

Utah'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 Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility (BBCE) and extend the gross income limit to 200% FPL for eligible families, as many other states have done (e.g., Nevada).</p>
<p>Asset Limit</p> <p>How many assets can families retain in savings while still being eligible for food stamps?</p>	<p>For most families, the asset limit is \$3,000.</p>	<p>Adopting BBCE would enable the state to remove the asset limit so households with children can retain savings while receiving nutritional support (e.g., Nevada, New Mexico).</p> <p>Alternatively, BBCE states may also increase the asset limit. Example: Texas permits \$5,000.</p>
<p>Transitional Benefit Alternative</p> <p>Does Utah provide families who are losing TANF cash assistance with automatic SNAP eligibility for a few months?</p>	<p>No.</p>	<p>Consider providing TBA to families transitioning from TANF cash assistance, as other states are doing (e.g., Arizona, Nebraska, Oklahoma).</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>Treatment of child support payments to non-household members</p> <p>Does Utah 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., Virginia, South Dakota, Missouri, Louisiana).
<p>Lifting drug felony bans</p> <p>Are persons convicted of drug-related felonies eligible for nutritional assistance?</p>	Yes.	N/A
<p>Extending eligibility to some federally ineligible noncitizens using state assistance programs</p> <p>Has Utah 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 Utah extended the recertification period to 12 months for all recipients?</p>	No, most households with children have a recertification period of six months.	Extend recertification periods to 12 months for all families reduce administration costs for working parents, as many other states have done (e.g., Arizona, Alabama, Kansas, Indiana).

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