

Illinois's Food Stamps (SNAP) Policy		
WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMPS?		
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement
Gross income limit How much can family members earn while being eligible?	\$3,419*/month (or 165% FPL for a family of three in 2024).	Consider extending the gross income limit to 200% FPL for BBCE-eligible families to expand eligibility and soften benefit cliffs, as many other states have done (e.g., Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota).
Asset Limit 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
Transitional Benefit Alternative Does Illinois 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
Treatment of child support payments to non-household members Does Illinois treat child support payments made to non-household members as an income exclusion rather than a deduction?	Yes.	N/A
Lifting drug felony bans		

Are persons convicted of drug-related felonies eligible for nutritional assistance?	Yes.	N/A
Extending eligibility to some federally ineligible noncitizens using state assistance programs Has Illinois extended SNAP eligibility to immigrants who are ineligible for SNAP under federal guidelines?	Yes.	N/A
ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS		
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement
Less frequent recertification periods Has Illinois extended the recertification period to 12 months for all recipients?	Yes.	N/A
Simplified income reporting Does Illinois require parents to report income only when it rises above the eligibility limit?	Yes.	N/A
Online services for all application processes Does Indiana offer online services for its initial benefit application, reporting of changes, and renewal?	Yes.	N/A