

Massachusetts'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 Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts 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., Maine, New York, Michigan).
<b>Lifting drug felony bans</b>  Are persons convicted of drug-related felonies eligible for nutritional assistance?	Yes.	N/A

<b>Extending eligibility to some federally ineligible noncitizens using state assistance programs</b>  Has Massachusetts extended SNAP eligibility to immigrants who are ineligible for SNAP under federal guidelines?	No. Massachusetts had a State Snapp Supplement for certain lawfully present immigrants, but it ended in April 2024.	<b>Provide nutritional assistance to newly-arrived families in which parents are awaiting work authorization (e.g., Illinois, Maine, Minnesota).</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<b>Flexibility</b>	<b>Current policy</b>	<b>Potential improvement</b>
<b>Less frequent recertification periods</b>  Has Massachusetts extended the recertification period to 12 months for all recipients?	Yes.	N/A
<b>Simplified income reporting</b>  Does Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts offer online services for its initial benefit application, reporting of changes, and renewal?	No. Services are provided online for the initial application and renewal process, but not for change reporting.	<b>Consider providing online change reporting services to reduce administrative costs and streamline processes for busy parents, as other states are (e.g., Maine, New Hampshire, New York).</b>