

Program Overview: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

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The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (aka Food Stamps) works to improve the nutrition of low-income individuals and families by increasing their ability to buy quality food products, such as fresh fruits, vegetables, and meats (excludes prepared foods such as hot and ready deli foods and non-foods), with the intent of improving the overall health, safety, and stability of families. SNAP benefits are designed to supplement a household's monthly food budget, not cover all food costs.

In addition to funding direct SNAP benefits for eligible individuals and families, SNAP also funds two sub-programs:

- **SNAP Employment and Training (E&T)** helps SNAP participants gain skills and find work that moves them forward to self-sufficiency. SNAP E&T contractors are DADS Making a Difference and CLIMB Wyoming.
- **SNAP Education (SNAP-Ed)** supports participants in leading healthy, active lives by teaching them how to stretch their SNAP dollars, shop for and prepare nutritious meals, and stay physically active. The SNAP-Ed contractor is the University of Wyoming Cent\$ible Nutrition program. In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024, SNAP-Ed served 887 adults and 2,112 youth. While H.R. 1 (119th Congress 2025-2026) eliminated dedicated funding for SNAP-Ed, it retained flexibility for states to support the program using other funding sources.¹

Program Eligibility and Target Population

SNAP eligibility and benefit amount are determined by citizenship², state residency, income, assets, allowable expenses, household size, age, and work requirements. The financial eligibility criteria is based on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) rate. SNAP recipients must be at or below 130% of the FPL which is \$1,696 per month for a single person and \$3,483 per month for a household of four. The benefit allotment received by SNAP participants is 100% federally funded³ and is issued through an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card.

SNAP primarily serves families with children, people with disabilities, and older adults. A small portion of SNAP recipients (8%; SFY2025) are considered able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs). An ABAWD is an individual who is aged 18 to 64, is physically able to work, and has no children under 14 in the household. An ABAWD must work at least 20 hours per week or 80 hours a month, or participate in qualifying education and training activities at least 20 hours per "week", such as SNAP E&T, or meet an exemption (i.e. primary caregiver for an incapacitated family member).

¹ Carryover funds will be used to gradually scale down Wyoming's SNAP-Ed sub-program in 2026.

² SNAP citizen requirements include U.S. citizenship or Legal Permanent Resident status, as verified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system. Legal permanent residents are required to have a five year residency prior to being eligible for SNAP.

³ Beginning September 30, 2027, states may be required to contribute matching funds based on their payment error rate.

Budget Information

Table 1. Budget; FFY25⁴

Source	Program	Type	Year	Amount
SNAP Federal	SNAP - direct federal assistance (food benefits)	Federal Direct Benefits	FFY25	\$60,860,176 ⁵
SNAP Federal	SNAP Education	Federal Grant - <i>eliminated October 1, 2025 as a result of H.R.1</i>	FFY25	\$1,798,190
	SNAP Employment and Training	Federal Grant	FFY25	\$498,871 ⁶
	SNAP Administration	Federal Grant - 50% Match	FFY25	\$6.8 million
State General Funds	SNAP Administration	State Funds - 50% Match	FFY25	\$6.8 million ⁷

SNAP food benefit assistance paid to eligible SNAP clients through an EBT card is currently 100% federally funded. However, beginning September 30, 2027, states with a payment error rate equal to or higher than 6% may be required to contribute funding for food benefits. Also notable, SNAP administrative costs are currently federally reimbursed at a rate of 50%; however, beginning October 1, 2026, the state match will increase to 75%.

Eligibility Integrity and Quality Control

The Eligibility Integrity Unit investigates cases of fraud and abuse and identifies overpayments when individuals receive more benefits than they are entitled to. When fraud is substantiated, cases are referred for disqualification and/or prosecution, depending on the circumstances. In FFY 2025, the unit substantiated 165 complaints, found 172 complaints unsubstantiated, and currently has three cases under investigation. The number of substantiated cases represents less than 1% of the total SNAP caseload.

The Quality Control (QC) Unit is responsible for ensuring the accuracy and integrity of the SNAP program. QC staff review a random sample of SNAP cases each month to identify and measure payment errors, including overpayments and underpayments. QC analyzes why errors occur, report error rates to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), and provide data that help improve eligibility determinations, benefit calculations, and program administration. The work of QC also helps maintain public confidence, support proper use of federal funds, and guide corrective actions when necessary.

Program Staffing

The Department of Family Services' (Department) Economic Security Division's 94⁸ field staff, including eligibility workers, supervisors, and regional managers, 12 Eligibility Integrity and Quality Control staff, and 7 program and policy staff, support the administration of the SNAP, with eligibility workers responsible for determining client eligibility.

⁴ The amounts in this budget table are primarily represented in budget units 5901, 5910, and 5915.

⁵ SNAP food benefit funding is 100% federal and does not pass through the Department's budget.

⁶ The Department received an additional \$750,000 in federal funds in FFY25 to support Climb Wyoming programming. This is not guaranteed ongoing.

⁷ FFY25 state and federal funding are estimates and are based on current 50/50 cost-sharing requirements. Effective October 1, 2026, the state share will increase to 75% and the federal share will decrease to 25%.

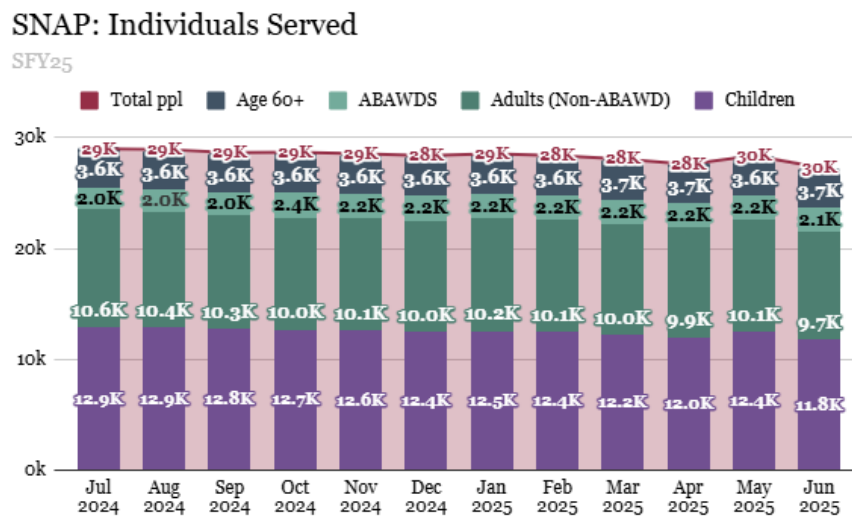
⁸ Budget Unit 5915 - Field staff provide eligibility and case management services for more than one public assistance program; such as SNAP and POWER.

Contractors: Department of Workforce Services/DADS Making a Difference (SNAP E&T); CLIMB Wyoming (SNAP E&T); Easterseals Wyoming (SNAP E&T); and University of Wyoming Extension Office (SNAP Ed).

Program Data⁹

In State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025, SNAP provided \$62,096,686 in federal food benefits to an average of 13,405 households per month. Households received a monthly average of \$386 in SNAP benefits and individuals received a monthly average of \$182 in SNAP benefits. The graph on the next page shows the number of children and adults (including the proportion of ABAWDS) served by SNAP in SFY 2025. On average, the program served 28,364 individuals per month, which includes an average of 15,912 adults (of which 8%, or an average of 2,188 are ABAWDS) and an average of 12,483 children.

Figure 1. SNAP Children and Adults Served; SFY25



According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the 2022 National SNAP Penetration Rate¹⁰ was 88% and the Wyoming rate was 63%.¹¹ The statewide average SNAP Penetration Rates at 130% FPL in SFY25¹² was 34%.

See *Appendix A* for a summary of SNAP utilization by catchment area for July -November 2025.

Program Successes and Opportunities

In FFY24, Wyoming was fifth in the nation for the SNAP payment error rate (WY: 5.12%; US: 10.93%) and seventh in the nation for SNAP Case and Procedural Error Rate (CAPER) (WY: 26.40%/US 43.81%).¹³ SNAP payment error rate is the percentage of benefits that were either overpaid or underpaid to households compared to what they should have received, and CAPER measures the correctness of a State agency’s actions to deny an application or suspend/terminate benefits.

⁹ Data Sources: SNAP Program; SNAP/TANF Data; and SNAP Adult_Kid Count per FFY;

¹⁰ Household participation rates in this report are estimated percentages of individuals and households that were eligible for SNAP under Federal income and resource rules and who chose to participate in the program.

¹¹ Data Source: USDA; Reaching Those in Need: 2022;

<https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/ear-snap-Reaching-Those-in-Need-2022.pdf>; 2022.

¹² Data Sources: SNAP Penetration Rates - SFY25 Quick Facts.

¹³ Data Sources: FNS: SNAP Payment Error Rates [<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/qc/per>], CAPER [<https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/snap-fy24QC-CAPER.pdf>] (FFY24).

Based on FNS Quality Control data from April through September 2024, Wyoming's Application Processing Timeliness (APT) rate was 94.83% and its Recertification Processing Timeliness (RPT) rate was 84.85%. Because the federal requirement is to maintain rates above 90%, Wyoming is in compliance for APT, ranking among the top four states nationally, but out of compliance for RPT. As a result, the state was placed on a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). The Department has conducted a root cause analysis and is implementing several initiatives to return the RPT rate to compliance.

WY Home Matters

SNAP and SNAP E&T are examples of economic and concrete support and community-based services that help families meet their basic needs which are necessary for family stability and to help families stay safe at home. While interviewing clients for SNAP eligibility, field staff also provide education and referrals for SNAP E&T as well as other Department programs including, but not limited to, utilities assistance, cash assistance, and child care assistance.

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Appendix A - SNAP Individuals Served by Catchment Area

The "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," also known as H.R. 1 (119th Congress 2025-2026) changed the definition of Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) to include adults 18-64 (previously 18-54) and adults with children under 14 (previously under 18). The following data reflects individuals served by updated age groups.

Table 1. SNAP Individuals Served by Catchment Area by Month; July - November 2025

Catchment Area	Jul 25	Aug 25	Sept 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Total	% of Total Catchment	% of Statewide Total SNAP recipients
Afton	265	253	240	255	237	1,250	100.00%	0.93%
Kids 0-17	132	120	111	122	108	593	47.44%	
Adults 18-64	108	101	95	97	89	490	39.20%	
Adults 65+	22	23	23	22	23	113	9.04%	
ABAWDs	3	9	11	14	17	54	4.32%	
Buffalo	215	206	202	195	198	1,016	100.00%	0.76%
Kids 0-17	91	85	84	78	78	416	40.94%	
Adults 18-64	82	79	73	70	70	374	36.81%	
Adults 65+	37	37	39	38	37	188	18.50%	
ABAWDs	5	5	6	9	13	38	3.74%	
Casper	5,212	5,143	5,173	5,115	4,894	25,537	100.00%	19.06%
Kids 0-17	2,102	2,064	2,072	2,049	1,972	10,259	40.17%	
Adults 18-64	2,135	2,089	2,058	1,933	1,829	10,044	39.33%	
Adults 65+	396	394	400	402	402	1,994	7.81%	
ABAWDs	579	596	643	731	691	3,240	12.69%	
Cheyenne	5,065	5,070	5,012	4,918	4,694	24,759	100.00%	18.48%
Kids 0-17	2,170	2,180	2,155	2,121	2,036	10,662	43.06%	
Adults 18-64	2,072	2,041	1,977	1,882	1,792	9,764	39.44%	
Adults 65+	452	452	459	444	425	2,232	9.01%	
ABAWDs	371	397	421	471	441	2,101	8.49%	
Cody	406	400	418	407	387	2,018	100.00%	1.51%
Kids 0-17	147	143	156	151	142	739	36.62%	
Adults 18-64	164	162	165	150	147	788	39.05%	
Adults 65+	64	66	68	70	67	335	16.60%	
ABAWDs	31	29	29	36	31	156	7.73%	
Douglas	473	462	471	456	438	2,300	100.00%	1.72%
Kids 0-17	218	214	213	198	188	1,031	44.83%	
Adults 18-64	188	179	183	182	173	905	39.35%	
Adults 65+	45	45	48	48	45	231	10.04%	
ABAWDs	22	24	27	28	32	133	5.78%	
Evanston	973	973	979	949	902	4,776	100.00%	3.56%
Kids 0-17	449	450	453	418	398	2,168	45.39%	
Adults 18-64	379	383	385	365	342	1,854	38.82%	
Adults 65+	65	63	64	66	63	321	6.72%	

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ABAWDs	80	77	77	100	99	433	9.07%	
Ft. Washakie	268	244	229	215	212	1,168	100.00%	0.87%
Kids 0-17	133	112	107	100	99	551	47.17%	
Adults 18-64	100	91	87	80	79	437	37.41%	
Adults 65+	7	6	6	6	6	31	2.65%	
ABAWDs	28	35	29	29	28	149	12.76%	
Gillette	2,001	2,019	2,025	2,031	1,888	9,964	100.00%	7.44%
Kids 0-17	927	932	939	942	874	4,614	46.31%	
Adults 18-64	784	795	772	744	688	3,783	37.97%	
Adults 65+	148	145	146	149	142	730	7.33%	
ABAWDs	142	147	168	196	184	837	8.40%	
Glenrock	127	129	129	125	113	623	100.00%	0.46%
Kids 0-17	55	57	56	53	46	267	42.86%	
Adults 18-64	52	50	50	50	45	247	39.65%	
Adults 65+	13	13	15	14	14	69	11.08%	
ABAWDs	7	9	8	8	8	40	6.42%	
Greybull	564	564	564	549	509	2,750	100.00%	2.05%
Kids 0-17	252	254	257	254	230	1,247	45.35%	
Adults 18-64	235	229	226	209	198	1,097	39.89%	
Adults 65+	49	49	48	49	49	244	8.87%	
ABAWDs	28	32	33	37	32	162	5.89%	
Jackson	52	50	47	44	40	233	100.00%	0.17%
Kids 0-17	22	22	20	16	14	94	40.34%	
Adults 18-64	17	15	15	13	10	70	30.04%	
Adults 65+	10	10	9	10	10	49	21.03%	
ABAWDs	3	3	3	5	6	20	8.58%	
Kemmerer	91	84	86	88	84	433	100.00%	0.32%
Kids 0-17	47	44	45	46	44	226	52.19%	
Adults 18-64	37	32	31	33	31	164	37.88%	
Adults 65+	5	5	6	6	6	28	6.47%	
ABAWDs	2	3	4	3	3	15	3.46%	
Lander	1,101	1,093	1,092	1,059	1,013	5,358	100.00%	4.00%
Kids 0-17	556	549	551	541	510	2,707	50.52%	
Adults 18-64	415	402	397	378	358	1,950	36.39%	
Adults 65+	67	67	65	65	63	327	6.10%	
ABAWDs	63	75	79	75	82	374	6.98%	
Laramie	1,010	1,006	1,020	1,009	970	5,015	100.00%	3.74%
Kids 0-17	388	386	395	393	375	1,937	38.62%	
Adult 18-64	429	423	429	421	408	2,110	42.07%	
Adults 65+	112	115	119	117	116	579	11.55%	

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ABAWDs	81	82	77	78	71	389	7.76%	
Lovell	34	30	24	37	40	165	100.00%	0.12%
Kids 0-17	18	15	12	22	24	91	55.15%	
Adults 18-64	12	11	9	12	13	57	34.55%	
Adults 65+	1	1	1	1	1	5	3.03%	
ABAWDs	3	3	2	2	2	12	7.27%	
Lusk	101	114	110	108	103	536	100.00%	0.40%
Kids 0-17	38	45	44	45	42	214	39.93%	
Adults 18-64	43	47	43	42	39	214	39.93%	
Adults 65+	18	18	17	16	16	85	15.86%	
ABAWDs	2	4	6	5	6	23	4.29%	
Lyman	235	238	258	262	257	1,250	100.00%	0.93%
Kids 0-17	120	122	133	136	134	645	51.60%	
Adults 18-64	90	91	97	95	89	462	36.96%	
Adults 65+	19	18	19	18	18	92	7.36%	
ABAWDs	6	7	9	13	16	51	4.08%	
Newcastle	263	265	277	274	261	1,340	100.00%	1.00%
Kids 0-17	105	107	109	116	115	552	41.19%	
Adults 18-64	110	111	116	105	95	537	40.07%	
Adults 65+	42	41	41	37	35	196	14.63%	
ABAWDs	6	6	11	16	16	55	4.10%	
Pinedale	114	102	109	96	86	507	100.00%	0.38%
Kids 0-17	52	44	50	42	35	223	43.98%	
Adults 18-64	45	39	38	32	30	184	36.29%	
Adults 65+	12	13	13	14	13	65	12.82%	
ABAWDs	5	6	8	8	8	35	6.90%	
Powell	438	425	454	459	447	2,223	100.00%	1.66%
Kids 0-17	193	187	210	213	204	1,007	45.30%	
Adults 18-64	181	176	183	176	177	893	40.17%	
Adults 65+	36	35	34	33	33	171	7.69%	
ABAWDs	28	27	27	37	33	152	6.84%	
Rawlins	647	651	656	642	622	3,218	100.00%	2.40%
Kids 0-17	283	283	280	273	272	1,391	43.23%	
Adults 18-64	266	265	261	248	239	1,279	39.75%	
Adults 65+	57	60	62	63	60	302	9.38%	
ABAWDs	41	43	53	58	51	246	7.64%	
Riverton	2,482	2,475	2,473	2,460	2,406	12,296	100.00%	9.18%
Kids 0-17	1,184	1,173	1,177	1,186	1,174	5,894	47.93%	
Adults 18-64	938	940	922	898	863	4,561	37.09%	
Adults 65+	137	134	133	132	130	666	5.42%	

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ABAWDs	223	228	241	244	239	1,175	9.56%	
Rock Springs	2,128	2,150	2,145	2,077	1,922	10,422	100.00%	7.78%
Kids 0-17	909	920	906	881	812	4,428	42.49%	
Adults 18-64	930	923	895	832	765	4,345	41.69%	
Adults 65+	123	127	128	126	127	631	6.05%	
ABAWDs	166	180	216	238	218	1,018	9.77%	
Sheridan	1,158	1,184	1,201	1,197	1,151	5,891	100.00%	4.40%
Kids 0-17	443	462	476	478	464	2,323	39.43%	
Adults 18-64	498	497	484	461	434	2,374	40.30%	
Adults 65+	148	145	143	147	144	727	12.34%	
ABAWDs	69	80	98	111	109	467	7.93%	
Sundance	148	147	145	139	130	709	100.00%	0.53%
Kids 0-17	72	71	69	66	62	340	47.95%	
Adults 18-64	58	58	57	54	49	276	38.93%	
Adults 65+	12	12	13	13	12	62	8.74%	
ABAWDs	6	6	6	6	7	31	4.37%	
Thermopolis	224	216	222	216	195	1,073	100.00%	0.80%
Kids 0-17	89	85	89	82	70	415	38.68%	
Adults 18-64	91	90	91	83	75	430	40.07%	
Adults 65+	36	34	34	35	36	175	16.31%	
ABAWDs	8	7	8	16	14	53	4.94%	
Torrington	714	717	709	696	683	3,519	100.00%	2.63%
Kids 0-17	317	316	312	309	302	1,556	44.22%	
Adults 18-64	287	296	290	268	260	1,401	39.81%	
Adults 65+	74	76	77	78	77	382	10.86%	
ABAWDs	36	29	30	41	44	180	5.12%	
Wheatland	384	397	403	405	377	1,966	100.00%	1.47%
Kids 0-17	163	167	168	163	144	805	40.95%	
Adults 18-64	153	161	166	158	151	789	40.13%	
Adults 65+	50	50	47	50	49	246	12.51%	
ABAWDs	18	19	22	34	33	126	6.41%	
Worland	340	343	343	331	318	1,675	100.00%	1.25%
Kids 0-17	153	154	154	148	146	755	45.07%	
Adults 18-64	136	138	131	121	113	639	38.15%	
Adults 65+	39	41	42	41	41	204	12.18%	
ABAWDs	12	10	16	21	18	77	4.60%	
All	27,233	27,150	27,216	26,814	25,577	133,990		100%

Table 2. SNAP Individuals Served by Month; July - November 2025

Month	Kids 0-17	Adult 18-64	Adults 65+	ABAWDs	TOTAL
July 2025	11,828	11,035	2,296	2,074	27,233
August 2025	11,763	10,914	2,295	2,178	27,150
September 2025	11,803	10,726	2,319	2,368	27,216
October 2025	11,642	10,192	2,310	2,670	26,814
November 2025	11,114	9,651	2,260	2,552	25,577
Total	58,150	52,518	11,480	11,842	133,990
Percentage	43.40%	39.20%	8.57%	8.84%	100.00%