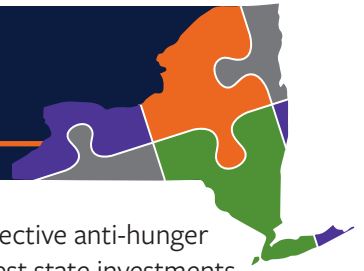


Protect Access to SNAP & WIC

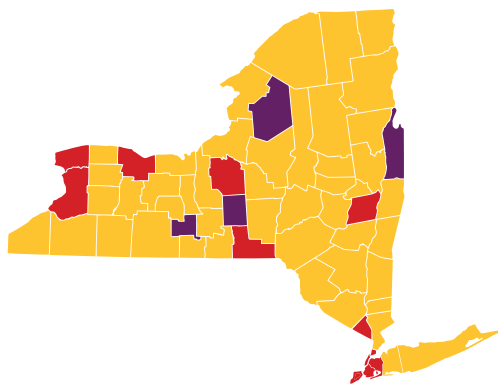


Amid rising food costs, New Yorkers need SNAP and WIC—two of our nation’s most effective anti-hunger programs—to help put food on the table. However, funding gaps are jeopardizing access. Modest state investments will ensure low-income children, seniors, and other eligible New Yorkers can access vital food assistance.

Sustain SNAP Navigators

New York’s network of SNAP navigators—the Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP)—helps low-income New Yorkers access and maintain SNAP benefits, alleviating hunger and supporting local economies. Last year, NOEP helped more than **158,000** individuals learn about SNAP and apply if eligible, providing an estimated **25:1 ROI** for New York.

NOEP is federally and state-funded; however, H.R.1 cut federal funding for NOEP in half. Without added state investment, **NOEP will be forced to scale back SNAP assistance** when New Yorkers need it the most. Based on current services:



- ▲ All of New York City, plus Albany, Broome, Erie, Monroe, Niagara, Onondaga, and Rockland Counties would have fewer SNAP navigators despite high need.
- ▲ Cortland, Lewis, Schuyler, and Washington Counties would lose all local SNAP navigators.
- ▲ All counties would have reduced access to remote application assistance services.

➔ **To maintain SNAP navigators statewide, the FY2027 budget must fund NOEP at \$8.5M.**

Fill Budget Gaps to Ensure Access to WIC

WIC provides essential nutrition and public health support to low-income infants, young children, and pregnant and postpartum New Yorkers. WIC participation in New York has increased by 25% over the last five years, but WIC agencies have remained nearly flat-funded and are struggling to serve all eligible families. 93% of surveyed WIC agencies reported impacts to operations, including:

- **Reduced access to WIC services**, including nutrition and breastfeeding support.
- **Long wait times for appointments**—a major concern when providing nutrition to infants and young children during critical time-sensitive periods of development.
- **Reduced outreach** to the estimated 200,000 eligible but unenrolled New Yorkers.

➔ **\$30M in state supplemental funds will ensure WIC can serve all eligible families seeking services.**



Take action! Scan to urge NY’s leaders to protect access to SNAP and WIC. Visit HungerSolutionsNY.org/TakeAction