

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)



What is SNAP?

SNAP, formerly called food stamps, is a federal program that helps people buy the food they need for healthy lives. SNAP provides benefits to eligible individuals and families via an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card.

The Ohio Direction EBT card can be used like a debit card to purchase groceries in authorized retail food stores and farmers markets. The amount you receive each month depends on your income and family size.

1 // Do I qualify for SNAP?

You may qualify if your household's gross monthly income is at or under 130% of the federal poverty guidelines. Benefits are based on net income and family size.

| Family Size | Gross Monthly Income | Max SNAP benefit |
|-------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 1 | \$1,472 | \$250 |
| 2 | \$1,983 | \$459 |
| 3 | \$2,494 | \$658 |
| 4 | \$3,006 | \$835 |
| 5 | \$3,517 | \$992 |
| 6 | \$4,028 | \$1,190 |
| 7 | \$4,540 | \$1,316 |
| 8 | \$5,051 | \$1,504 |

2// What do I need to apply?

Your county Job and Family Services (JFS) office handles SNAP applications. You might need any of the following documents:

- Proof of identity (Drivers License, State ID, Passport)
- Social Security card
- Proof of any income you receive
- Proof of assets, such as bank account statements
- Proof of housing costs and address
- Proof of disability (if you claim it)
- Permanent Resident Card or other immigration documents if not a US citizen

3// What happens next?

You can apply online at <https://ssp.benefits.ohio.gov> or you can complete a paper application and submit it to your local JFS office.

Answer as many questions as you can. If you are unsure about an answer, leave it blank and submit anyway to get the process started.

You will receive a notice from JFS with the date and time of your phone interview to verify your application.

You will be able to submit documents via mail, email, or in person. A determination of benefits will happen within 30 days.



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Apply for SNAP in Lucas County

Lucas County Department of Job and Family Services
3737 Sylvania Avenue, Toledo, OH 43623
(Near Westfield Franklin Park Mall)



Phone/Ext: (419) 213-8800 Fax: (419) 213-8820
To check case status or verify benefits call: 1-844-640-6446.
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
Website: www.lucasjfs.org or benefits.ohio.gov

TARTA Buses 3, 19, 52 stop near the office. Check schedules for times.

Certain Medicaid providers will assist in providing transportation for scheduled appointments at Department of Job and Family Services. Call your provider to learn more.

4// What can I buy with SNAP?

Look for stores that have the Ohio Direction logo on their doors or windows. Some may have posters saying, "SNAP EBT accepted here."

You can buy food (fruits, vegetables, poultry, meat, fish, dairy products, cereals, breads, other snack foods, non-alcoholic beverages) as well as seeds or plants to grow food.

SNAP **cannot** be used to buy:

- Beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes, tobacco
- Vitamins, supplements, medicines
- Hot foods or foods heated in store
- Pet food
- Paper products
- Cleaning supplies
- Cosmetics and hygiene items

5// What other options are available?

Online Shopping and Delivery

Ohio Direction Card users can use an online ordering service (like Instacart) to order their food and pick up curbside or in some cases have food delivered.

The following Ohio retailers are providing this service:

- Acme Fresh Market
- Aldi
- Amazon.com
- Buehler's – Specific locations in Ohio.
- Giant Eagle
- Kroger - Specific locations in Ohio.
- Save A Lot
- Walmart

Check your local store for details.

Produce Perks

Ohio Direction Cards are also accepted at select farmers markets across Ohio.

The Produce Perks program provides a \$1-for-\$1 match on fruit and vegetable purchases using SNAP/EBT (limit \$25 per day).

- Visit the farmers market information booth before you shop.
- Determine how much you want to spend in SNAP dollars. Swipe your EBT card. You will receive SNAP tokens and an equal amount of Produce Perks tokens.
- Tokens are like cash- they cannot be replaced and do not expire!
- To find a location near you, visit produceperks.org/locations