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# The Impact of the Loss of Snap Benefits on Cities and Their Residents

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# Foreword

The United States Conference of Mayors is deeply concerned about the disruption to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, which began November 1 due to the federal government shutdown. It will affect millions of Americans, particularly the most vulnerable among us.

We know that in cities across the country local food banks, schools, and community organizations are seeing an immediate increase in requests for nutrition support. And we know that SNAP is not only a federal nutrition program—it is a critical local economic stabilizer. When benefits are delayed or reduced, city economies absorb the shock through increased food insecurity, higher demand on emergency food providers, and additional strain on municipal budgets and public health systems. Local grocery stores, small retailers, and farmers' markets—many of which rely heavily on SNAP transactions—also experience revenue losses that ripple through our neighborhoods.

In an effort to demonstrate to the Administration, the Congress and the nation the devastating impact this disruption is having on cities and the people who live within them, we have conducted a short survey of the 100 cities whose mayors are in the Conference leadership. Demonstrating how concerned mayors are about the disruption of SNAP benefits, word of the survey spread to other mayors and 31 of the cities included in the survey came from mayors not in our leadership. In total, we received responses from 105 cities in 32 states across the country and the District of Columbia.

The survey results highlight the significant negative impact that the disruption of SNAP benefits is already having and will continue to have on our residents, our cities and our nation. We urge the Administration and the Congress to act immediately to provide SNAP benefits to all recipients. Hunger is unacceptable in a country as great as the United States of America.



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# Survey Findings

On Wednesday afternoon, October 29, 2025, the U.S. Conference of Mayors sent a brief survey to the 100 mayors who serve in the organization's leadership to determine how the anticipated disruption of SNAP benefits, set to begin on November 1, would impact their residents and their cities. Demonstrating how concerned mayors are about the disruption of SNAP benefits, word of the survey spread, prompting 31 additional cities to submit surveys. As a result, a total of 105 cities from 32 states and the District of Columbia submitted responses by end of day on Friday, October 31 and are included in this survey.

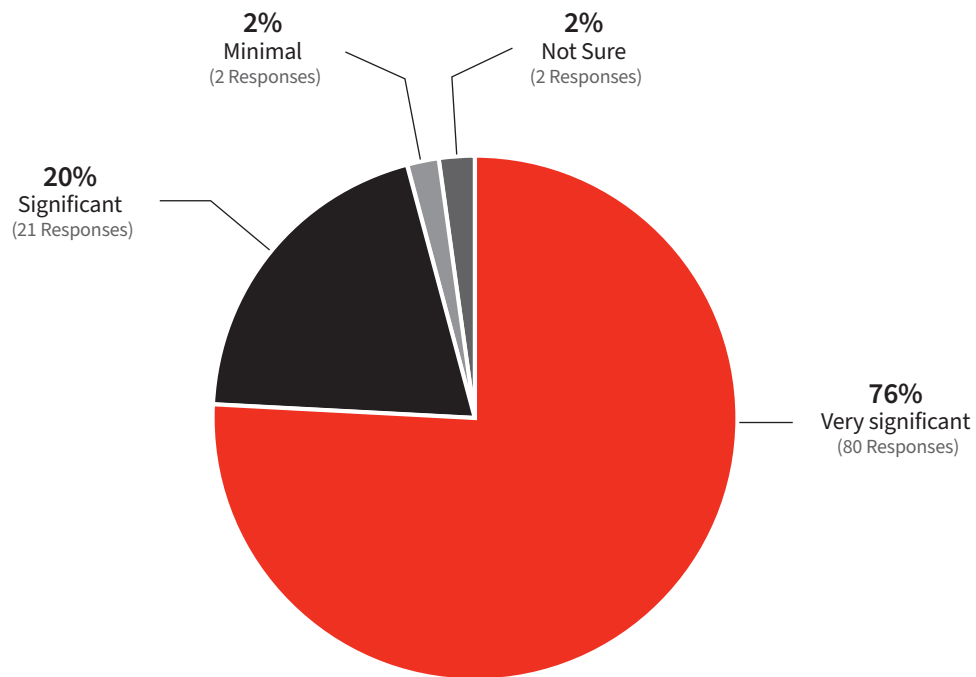
### Here's what the mayors and other city officials told us:

- 96% said that if SNAP benefits are disrupted due to the shutdown the impact would be very significant or significant on their residents.
- Beyond individual hardship, they identified the economic impacts their city would experience from a SNAP disruption. All but one city (99%) identified increased pressure on local aid organizations. 91% expected decreased spending at local grocery stores and small businesses.
- The cities identified up to three community systems or services they anticipate would experience the greatest strain if SNAP benefits are disrupted. Food banks and emergency pantries were listed most frequently, by 96% of the cities; local nonprofits or faith-based food assistance programs were listed by 79%; senior meal delivery and programs were listed by 36%; and local health and human services agencies by one-fourth of the cities.
- Their messages to Congress and the Administration about the impact of a lapse in SNAP benefits due to the shutdown include:
  - the serious consequences of a lapse in SNAP benefits for their residents, particularly children and seniors,
  - the inability of local governments and service providers to meet the need,
  - the impact it would have on the local economy,
  - that it is a manufactured political crisis,
  - that hunger should never be used as leverage in political negotiations, and
  - that Washington should do its job, put citizens first, and swiftly come to an agreement that will restore SNAP and funding to other critical programs by ending the shutdown quickly.

## Impact of SNAP Disruption on City Residents

96% of the cities said that if SNAP benefits are disrupted due to the shutdown the impact would be very significant or significant on their residents. Two percent said it would be minimal, and two percent don't know.

How significant would the impact be on your residents if SNAP benefits are disrupted due to the shutdown?

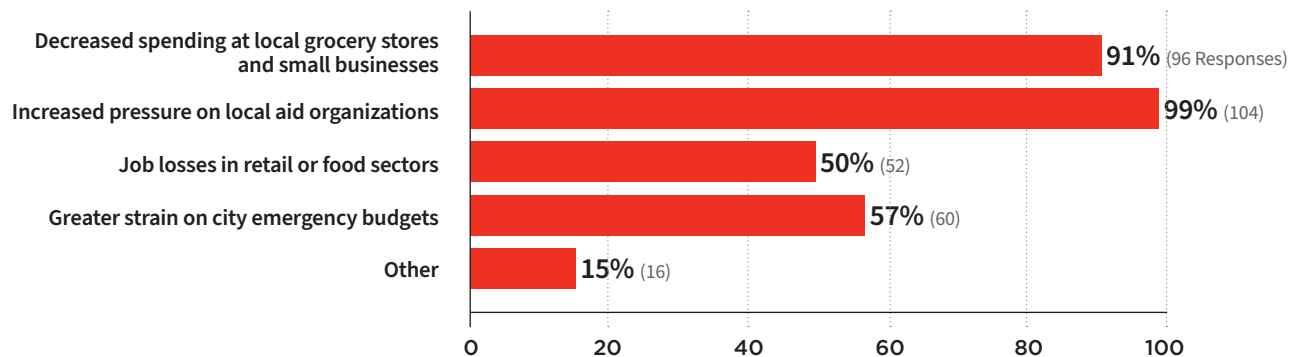




## Economic Impact of SNAP Disruption

Beyond individual hardship, the cities identified the economic impacts their city would experience from a SNAP disruption. All but one city (99%) identified increased pressure on local aid organizations. 91% expected decreased spending at local grocery stores and small businesses.

**Beyond individual hardship, what economic impacts would your city experience from a SNAP disruption? (Select all that apply)**



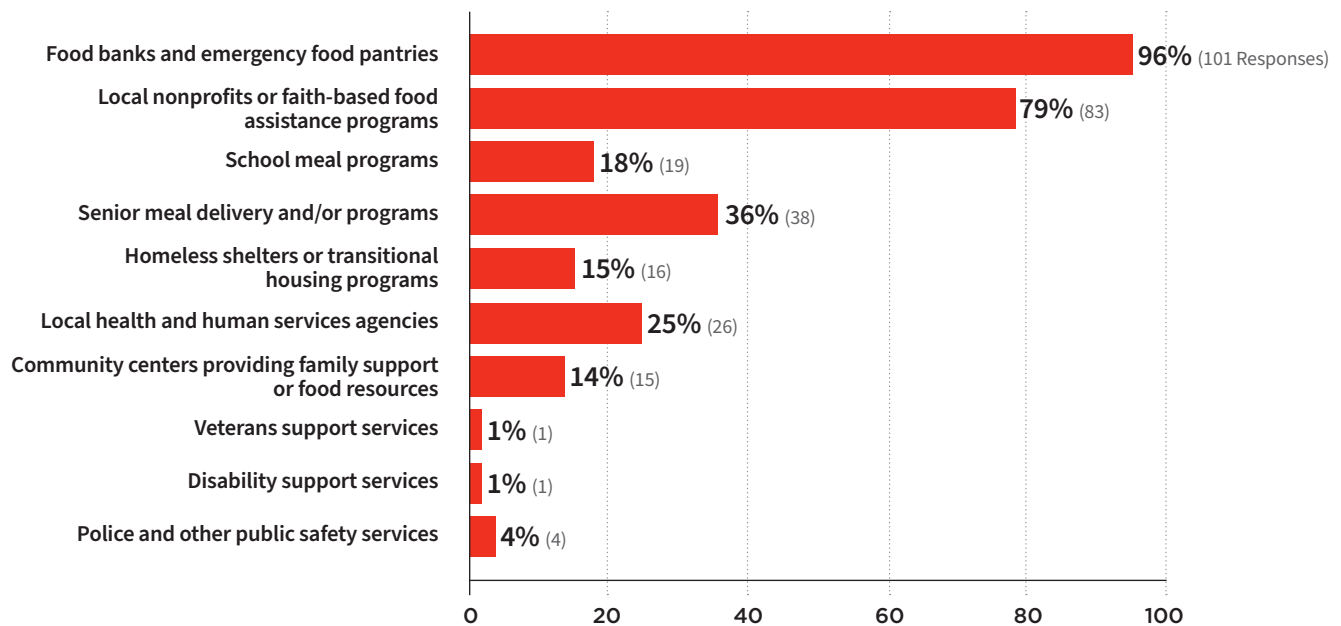
Among the other impacts identified by individual cities are:

- Chaos and confusion
- Disruption to other emergency resources during the holiday season since funding is being directed to protect families now
- Increased demand on city communication channels and constituent services as residents seek assistance and information. A disruption would also strain partnerships with schools, the county, and local nonprofits that rely on SNAP stability to plan meal and outreach programs. Collectively, these ripple effects would erode community well-being and put further pressure on already stretched local systems
- Impact on local elections involving tax increases
- Increased crime from shoplifting or potential violence from looting as people become more desperate
- Increases in eviction filings
- Local farmers will lose revenue due to the Double Up Food Bucks program not being available
- Stress and desperation creating an emotional toll on families that impact health and well-being
- The impact of HR1 already created strain. This is layered on top of that and the result will be smaller emergency food boxes
- Vulnerable residents, already experiencing underemployment or unemployment, would be forced to choose which critical financial obligations - such as rent and utilities - they will meet after addressing hunger demands. If the shutdown is prolonged and SNAP benefits remain unavailable, these residents will increase their risk for eviction.
- Impact on residents' personal financial situations, such as funds available for car payments and rent, leading to increased housing insecurity, vehicle repossession risk, etc.
- Reduction in sales at our farmers markets, adding stress to our local/regional farmers
- Hungry children and seniors

## Strain on Community Systems and Services

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**If SNAP benefits are disrupted, which of the following community systems or services do you anticipate would experience the greatest strain? (Select up to 3)**



## Messages to Washington

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The city officials were asked what message they want to convey to Congress and the Administration about the impact on their community if SNAP benefits lapse due to the shutdown. Many discussed the serious consequences of a lapse in SNAP benefits for their residents, particularly children and seniors, the inability of local governments and service providers to meet the need, and the impact it would have on the local economy. Several termed it a “manufactured crisis.”

The mayors and other city officials said that hunger should never be used as leverage in political negotiations and urged Congress and the Administration to do their jobs, put citizens first, and swiftly come to an agreement that will restore SNAP and funding to other critical programs by ending the shutdown quickly.

Here’s what each of the cities that responded to the question had to say to Congress and the Administration:

**Montgomery, AL:** The City of Montgomery demands that you stop using food security as a political hostage. The lapse of SNAP benefits starting this Saturday, November 1st, is not an inconvenience; it is a manufactured humanitarian crisis directly impacting 53,600 of our most vulnerable residents, including thousands of children. We are the capital city for a district that hosts a critical military installation. Our federal workers are not getting paid, and now our poorest families will starve. The Administration must immediately tap the contingency funds available to restore SNAP, and Congress must pass a clean, standalone funding measure to ensure food assistance and military pay are permanently exempted from future political shutdowns. Montgomery is mobilizing our scarce local resources to manage this catastrophe; your inaction is irresponsible and unpatriotic.

**Tuscaloosa, AL:** If SNAP benefits lapse due to a government shutdown, the consequences for our community will be immediate and far-reaching. Beyond the devastating impact on food security for vulnerable families, the ripple effects will undermine critical social determinants of health and well-being in Tuscaloosa. We will see increased strain on local healthcare systems, housing instability, and disruptions in transportation access as families are forced to make impossible choices. Public safety could also be compromised as economic stress escalates. Perhaps most concerning is the long-term toll on human emotional intelligence. Children and adults alike will face heightened anxiety, diminished capacity

for learning and engagement, and a weakening of the social fabric that holds our community together. We urge Congress and the Administration to recognize that SNAP is not just a nutrition program, it is a foundational support that sustains the dignity, stability, and resilience of our city and all those who call it home.

**Phoenix, AZ:** Phoenix’s most vulnerable residents will suffer greatly if SNAP benefits lapse. As many as 400,000 people in our city alone are set to lose their benefits. That’s about 1 in 4 Phoenix residents. These are our friends and neighbors. Seniors will go hungry. Families will go hungry. Children will go hungry.

The average monthly benefit issued in Phoenix is \$370 per household. SNAP households will now need to make serious decisions about whether to pay rent, mortgage, and/or utilities or to purchase food for their families. State and local governments do not have the resources to fill the gap, and an enormous strain will be put on our community organizations right as we enter the holiday season.

This is a manufactured emergency. The U.S. Department of Agriculture can use more than \$5 billion in contingency funds to continue dispersing SNAP benefits, which it has done in previous federal government shutdowns. Phoenix sends its tax dollars to Washington to support critical safety net programs, and taxpayers deserve access to those resources now.

**Tempe, AZ:** Cutting aid to our most vulnerable neighbors and working families during a time that sees rent/housing prices continue to rise and wages are stagnant would only compound those existing challenges and push families further into a downward spiral of poverty. This will also hurt our future workforce of young people who will lack the proper nutrition to properly learn while in school. There are no positive short-term or long-term outcomes from this benefit lapse.

**Tucson, AZ:** This action impacts our people who need a hand-up, not a hand-out. Children, seniors, and veterans are most affected - 367,000 children in Tucson alone. This impacts school, learning and our economic future.

**Beverly Hills, CA:** Please work to continue SNAP benefits during the lapse due to the federal government shutdown. Countless residents in neighboring communities will be in need and the overall negative impact will cross local jurisdiction borders.

**Fontana, CA:** End this shutdown and put our citizens first!

**Los Angeles, CA:** The loss of SNAP benefits for an extended period of time would increase food insecurity. This would disproportionately affect low-income families, children, seniors, and people with disabilities. More families would likely go hungry and struggle to afford groceries, rent, utilities, and transportation.

**Petaluma, CA:** Food security benefits us all at every level of government. Don't allow politics to risk a fundamental human right.

**Riverside, CA:** Over 300,000 people in Riverside County rely on SNAP benefits. Without this vital resource, thousands of families in my city will go hungry.

**San Leandro, CA:** It's critical that we restore funding immediately. No one should be choosing between food and housing. Compromise folks. This is what we were promised back in early 2025 when a shutdown was looming. We kicked the can down the road, and we still don't have a compromise.

**Santa Monica, CA:** It is inexcusable to allow anyone in this country to go hungry because the political party in power won't negotiate to reopen the government or even lift a finger to get funding for a social safety net program out the door.

**Sonoma, CA:** This has a real impact on the lives of our communities.

**West Sacramento, CA:** West Sacramento is home to nearly 9,000 residents, primarily families and youth, who will be severely affected by the CalFresh disruption. Ending the federal shutdown or releasing funding immediately is essential to prevent devastating impacts on our families and local economy. Action is needed now.

**Colorado Springs, CO:** 10% of our population, or 75,000 people, depend on SNAP. 40% of them are children.

**Hartford, CT:** Right here in Hartford, the capital city, tens of thousands of residents stand to lose their essential food benefits starting November 1st. This is not a national statistic, these are our neighbors, our co-workers, our kids' classmates. This crisis is not an accident of nature. It is the result of political infighting and a failure of leadership in Washington. They are weaponizing the basic human need for food to score political points. Early estimates find that our families stand to lose up to \$200 a month in benefits; these are dollars being taken out of the pockets of Hartford residents who are already struggling to get by.

**Jacksonville, FL:** If SNAP benefits lapse, the impact on our community would be immediate and devastating. Families who are already struggling to make ends meet would face hunger within days, not weeks. Our food banks, churches, and nonprofits are already operating at capacity. There is simply no safety net large enough to absorb this kind of loss. For many children, seniors, and working families, SNAP is the difference between stability and crisis. The ripple effects will go far beyond the dinner table. Local grocers, small businesses, and community programs will all feel the strain. We urge Congress and the Administration to act swiftly and responsibly to protect SNAP. This is not just about benefits, it's about the health, dignity, and well-being of millions of Americans who depend on this vital lifeline. Hunger should never be used as leverage in political negotiations.

**Lauderhill Lake, FL:** Do not interrupt SNAP! It is a literal life saver!

**Orlando, FL:** If there are policy objections to how the SNAP program works - or how much funding it requires - changes should be made through the deliberative legislative process rather than simply not funding the program during a shutdown. This allows dependents and community stakeholders time to plan and adjust to changes.

**Tampa, FL:** Hunger undermines public health, public safety, and disproportionately affects children and seniors.

**Waterloo, IA:** The loss of SNAP benefits during a government shutdown has a real and painful impact on Waterloo families who depend on this support to put food on the table. When federal aid is disrupted, it strains local food pantries and community resources. My administration is working with partners like the Northeast Iowa Food Bank to help families in need, but Washington must act quickly to restore funding. No one should go hungry because of politics.

**Boise, ID:** SNAP emergency funds should be released to ensure our most vulnerable residents can continue to put food on the table--especially as Thanksgiving and the holidays approach. Cities, faith leaders, and nonprofits have a limited ability to support local hunger needs if SNAP benefits lapse for longer than a few days. The need is too immense, and we need our federal partners to release the emergency funds as soon as possible.

**Chicago, IL:** There is no reason to pause supplemental food benefits for working people. USDA must release the funds.

**Michigan City, IN:** The impact to the more than 1200 families in our small community will cripple and strain multiple systems: service providers, workers, children and shelters.

**Louisville, KY:** If SNAP benefits lapse due to the shutdown, the impact on Louisville would be immediate and severe. Thousands of families, seniors, and children would face empty refrigerators and impossible choices between food and other basic needs. Local government and community partners are already stretched thin, and they cannot feasibly fill the gap that a federal lapse would create. SNAP dollars keep our local economy moving, supporting retailers, markets, and jobs across our city. A lapse would ripple through every neighborhood. We urge Congress and the Administration to act swiftly to keep SNAP funded and ensure that no family in Louisville, or anywhere in America, goes hungry because of political gridlock.

**New Bedford, MA:** Nearly half of the residents of my city of over 100,000 receive SNAP benefits. They are in disbelief that Congress would allow their lives to be so thoroughly disrupted.

**Salem, MA:** End the cruelty, feed Americans. One in five Salem residents rely on SNAP, stop playing games with their lives and their wellbeing.

**Canton Township, MI:** This is imperative to our community, region and state. There are 1.4 million residents on SNAP, and there are approximately 5,000 in Canton Township. The surrounding county has 433,000 on SNAP.

**Dearborn, MI:** If SNAP benefits lapse, the impact will be immediate and severe in communities like ours. In Dearborn, thousands of households rely on SNAP to meet their most basic nutritional needs. These are families already navigating the combined pressures of inflation, stagnant wages, and housing costs. Losing SNAP means children going to school hungry, seniors skipping meals, and parents forced into impossible tradeoffs between food, medication, and utilities. Beyond the moral failure, a lapse would also destabilize local economies. Grocers, corner stores, and working-class residents who depend on SNAP dollars will feel the strain. In the short term, our local food pantries, already operating at or beyond capacity, will be overwhelmed. In the long term, we risk deepening health inequities and undoing progress cities like ours have made on nutrition and chronic disease prevention. Congress and the Administration must understand that SNAP is not a “benefit,” it’s an essential public health intervention that keeps families and communities stable.

**Farmington Hills, MI:** This is not only a hunger issue, it is a matter of public safety. Because of this, we can expect increases in crime - putting strain on police resources. This is also a health crisis because we have documented situations of people halving or foregoing their medication because of expense and the need to feed the family.

**Lansing, MI:** Pausing SNAP benefits will result in people not having food. Cities and churches and non-profits cannot make up for the lost millions from the federal government. They will have to choose between rent and groceries. People look to the cities, and we just can’t move money in our budgets or collect enough food at drop-off sites. SNAP needs to be continued, or we will have a major crisis.

**Royal Oak, MI:** Providing healthy food to our residents is a basic human right. We cannot have residents, especially the most vulnerable, children and seniors, suffering physically from a lack of food. It is simply intolerable and is avoidable. Royal Oak is perched to offer every form of assistance available to us, but we need the federal government to get back to work.

**Charlotte, NC:** If SNAP benefits lapse due to the shutdown, the impact on our community would be immediate and devastating. Thousands of families, seniors, and children who rely on these benefits to meet their most basic needs would face food insecurity overnight.

**Raleigh, NC:** Over 88,000 people in our county will lose food assistance. At least a quarter of these are children.

**Lincoln, NE:** Approximately 25,000 residents in and around Lincoln are impacted by the SNAP benefits lapse. This funding lapse will force these people and their families to make difficult choices like whether to pay their rent or buy groceries. The loss of SNAP benefits will bring greater instability to our community and put a strain on our local health and human services organizations. I urge you to restore funding for the SNAP program during the federal government shutdown.

**Hamilton, NJ:** Food is vital to living. By taking away people's access to food, it can have many unintended consequences.

**Kearney, NJ:** I understand that there are abusers and the day-to-day taxpayers are paying for SNAP but to have all suffer is unjust. Seniors and veterans should be exempt and receive support.

**North Brunswick, NJ:** As Mayor of North Brunswick, I am urging Congress to take immediate action to protect SNAP and WIC funding. Any delay or reduction in these programs would have devastating effects on families in our community and across New Jersey. SNAP and WIC are not handouts, they are essential tools that keep children nourished, parents working, and seniors healthy. Here in North Brunswick, hundreds of households rely on these programs each month. If benefits are disrupted, families will face hunger, local food pantries will be overwhelmed, and small businesses that depend on SNAP spending will suffer. These programs also strengthen our economy: every federal SNAP dollar generates over a dollar in local economic activity. Protecting them is both a moral and practical investment in our community's stability. I respectfully ask that Congress: ensure uninterrupted funding for SNAP and WIC; avoid changes that make it harder for families to qualify; and support local governments and nonprofits that assist residents in need. No child or family in North Brunswick should go hungry because of federal inaction. Thank you for your leadership and attention to this urgent issue.

**Piscataway, NJ:** If SNAP benefits were to lapse due to a government shutdown, the impact on our community would be immediate and severe. Many families, seniors, and individuals who already struggle to make ends meet would face food insecurity overnight. Local food pantries and community organizations, which are already stretched thin, would be overwhelmed trying to fill the gap.

**Plainfield, NJ:** If SNAP benefits lapse, the human cost will be immediate and visible. In communities like ours, where working families already stretch every dollar, the loss of food assistance doesn't just mean empty refrigerators, it means parents skipping meals so their children can eat, seniors choosing between medicine and groceries, and a surge in demand that our local food pantries and nonprofits simply cannot absorb. When Washington goes silent, city governments like ours become the first and last line of defense. We will do what we can, but we cannot replace the federal safety net that millions depend on to survive. The shutdown may be political in Washington, but here it is deeply personal. I urge Congress and the Administration to see beyond party and remember the people who will bear the hunger, fear, and humiliation of this inaction.

**Albuquerque, NM:** If SNAP benefits lapse during this federal shutdown, the impact on Albuquerque will be immediate and severe. Nearly half a million New Mexicans rely on SNAP, and in Albuquerque alone, tens of thousands of families, including children, seniors, and working parents, depend on those benefits to put food on the table each day. When that lifeline is cut, the burden falls directly on local governments and nonprofits who are already stretched thin. For many of our residents, SNAP is the difference between stability and crisis. With rising costs and persistently increasing inflation we have seen longer lines at food banks, more families skipping meals, and increased pressure on our city's health and social service centers. Local governments are deeply concerned about what the loss of SNAP benefits will do to an already severely strained system. There will be long lasting ripple effects on children's learning, seniors' health, and the strength of our local economy. I urge Congress and the Administration to understand that federal food assistance is not a partisan issue; it's a matter of dignity, health, and basic human need.

When the federal government fails to deliver on that promise, cities like Albuquerque are forced to fill the gap with limited local resources. We will continue to stand with our community, partnering with food banks, schools, churches, and nonprofits to make sure no one goes hungry,



but this crisis should never have been passed down to cities to solve. Congress must act immediately to restore and protect SNAP benefits so that families can focus on living, learning, and working – not wondering where their next meal will come from.

**Santa Fe, NM:** You are literally taking food out of peoples' mouths. Have you no humanity?

**Albany, NY:** Failure to fund SNAP is inhumane, inexcusable, and completely avoidable.

**Mount Vernon, NY:** SNAP is the foundation of the U.S. nutritional safety net for our most vulnerable AMERICANS. Congress must focus on doing their jobs. Americans cannot go hungry in the wealthiest and most powerful country in the world because our national leaders are more interested in party politics and getting revenge while AMERICANS suffer.

**Akron, OH:** The lapse in SNAP benefits will greatly harm families across the City of Akron. It is not fair to punish people who are working hard for their families, but need a little extra support, by cutting off access to food. These are real people, real kids who are going to suffer the consequences of others.

**Cincinnati, OH:** The shutdown of SNAP benefits puts already vulnerable people – seniors, the disabled, children, and families – in the impossible situation of having to decide between rent, medicine, winter coats, or food.

**Cleveland, OH:** This lapse will be detrimental to our residents – both those enrolled in SNAP and those not. Food retailers, including local grocery stores and farmers markets, will lose a revenue stream, making an already precarious economic landscape more difficult. While the City and our partners at the County are prepared to invest in our local food assistance organizations, it cannot match the economic power of SNAP.

**Cleveland Heights, OH:** This will be devastating for families in poverty, low-income elderly, and the disabled.

**Dayton, OH:** SNAP provides much needed life sustaining resources for vulnerable children and families. Not only that, it provides resources to sustain our local economy and support small businesses.

**Lima, OH:** To our leaders in Washington, every day this shutdown continues, families in Lima face impossible choices, gas or groceries, rent or medicine. Any suspension of SNAP will push more parents to food lines and force schools and nonprofits to shoulder costs they cannot sustain. Local governments can triage, but we cannot replace the federal safety net. I urge you to end the shutdown immediately: restore SNAP, pass a bipartisan funding bill, and guarantee timely reimbursements so schools, food banks, and community agencies aren't left holding the bag. This isn't about politics, it's about kids eating dinner tonight and parents getting to work tomorrow.

**Oklahoma City, OK:** The lapse in SNAP benefits will affect more than 700,000 Oklahomans, including tens of thousands of Oklahoma City residents. With many families already experiencing financial strain due to federal employee furloughs, this disruption will compound hardship across our community.

Our residents and local organizations will do everything possible to support one another, but no local effort can fully close the gap left by the loss of these critical federal benefits. We urge swift Congressional action to restore SNAP funding and prevent further harm to Oklahomans who rely on this essential assistance.

**Tulsa, OK:** SNAP represents around \$32 million in economic activity to our city every month. More than 116,000 residents rely on SNAP every month in Tulsa. This will not only impact food security, but housing security as some folks choose food over rent, health if they skip medicine to access food, and so much more.

**Beaverton, OR:** SNAP is one of the most effective programs we have for preventing hunger and stabilizing families. If benefits lapse, the impact won't be abstract; it will hit real people in our community who are already doing everything right and still struggling to make ends meet. As a veteran, I know firsthand how many of our service members and veterans rely on SNAP to feed their families; nearly one in four experience food insecurity. A lapse would deepen hardship for them and for working parents, seniors, and kids across Beaverton. I urge Congress and the Administration to take immediate action to protect these essential benefits. Cities like mine are already stretched thin; we cannot backfill a federal safety net.

**Gresham, OR:** These programs are an essential resource to our community and to the greater public.

**Springfield, OR:** Please address this issue.

**Allentown, PA:** I personally wouldn't be where I am without supplemental food assistance. As a proud food stamp and free lunch kid, I am happy to share my example with local kids to show them that government interventions can help people achieve success.

**Erie, PA:** This will make life difficult, especially for low-income people.

**Philadelphia, PA:** Lack of SNAP will destabilize households, creating stress and chaos that will have ripple effects in our communities. Philadelphians who go hungry will miss school or work or perform poorly, will struggle to participate in employment and training programs, and will experience health consequences that will drive up health care costs. Over 472,000 Philadelphians will be affected, removing \$96.2 million monthly in food purchasing directly, and at least \$144 million in indirect economic impact.

**Scranton, PA:** Washington politicians are failing us right now, and Mayors don't have failure as an option. We get to work no matter what the crisis is, and politicians in Washington seem to just think they can play games. Mayors will work with their communities and get ideas from each other to keep food on the tables in our cities, despite inaction in DC.

**Central Falls, RI:** This is a nonpartisan issue. Congress and the Administration need to think about all of the harm this is creating especially to our seniors and children.

**Providence, RI:** The federal inaction right now is leading to a serious threat to families and children in our community. These are families and seniors who are often on a fixed income with limited resources to fill this financial gap. A purely political action is going to have real consequences in the kitchens across Providence, and it could have devastating impacts. While the City will do our part to make sure the needs of our community members are met, we need Congressional leadership to take action. Americans should not have to choose between quality affordable healthcare and being able to put food on the table. Rhode Islanders should not have to choose between paying their rent and purchasing food. We know that as a

community, we can prioritize providing the resources for both and it is unconscionable that the Federal Government is unnecessarily putting vulnerable people into more of these unimaginable circumstances.

**Columbia, SC:** Many families in Columbia already worry about putting dinner on the table every night, and it's a failure of Washington when that certainty is yanked away from our working families. While we appreciate our South Carolina Governor activating local relief and we are doing what we can to convene on the community level, the only thing that fixes this is Congress opening the doors and making sure those benefits get delivered by ending the shutdown. This crisis hits our most vulnerable children hardest, and it drains critical dollars straight out of our local economy.

**Knoxville, TN:** Please fund SNAP and HeadStart and healthcare. Put people before politics.

**Austin, TX:** The repercussions will be dramatic and, of course, impact the most vulnerable in our community first and hardest.

**Brownsville, TX:** In the event of a SNAP benefit lapse due to a government shutdown, our city would likely experience an immediate humanitarian crisis and widespread economic and public health consequences. It is imperative that SNAP benefits funding continue as it is a crucial safety net for thousands of families in our community.

**Issaquah, WA:** There are so many hardships impacting people across the country. Cutting or disrupting access to food is simply not an option.

**Redmond, WA:** This will hurt the most vulnerable in our communities and the impacts will be long lasting. We as cities do not have the resources – that is the federal government's job.

**Fitchburg, WI:** Do your job!

**Madison, WI:** SNAP is the cornerstone of our hunger response. If it is not available, there is no way for cities and states to backfill the support needed for people. This is an absolutely shameful moment in American history to allow vulnerable people to be used as political pawns.



**Milwaukee, WI:** Specific to Wisconsin legislation: Food security is not a partisan issue, and we ask the Governor and the legislature to explore all options to provide additional food assistance to those in need during this time. For families who struggle financially, any policy change that takes resources away increases the challenges they face. For the short term, Wisconsin lawmakers and the Governor must come together to make sure FoodShare has the funding it needs to keep providing groceries to families. For the long term, the federal bill passed in July includes the largest cut to SNAP in our nation's history, dramatically shifting costs to states. We're urging the Wisconsin legislature to approve \$69 million in state funds necessary to implement critical changes and avoid millions in federal fees.

# Survey Cities

Birmingham	AL	Normal	IL	Akron	OH
Montgomery	AL	Carmel	IN	Cincinnati	OH
Tuscaloosa	AL	Michigan City	IN	Cleveland	OH
Mesa	AZ	Louisville	KY	Cleveland Heights	OH
Phoenix	AZ	New Bedford	MA	Columbus	OH
Tempe	AZ	Salem	MA	Findlay	OH
Tucson	AZ	Frederick	MD	Lima	OH
Beverly Hills	CA	Canton Township	MI	Moore	OK
Fontana	CA	Dearborn	MI	Oklahoma City	OK
Fresno	CA	Detroit	MI	Stillwater	OK
Los Angeles	CA	Farmington Hills	MI	Tulsa	OK
Petaluma	CA	Lansing	MI	Beaverton	OR
Riverside	CA	Orion	MI	Gresham	OR
San Diego	CA	Rochester Hills	MI	Springfield	OR
San Francisco	CA	Royal Oak	MI	Allentown	PA
San Leandro	CA	Burnsville	MN	Erie	PA
Santa Monica	CA	Edina	MN	Philadelphia	PA
Seaside	CA	Columbia	MO	Scranton	PA
Sonoma	CA	Kansas City	MO	Central Falls	RI
West Sacramento	CA	Charlotte	NC	Providence	RI
Colorado Springs	CO	Durham	NC	Columbia	SC
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