

Kansas’s Food Stamps (SNAP) Policy		
WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMPS?		
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement
<p><b>Gross income limit</b></p> <p>How much can a family of three earn and remain eligible?</p>	<p>\$2,797*/month, or 130% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for a family of three in 2024</p>	<p><b>Consider adopting the Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility (BBCE) framework and extending gross income limit to 200% FPL in order to expand eligibility and soften benefit cliffs, as many other states have (e.g., North Dakota, Colorado).</b></p>
<p><b>Asset Limit</b></p> <p>How many assets can families retain in savings while still being eligible for food stamps?</p>	<p>Families can retain up to \$2,750.</p>	<p><b>Adopting BBCE would enable the state to remove the asset limit so households with children can retain savings while receiving nutritional support (e.g., Ohio, Oklahoma).</b></p> <p><b>Alternatively, BBCE states may also increase the asset limit. Example: Iowa allows eligibility to those with up to \$15,000.</b></p>
<p><b>Transitional Benefit Alternative (TBA)</b></p> <p>Does Kansas provide families who are losing TANF cash assistance with automatic SNAP eligibility for a few months?</p>	<p>No.</p>	<p><b>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).</b></p>
<p>* Current administrative guidelines may present different income amounts depending on when updates to the current federal poverty guidelines are implemented.</p>		

ADDITIONAL RULES AND RESTRICTIONS		
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<p><b>Treatment of child support payments to non-household members</b></p> <p>Does Kansas treat child support payments made to non-household members as an income exclusion rather than a deduction?</p>	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).
<p><b>Lifting drug felony bans</b></p> <p>Are persons convicted of drug-related felonies eligible for nutritional assistance?</p>	Kansas has modified its ban to offer eligibility to those who 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).
<p><b>Extending eligibility to some federally ineligible noncitizens using state assistance programs</b></p> <p>Has Kansas extended SNAP eligibility to immigrants who are ineligible for SNAP under federal guidelines?</p>	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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<p><b>Less frequent recertification periods</b></p> <p>Has Kansas extended the recertification period to 12 months for all recipients?</p>	Yes.	N/A
<b>Simplified income reporting</b>		

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