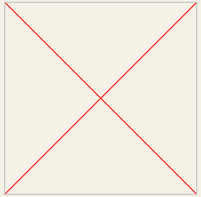


Food Security in Pennsylvania

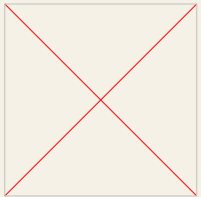
Implications of H.R. 1



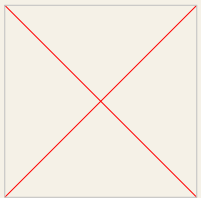
About Feeding PA



We help food banks secure resources and operate more effectively.



We advocate for policies that get more food to more Pennsylvanians.



We grow public awareness of food insecurity.



YOUR LOCAL PANTRY



Our Network

9

2,750

FOOD
BANKS

FOOD
PANTRIES

Our Impact

237M

lbs of
Food

1.5M

People
Served

60K

Volunteers
Rs

Hunger in PA

1 IN **8** PENNSYLVANIANS EXPERIENCES FOOD INSECURITY



That means **1.7 million people** in Pennsylvania are facing hunger, including **1 in 6 children.**

In the last two years, the number of people experiencing food insecurity in Pennsylvania has **INCREASED** by over

40%

How Food



Insecurity

Affects Our

Communities

What is SNAP?

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly food stamps
- Nation's largest anti-hunger program. Provides 9 meals for every 1 from the charitable food network
- Average benefit = \$6/day
- 1.7 million Pennsylvanians enrolled

H.R. 1/One, Big, Beautiful Bill Act

(OBBA)

- Passed by Congress and signed into law July 4, 2025
- Using 'reconciliation' process (think reconciling a checkbook), spending changes were made across many programs
 - SNAP, Medicaid, taxes, student loans, farm support, etc.
- Implementation timelines vary by program

Timeline

2025

- **July 4** - H.R. 1 signed
- **September 1** – SNAP Geographic waiver expired; about 80,000 individuals now 'on the clock'
- **Late October** - USDA announced November SNAP benefits will not be paid due to federal government shutdown
- **November 1** - New work requirements began; recipients screened at next renewal
- **Late November** – Federal shutdown ended; USDA announced November will not count towards work requirements

2026

- **January 1** - First round of 'time-limited' recipients lose SNAP
- **October 1** – SNAP administrative cost sharing begins

2027

- **January 1** – New Medicaid community engagement requirements go into effect
- **October 1** – SNAP benefit cost sharing begins

SNAP Changes in H.R. 1

- Limits future updates/increases to SNAP benefit amount
- Changes immigrant eligibility and other benefit calculations
- Eliminated SNAP-Ed
- State cost-sharing
- New work requirements/time limits for recipients

SNAP Work Requirements (pre-

H.R.1)

- General work requirements for ages 16-59
- Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) Work Requirements for ages 18-54
 - Benefits are time-limited to 3 months in a 3-year period if not exempt
- Work requirements are proven to be ineffective at increasing work. We prefer to call them “time limits” or “paperwork requirements”
 - 35% of recipients are under 18
 - 25% of recipients are over 55
 - 11% of 18-54 have a disability

Work Requirement Changes in H.R.

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- **September 1:** Elimination of the geographic waiver which waived work requirements for counties with high unemployment
 - Philadelphia subject to ABAWD rules for first time ever
- **November 1:** Expanded 'ABAWD' definition goes into effect
 - Increased age range to 65 (from 54)
 - Includes parents of kids 14+ (formerly exempt if child under 18)
 - Eliminated exemptions for homeless, veterans, former foster youth

I use SNAP- what should I do?

- Screening for new requirements will occur at next renewal
- Recipients will be either:
 - **Exempt.** Safe until next renewal.
 - **Compliant.** Meeting requirements. Must report changes.
 - **Noncompliant/time-limited.** Limited to 3 months of benefits

Exemptions

- Federal exemptions include:
 - Age 65+
 - Dependent in household under the age of 14
 - Receiving a disability benefit
 - Receiving or applied for unemployment compensation
 - Have a medical condition that reduces ability to work
 - Participating in SUD, mental health, or vocational rehab program
 - Pregnant
 - In school or job training at least half time
 - Caring for elderly or disabled household member
 - Working at least 30 hours/week **or** earning at least \$217.50/week

How to Prove an Exemption

- No additional paperwork needed if:
 - Under 18 or 65+
 - Receiving disability benefits
- Earning over \$217.50/week: paystubs
- Medical conditions: provider-signed PA 1921 form
- All others need to be verified "if questionable"

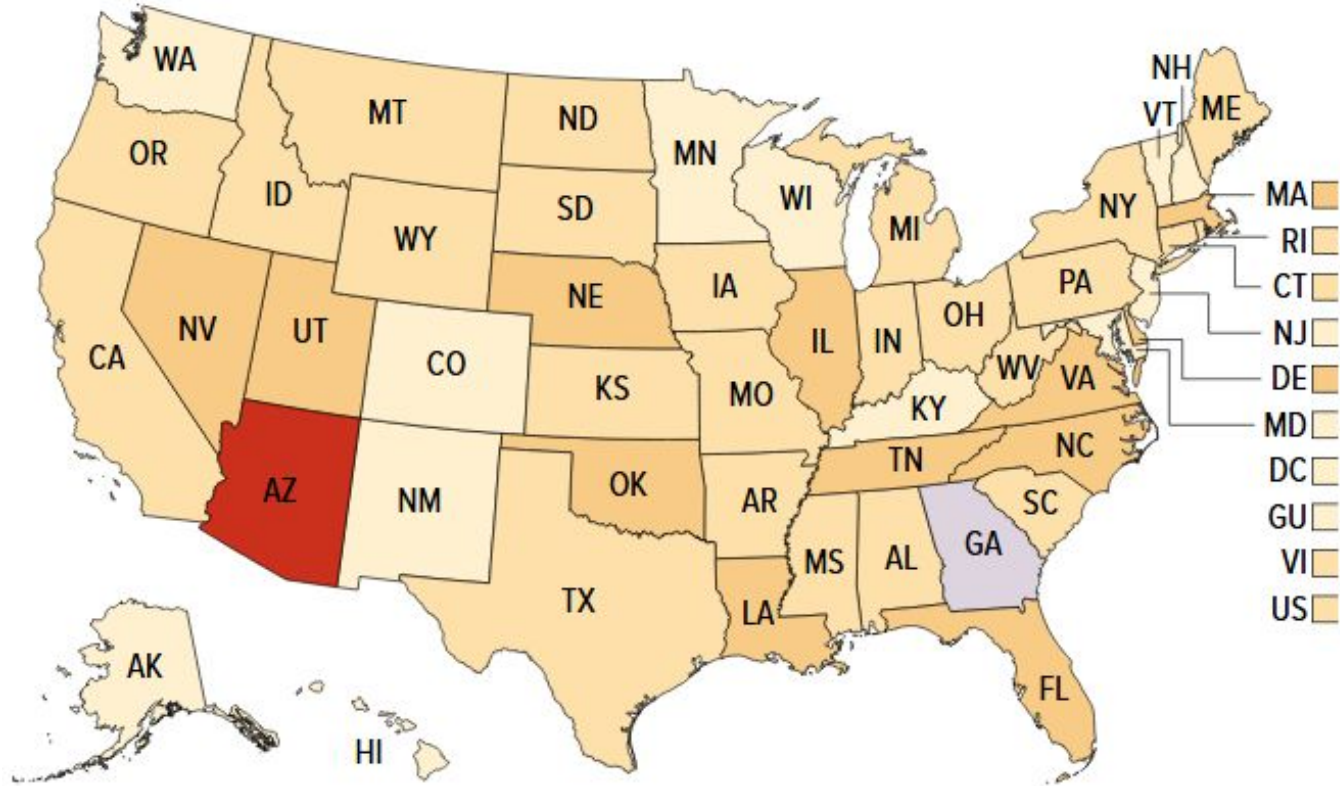
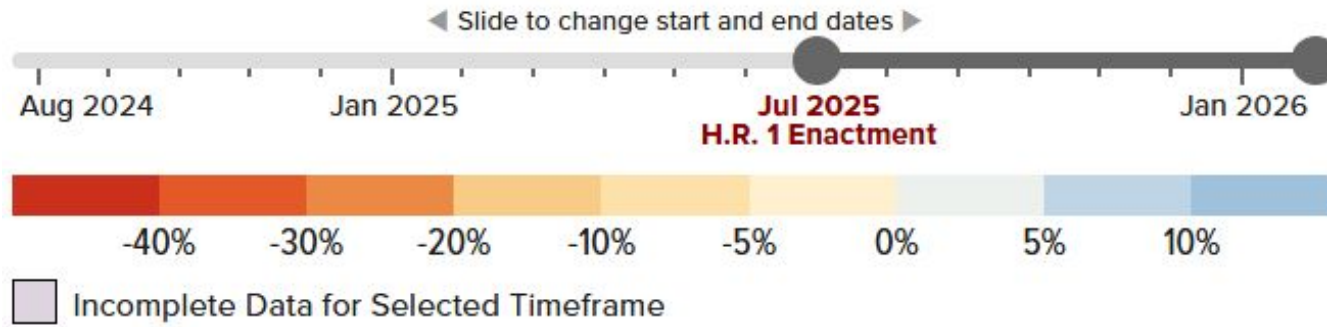
How to Comply if not Exempt

- Work 20 hours/week
 - Hours can fluctuate, just need 80 hours/month
 - Earning \$217.50/month makes you **exempt**
- Participate in an employment & training program 20 hours/week
- Community Service/Volunteering
 - Hours required varies
 - Nonprofit must complete form every 6 months
- If not exempt or complying, limited to 3 months of SNAP benefits in a 3-year period

Impact of Work Requirements in

PA

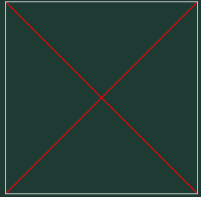
- Initial estimates indicated 144,000 individuals would be subject to new work requirements
- SNAP caseload down **more than 200,000 (10%)** since July 2025
- State implementing new technology like case tracker, consent based verification, document legibility
- Inaccurate narrative around 'waste, fraud, and abuse'



Note: Some states appear to have anomalous data. See ["Chart Notes"](#) below.

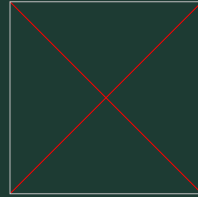
Source: CBPP calculations from USDA and state program data

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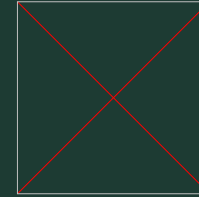
Raise public awareness
about recent changes
with the DHS SNAP
Outreach Toolkit:

[pa.gov/agencies/dhs/
resources/snap/snap-toolkit](https://pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/snap/snap-toolkit)



Help neighbors comply
with work requirements
by offering volunteer
hours on PA Navigator:

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Advocate with local,
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