

Missouri's Food Stamps (SNAP) Policy		
WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMPS?		
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement
<p>Gross income limit</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>Consider adopting the Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility (BBCE) framework and extending the gross income limit to 200% FPL for eligible families, as many other states have done (e.g., Louisiana), to expand provide more families with nutritional assistance and mitigate benefit cliffs.</p>
<p>Asset Limit</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>Adopting BBCE would enable the state to eliminate the asset limit so households with children can retain savings while receiving nutritional support (e.g., Kentucky, Georgia, Ohio, North Carolina).</p> <p>Alternatively, BBCE states may also increase the asset limit. Example: Iowa permits families to retain \$15,000.</p>
<p>Transitional Benefit Alternative</p> <p>Does Missouri provide families who are losing TANF cash assistance with automatic SNAP eligibility for a few months?</p>	<p>Yes, according to legislation passed in 2023. (This measure is subject to appropriation and may not be in effect.)</p>	<p>N/A</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		
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement
<p>Treatment of child support payments to non-household members</p> <p>Does Missouri treat child support payments made to non-household members as an income exclusion rather than a deduction?</p>	Yes.	N/A
<p>Lifting drug felony bans</p> <p>Are persons convicted of drug-related felonies eligible for nutritional assistance?</p>	Missouri has modified its ban to offer eligibility to those that are compliant with drug testing, treatment, and terms of probation.	Consider fully eliminating the ban on those convicted of drug-related felonies, as other states have done (e.g., Illinois, Iowa).
<p>Extending eligibility to some federally ineligible noncitizens using state assistance programs</p> <p>Has Missouri 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>Less frequent recertification periods</p> <p>Has Missouri extended the recertification period to 12 months for all recipients?</p>	Yes.	N/A
<p>Simplified income reporting</p> <p>Does Missouri require parents to report income only when it rises above the eligibility limit?</p>	Yes.	N/A

<p>Online services for all application processes</p> <p>Does Missouri offer online services for its initial benefit application, reporting of changes, and renewal?</p>	<p>No. Services are provided online only for the initial application and change reporting.</p>	<p>Consider providing online renewal services to reduce administrative costs and streamline processes for busy parents (e.g., Nebraska, Kentucky).</p>
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