



# SNAP BENEFITS

Arlington 2021



## **SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) TARGETS**

**INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO ARE FOOD  
INSECURE TO THE EXTENT THAT THEIR INCOME AND  
ASSETS ARE BELOW LIMITS PRESCRIBED BY  
CONGRESS FOR THEIR FAMILY SIZE.**

# **What is SNAP?**

**IN STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2021, ARLINGTON  
ISSUED \$1,682,322 IN SNAP BENEFITS,  
\$497,513 MORE THAN SFY 2020 AND OVER A  
MILLION DOLLARS MORE THAN SFY 2019**



**Pandemic changes affecting benefit issuance:**

**waived interviews, maximum benefit issuance, separate EBT issuance for school age children, stimulus payments not countable, work requirements were lifted**

**HOUSEHOLDS OF**  
**-1 RECEIVED A \$250 MONTHLY ALLOTMENT**  
**-4 RECEIVED A \$835 MONTHLY ALLOTMENT**

**Examples of SNAP recipient benefits during the  
pandemic with or without income  
(from March 2020-present)**



**SNAP APPLICATIONS  
INCREASED 14% OVER  
THE PAST YEAR AND  
40% FROM 2019!**

**Staff turnover was  
12% (at one time we were  
down 5 EW's)**

**PEOPLE (INDIVIDUALS)  
RECEIVING BENEFITS  
INCREASED 20% SINCE 2019  
AND PARTICIPATING H/H'S  
GREW 17% IN THE SAME  
PERIOD.**

**The SNAP program grew...**



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# **FEDERAL GUIDANCE REQUIRES 97% OF ALL APPLICATIONS BE PROCESSED TIMELY (7/30/60)**

**Arlington processed 99% of all applications  
timely!**

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How did we do it?

**TEMPORARY POLICY CHANGES:**

**-WAIVED INITIAL INTERVIEWS**

**-DELAYED RENEWALS AND INTERIM REVIEWS**

**-TEAMWORK**



**92% OF FEDERALLY AUDITED  
CASES AND 89% OF OUR IN-  
HOUSE AUDIT SHOWED  
CORRECT CASES!  
(90% STANDARD)**

**Staff were not only fast, but  
also efficient...**

A vibrant, multi-colored woven basket is overflowing with fresh vegetables. Visible items include several stalks of green asparagus, a bunch of bright red cherry tomatoes, and large leaves of green leafy vegetables like spinach or lettuce. The basket's pattern consists of a grid of small squares in various colors including red, blue, yellow, green, and white. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

**THE PERCENTAGE OF ARLINGTON RESIDENTS  
MEETING THE INCOME THRESHOLD FOR SNAP  
PARTICIPATION IS DECREASING...10.6% IN  
2017, NOW ONLY 9.1% MEET THE GUIDELINES.**

**\*2019 American Community Survey**

**ONSITE OUTREACH AND  
ENROLLMENT CLINICS HELD  
AT LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES,  
HOMELESS SHELTERS,  
SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY AND  
SENIOR CENTERS, ETC.**

**Continued efforts to increase  
SNAP participation...**





**FOR EACH \$5 OF SNAP ISSUED, THE RESULTING STIMULUS TO THE ECONOMY IS APPROXIMATELY \$9. AN INCREASE IN SNAP BENEFITS PROVIDES A FISCAL STIMULUS TO THE ECONOMY DURING AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN.**

**\$1,682,322 IN SFY 2021 ISSUANCE HAD AN ECONOMIC IMPACT OF \$3,028,180**

**The economic impact to the community resulting from SNAP Benefit Issuance is tremendous!**



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