



UNITED WAY
Southeastern
Michigan



BE PREPARED FOR SNAP CHANGES

How **SNAP Changes** will Impact Michiganders

New policies have been established for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) after a resolution was signed into law on July 4, 2025. This document outlines the changes to the program.

Work Reporting Requirements

Adults without young kids must document that they spend at least 80 hours per month working, attending training programs or volunteering. They can receive SNAP benefits for any three months within a three-year period without meeting the work requirements.

Reporting Requirement Exemptions

SNAP recipients may be exempt from general work reporting requirements if they:

- Receive unemployment benefits.
- Care for a child under six or someone who is incapacitated.
- Cannot work because of a physical or mental disability.
- Regularly attend an alcohol or drug treatment program.
- Attend school or a training program at least half-time.
- Are an American Indian or Alaskan Native.
- Are pregnant.

How to Report

- **Employment:** Verify income with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).
- **Education or Training Program:** Verify participation with Michigan Works.
- **Community Service:** Complete and submit a monthly Community Service Activity Report to MDHHS.

Time used for unsubsidized employment hours and training programs can be combined to meet the minimum hour requirement. However, for able-bodied adults without dependents, neither can be combined with community service to meet the requirement.

HOW DOES THIS CHANGE WORK REQUIREMENTS?



The state will apply eligibility changes at each household's next semi-annual recertification, when a household member is added or when other updates are addressed.



Raises the age at which a person is exempt from **55 to 65 years**.



Requires reporting from parents and guardians of children **aged 14 and older**.



Removes exemptions for veterans, homeless individuals and former foster youth.



Restricts reporting requirement waivers to areas where unemployment is higher than **10%**.

Resources



Contact your local MDHHS office for a referral to approved employment and training programs or to confirm required community service hours. Visit michigan.gov/mdhhs to find your local office.



Call United Way's 2-1-1 Helpline to help you find employment services in your area, or visit mi211.org.



Visit doubleupfoodbucks.org to find a retailer participating in the Double Up Food Bucks program.

Changes for Immigrants

Many immigrants, including most refugees, asylees and survivors of human trafficking, can no longer receive SNAP.

Those eligible for SNAP are limited to:

- U.S. citizens
- Green card holders (lawful permanent residents)
- Cuban or Haitian entrants
- Citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, who qualify as Compact of Free Association (COFA) citizens

Green card holders may apply after a five-year waiting period. However, the waiting period does not apply for those who are under the age of 18, blind, have a disability, or have a direct connection to the U.S. military.