

Connecticut's Food Stamps (SNAP) Policy		
WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMPS?		
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement
<b>Gross income limit</b>  How much can family members earn while being eligible?	\$4,303*/month (or 200% FPL for a family of three in 2024).	N/A
<b>Asset Limit</b>  How many assets can families retain in savings while still being eligible for food stamps?	There is no limit on savings for BBCE-eligible families.	N/A
<b>Transitional Benefit Alternative</b>  Does Connecticut provide families who are losing TANF cash assistance with automatic SNAP eligibility for a few months?	Yes.	N/A
* Current administrative guidelines may present different income amounts depending on when updates to the current federal poverty guidelines are implemented.		
ADDITIONAL RULES AND RESTRICTIONS		
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement
<b>Treatment of child support payments to non-household members</b>  Does Connecticut treat child support payments made to non-household members as an income exclusion rather than a deduction?	No.	Enable more families to qualify for SNAP by treating child support payments as income exclusions in the eligibility process (e.g., New York, Virginia, Washington).
<b>Lifting drug felony bans</b>  Are persons convicted of drug-related felonies eligible for	Connecticut modified its ban to permit those with drug-related	Consider fully eliminating the ban on those convicted of

nutritional assistance?	convictions to receive benefits if they are compliant with drug testing, drug treatment, and the terms of their probation.	<b>drug-related felonies, as other states have done (e.g., Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Washington).</b>
<b>Extending eligibility to some federally ineligible noncitizens using state assistance programs</b>  Has Connecticut extended SNAP eligibility to immigrants who are ineligible for SNAP under federal guidelines?	Yes, but as of September 2024, the program is not being funded.	<b>Provide nutritional assistance to newly-arrived families in which parents are awaiting work authorization (e.g., Illinois, Maine, and Minnesota).</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<b>Flexibility</b>	<b>Current policy</b>	<b>Potential improvement</b>
<b>Less frequent recertification periods</b>  Has Connecticut extended the recertification period to 12 months for all recipients?	Yes.	N/A
<b>Simplified income reporting</b>  Does Connecticut require parents to report income only when it rises above the eligibility limit?	Yes.	N/A
<b>Online services for all application processes</b>  Does Connecticut offer online services for its initial benefit application, reporting of changes, and renewal?	Yes.	N/A