Kansas'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?	\$2,797*/month (or 130% FPL for a family of three in 2024).	Consider adopting BBCE and extending gross income limit to 200% FPL to expand eligibility and soften benefit cliffs, as many other states have done (e.g., North Dakota, Colorado).	
Asset Limit			
How many assets can families retain in savings while still being eligible for food stamps?	Families can retain up to \$2,750.	Remove the asset limit so households with children can retain savings while receiving nutritional support (e.g., Ohio, Oklahoma). Alternatively, raise the asset limit. Example: Iowa allows eligibility to those with up to \$15,000.	
Transitional Benefit Alternative (TBA)			
Does Kansas provide families who are losing TANF cash assistance with automatic SNAP eligibility for a few months?	No.	Consider providing TBA to families transitioning from TANF cash assistance to provide support in vulnerable periods, as other states are doing (e.g., Tennessee, Oklahoma, Nebraska).	

^{*} 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 Kansas 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., Missouri, South Dakota).		
Lifting drug felony bans				
Are persons convicted of drug- related felonies eligible for nutritional assistance?	Kansas has modified its ban to offer eligibility to those that are compliant with drug testing and treatment requirements. Those convicted of two or more drug felonies are prohibited from benefits.	Consider fully eliminating the ban on those convicted of drug-related felonies, as other states have done (e.g., Illinois, Iowa, Arkansas).		
Extending eligibility to some				
federally ineligible noncitizens using state assistance programs				
Has Kansas extended SNAP eligibility to immigrants who are ineligible for SNAP under federal guidelines?	No.	Provide nutritional assistance to newly-arrived families in which parents are awaiting work authorization (e.g., Illinois, Maine, Minnesota).		
ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS				
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement		
Less frequent recertification periods				
Has Kansas extended the recertification period to 12 months for all recipients?	Yes.	N/A		
Simplified income reporting				



Does Kansas require parents to report income only when it rises above the eligibility limit?	Yes.	N/A
Online services for all application processes Does Kansas offer online services for its initial benefit application, reporting of changes, and renewal?	Yes.	N/A