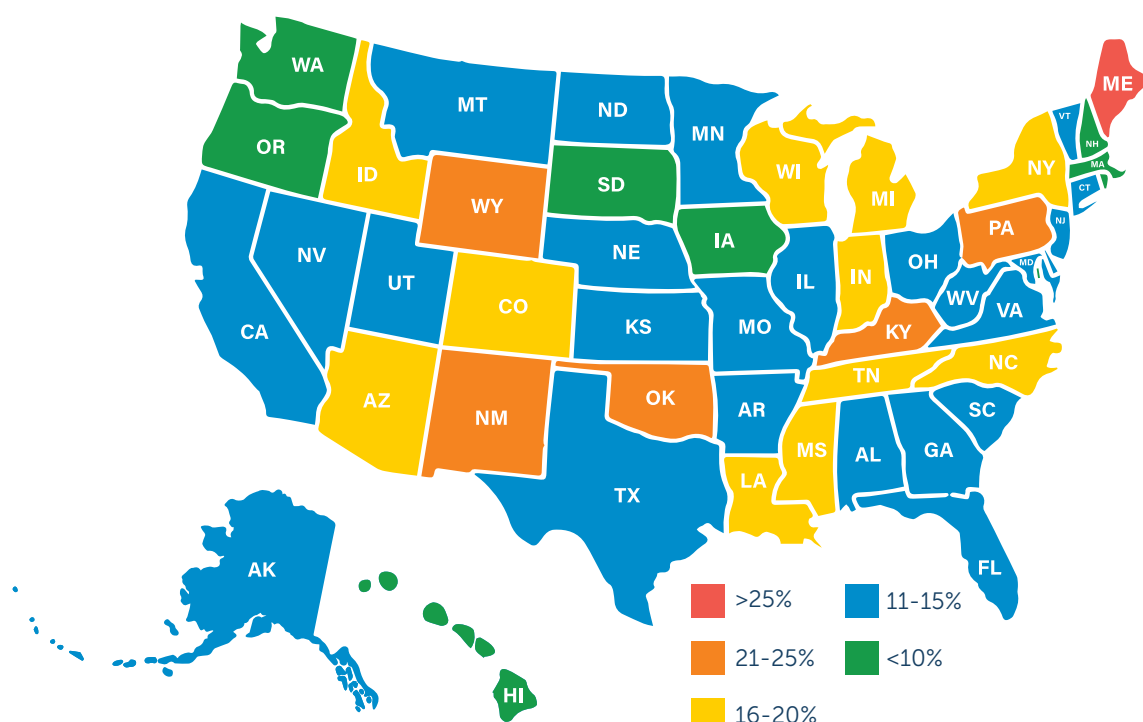
# No family should go hungry.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the first line of defense for families in food-insecure homes

## Food insecurity affects babies in every community...

Food insecurity in households with children 0-3<sup>1</sup>

**1** in **3** families with children under 5 experience food insecurity.



## ...with devastating consequences.

Infants and toddlers living in food-insecure households are:

**90%**  
more likely to be in fair or poor health

**30%**  
more likely to be hospitalized

They are also more likely to:

► Suffer from low birthweight

► Develop asthma & anemia

► Fall behind in school

► Exhibit behavioral problems

## But SNAP has a proven record of helping babies.

Young children in families participating in SNAP are less likely to be hospitalized, underweight, or at risk of developmental delays compared to likely eligible children not participating in SNAP.<sup>2</sup>



### ► OVER 1/3

of SNAP benefits go to families with children under 5

► Receiving SNAP benefits reduces the severity of child poverty by **over 20%** and the likelihood of being food insecure by **roughly 30%**.<sup>3</sup>

► Proposed cuts, such as to the Thrifty Food Program, could reduce benefits by **\$1.40 per person per day** - about \$125 per month for a family of 3. **This means infants, toddlers, and families would have less food to eat.**<sup>4</sup>



**ZERO to THREE**  
Early connections last a lifetime



Make their potential our priority.

<sup>1</sup> Urban Institute. <https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/2025-03/Households-Faced-Persistent-Challenges-Affording-Food-in-2024.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Children's HealthWatch, <https://childrenshealthwatch.org>

<sup>3</sup> Children's HealthWatch, <https://childrenshealthwatch.org>

<sup>4</sup> Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, <https://www.cbpp.org/research/food-assistance/millions-of-low-income-households-would-lose-food-aid-under-proposed-house>

