

# FEDERAL SNAP CHANGES WILL INCREASE HUNGER IN NEW MEXICO



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## SNAP POWERS NEW MEXICO

Nearly **\$1.2B** in SNAP revenue is at stake for **1,700** grocery stores, farmers markets, gas stations, and convenience stores across the state.

## ENROLLMENT

- **459,535** SNAP MEMBERS (AUG. 2025)
- **21%** OF STATE'S POPULATION
- **HIGHEST** SNAP PER CAPITA IN US



## IMPACTS ON SNAP PARTICIPANTS

- **November 2025:** 32,519 people may lose utility deductions, resulting in SNAP benefits reduction.
- **January 2026\*:** 55,750 New Mexicans will be subject to new work requirements.
- **April 2026\*:** 20,070 individuals may begin losing benefits entirely as a result of work requirements.
- **Date pending federal guidance\*:** 16,220 lawfully present immigrants are expected to lose benefits.
- **October 1, 2027:** Maximum benefit amounts may change.

*\*Timelines are contingent on securing state FY26 general funds during a special legislative session.*

## SNAP FISCAL IMPACTS

- Cuts up to **\$203 million** in federal funds from New Mexico — the state would have to cover this amount annually to keep the program running.
  - Driven by a drop in federal funding for administration from a 50/50 state-federal split to 75% state / 25% federal, requiring the state to pay \$47 million more each year.
  - Driven by a new requirement for the state to share the cost of SNAP benefits based on its payment error rate.
- Loss of about **\$5.2 million** in federal funds due to the end of SNAP-Ed funding.



## SNAP STRENGTHENS THE WORKFORCE AND ECONOMY

- **\$1,827,350,882** — Total economic program impact in the state.
- **17,639** jobs — Total jobs created or supported by SNAP spending.
- Each **\$1** in SNAP benefits can generate up to **\$1.80** in economic activity during downturns, supporting the supply chain from farmers to stores.



Estimated as 9/19/25