



Update: Impacts of the Government Shutdown on Federal Nutrition Programs in New York

As of October 22, 2025:

- **SNAP remains open and operational.** As confirmed in [NYSOTDA guidance](#), social services districts are continuing to process SNAP applications and recertifications, October benefits are being issued, and the use of benefit cards is not impacted at this time. If the shutdown continues beyond October, November SNAP benefits *may* be delayed; however, this is not certain. Updates will be posted on the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance [website](#) as more information becomes available. **In the meantime, it is important to let families know they can still apply for SNAP and use their benefits.**
- **WIC remains open and operational.** WIC-approved stores are expected to continue to accept WIC benefits and WIC offices are expected to remain open for business as usual. Updates will be available on the NYS Department of Health WIC [website](#).
- **School meals, Summer EBT, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program are operating as normal at this time.**

Please share this information with your networks to help ensure New Yorkers have timely and accurate information about these vital nutrition programs.

Advocates: Join Us in Urging Federal Action to Protect Nutrition Programs

Hunger Solutions New York and partners are urging USDA to use all available resources to sustain SNAP

benefits. Historically, USDA has used contingency and carryover funds to sustain SNAP during budget crises and shutdowns. The authority to do so remains intact.

Take Action: [Contact your Members of Congress](#) and ask them to weigh in with USDA and the White House to ensure USDA identifies funding for November benefits and issues swift guidance allowing states to distribute benefits without delay.

Nearly 3 million New Yorkers—the majority of whom are children, seniors, and people with disabilities—rely on SNAP to put food on the table. Any disruption to federal nutrition programs will have devastating impacts on food security in New York and across the country. Delays in benefit issuance would also hurt New York's economy, including the more than 17,000 grocery stores, farmers' markets, and other retailers that accept SNAP benefits. USDA must act quickly to ensure SNAP and other nutrition programs can continue to provide critical food benefits without disruption.

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