

Pennsylvania'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?	\$4,303*/month (or 200% FPL for a family of three in 2024).	N/A
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 Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania 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, as other states have done (e.g., South Dakota, Michigan).
Lifting drug felony bans Are persons convicted of drug-related felonies eligible for	Pennsylvania re-instituted a modified ban in 2019 after having previously eliminated its	Consider fully eliminating the ban on those convicted of drug-related felonies, as other

nutritional assistance?	SNAP ban entirely. Now, the state requires that those with a drug felony conviction participate in or complete court ordered drug treatment, be compliant with testing for five years, and be compliant with probation terms.	states have done (e.g., Illinois, Iowa).
Extending eligibility to some federally ineligible noncitizens using state assistance programs Has Pennsylvania 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		
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Less frequent recertification periods Has Pennsylvania extended the recertification period to 12 months for all recipients?	Yes.	N/A
Simplified income reporting Does Pennsylvania require parents to report income only when it rises above the eligibility limit?	Yes.	N/A
Online services for all application processes Does Pennsylvania offer online services for its initial benefit application, reporting of changes, and renewal?	Yes.	N/A