

## Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap 2025

### REDUCED ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN FOR SNAP

#### What progress have states made in the last year to reduce administrative burden for SNAP?

State	State Context and Policy Progress
Alabama	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Alabama can apply, check the status of their application, report a change, renew benefits, submit verification forms, report a lost electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card, reschedule an interview, and request a hearing on the online portal, MyDHR.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 563 and S.B. 246, which would have ended the state's practice of using broad-based categorical eligibility (BBCE) for SNAP. BBCE makes households that are eligible for TANF programs automatically eligible for SNAP, effectively waiving the asset test and streamlining the application process. These bills did not pass this session.</p>
Alaska	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No Alaska assigns 12-month certifications to most, but not all, families. Families with unstable circumstances may be certified for a shorter period.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes Alaska launched an online case management portal called Alaska Connect in 2024. SNAP recipients in Alaska can apply, renew benefits, report changes, check the status of applications and renewals, and upload documents on the portal.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, Alaska unveiled a new online platform called Alaska Connect, on which families can manage their SNAP benefits. The platform builds on the online application Alaska launched in 2023 and allows families to check the status of their application, report changes, and more. The state plans to continue to add additional tools to the portal in the future.</p> <p>Additionally, legislators introduced S.B. 186, which would have required the state to submit a federal waiver to prohibit the purchase of soft drinks using SNAP benefits. The bill did not pass this session.</p>

Arizona	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children? Yes</b></p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children? Yes</b></p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services? Yes</b>  SNAP recipients in Arizona can apply, track their application status, report a change, renew benefits, view case and benefit information, and receive notices on the online portal, MyFamilyBenefits. Families can also use MyFamilyBenefits to manage their cash assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b>  In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 2121, which would have codified the current federal work requirements for SNAP, and H.B. 2122, which would have prohibited the state from waiving any work requirements in the future. Legislators also introduced H.B. 2165, which would have required the state to submit a federal waiver to prohibit the purchase of soda using SNAP benefits. All three bills were vetoed by the governor.</p>
Arkansas	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children? No</b>  The standard certification period for families with children in Arkansas is 6 months. Families experiencing homelessness, that include a migrant or seasonal farm worker, or that include a worker on strike may be certified for 4 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children? Yes</b></p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services? Yes</b>  SNAP recipients in Arkansas can check their eligibility, apply, report a change, renew benefits, upload documents, check the status of applications and renewals, schedule appointments, and file appeals on the online portal, Access Arkansas. Families can also use Access Arkansas to manage their medical and cash assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b>  In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.</p>
California	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children? No</b>  California assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Households with unstable circumstances may be certified for a shorter period.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children? Yes</b></p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services? Yes</b>  SNAP recipients in California can apply, track the status of an application, upload documents, report changes, renew benefits, and receive notices on the online portal, BenefitsCal. Families can also use BenefitsCal to manage their medical and cash assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b>  In the last year, legislators introduced A.B. 936, which would have made permanent the state's SNAP nutrition incentive program and renamed it as the CalFresh Fruit and Vegetable Supplemental Benefits Program. As of September 2025, the bill had not passed.</p>

Colorado	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No The standard certification period for a family with children in Colorado is 6 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Colorado can apply, track their application, report a change, renew benefits, upload documents, and chat with a virtual assistant on the online portal, Colorado PEAK. Families can also use Colorado PEAK to manage their medical, cash assistance, energy assistance, transit assistance, and early childhood program benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.</p>
Connecticut	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Connecticut can check their eligibility, apply, report a change, renew benefits, submit documents, request a hearing, and view case information on the online portal, ConneCT. Families can also use ConneCT to manage their medical and cash assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 170, which would have codified the current federal work requirements for all able-bodied adults receiving SNAP. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
Delaware	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No Delaware assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Households with unstable circumstances may be certified for a shorter period.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Delaware can check their eligibility, apply, finish an incomplete application, check the status of a submitted application, report a change, renew benefits, and view notices on the online portal, Delaware Assist. Families can also use Delaware Assist to manage their medical, cash assistance, child care assistance, nutrition, and energy assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.</p>

District of Columbia	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No The District of Columbia assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Households experiencing homelessness are certified for 6 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in the District of Columbia can check their eligibility, apply, save an in-progress application, report changes, renew benefits, and upload documents on the online portal, District Direct. Families can also use District Direct to manage medical and cash assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.</p>
Florida	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No The standard certification length for families with children in Florida is 6 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Florida can receive notices, request new electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards, apply for benefits, and report a change on the online portal, ACCESS Florida. Families can also use ACCESS Florida to manage their medical and cash assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.</p>
Georgia	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Georgia can apply, check benefit details, report a change, renew benefits, upload documents, and view notices on the online portal, Georgia Gateway. Families can also use Georgia Gateway to manage their medical and cash assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.</p>

Hawaii	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No Certification lengths for families with children in Hawaii vary from 3 to 12 months based on the household's stability and circumstances.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> No Hawaii assigns most, but not all, families, to simplified reporting. Families in which all adult members are elderly or disabled and have no earned income are change reporters. Families experiencing homelessness or those that include seasonal farm workers are subject to special simplified reporting requirements.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> No Hawaii does not offer online case management services. Hawaiians can, however, apply and complete renewals for SNAP online.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators enacted S.B. 960, which will appropriate an additional \$1.1 million in general funds for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 to strengthen access to the SNAP program. The funds may be used to authorize pay increases for staff working on SNAP, hire additional staff, and implement program incentives to improve SNAP participation rates.</p> <p>Legislators introduced H.B. 696 and S.B. 1055, which would have extended the minimum SNAP certification period that could have been assigned to recipients to 12 months. These bills did not pass this session.</p>
Idaho	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No The standard certification for families with children in Idaho is 6 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> No Idaho does not offer online case management services nor the ability to apply for SNAP online. Idaho is one of two states that does not offer an online application.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 109, which will require the state to submit a federal waiver to prohibit the purchase of soda and candy using SNAP benefits.</p>
Illinois	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> No Illinois assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Households with no earned income are change reporters.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Illinois can check their eligibility, apply, save an in-progress application, report a change, renew benefits, and update case information on the online portal, ABE. Families can also use ABE to manage medical and cash assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators enacted S.B. 32, which will make households that include a veteran or active duty servicemember categorically eligible for SNAP if their income is less than 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL), contingent on federal approval.</p>

Indiana	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes  SNAP recipients in Indiana can check their eligibility, apply, continue an incomplete application, report a change, upload documents, and view notices on Indiana's online FFSA Benefits portal. Families can also use the portal to manage medical and cash assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b>  In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 1648, which would have created a pilot program to deploy kiosks on which SNAP recipients could check the balance of their electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card, request a new EBT card, or apply for benefits, with the goal of making those services more accessible to families. Legislators also introduced H.B. 1486 and H.B. 1505, both of which would have required the state to submit a federal waiver to prohibit the purchase of energy drinks, sweetened beverages, carbonated beverages, candy, chips, and prepared desserts using SNAP benefits. These bills did not pass this session.</p>
Iowa	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No  The standard certification period for families with children in Iowa is 6 months. Families that include a migrant or seasonal farm worker or that are likely to be ineligible in the near future may be certified for 4 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> No  Iowa does not offer online case management services, but Iowans can apply for SNAP online.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b>  In the last year, legislators enacted S.F. 615, which will expand work requirements for SNAP recipients with children over age 6, people experiencing homelessness, veterans, and adults between the ages of 55 and 64, pending federal approval.</p> <p>Legislators also introduced H.F. 970, which would have appropriated \$1 million in state funds for nutrition incentive programs and required the state to submit a federal waiver to limit the use of SNAP benefits to only purchase foods and beverages necessary for good health. The bill did not pass this session.</p>

Kansas	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No          Kansas assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families residing in shelters for survivors of domestic violence are certified for 6 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes          SNAP recipients in Kansas can check their eligibility, apply, report a change, renew benefits, upload documents, and view their benefits on Kansas's DCF Self-Service Portal. Families can also use the portal to manage their cash assistance and child care assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b>          In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 2240, which restricts state agencies' authority to make changes to the state's SNAP, Medicaid, TANF, or child care programs without legislative approval. The legislature overrode Governor Kelly's veto of the legislation and it went into effect on July 1, 2025. Legislators also passed S.B. 79, which would have required the state to submit a federal waiver to prohibit the purchase of candy and soft drinks using SNAP benefits. This bill was vetoed by the governor and was not enacted.</p>
Kentucky	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes          SNAP recipients in Kentucky can check their eligibility, connect with a local benefits navigator, apply, report a change, renew benefits, request an appeal, and schedule and complete appointments on the online portal, kynect. Families can also use kynect to manage their medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b>          In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.</p>
Louisiana	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes          SNAP recipients in Louisiana can apply, check the status of an application, report a change, renew benefits, and view case details on the online portal, LACAP. Families can also use LACAP to manage their cash assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b>          In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 14, which would have prohibited the purchase of soda using SNAP benefits as a part of a larger bill on food restrictions and labeling. The provisions related to SNAP were amended out of the bill.</p>

Maine	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children? Yes</b></p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children? Yes</b></p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services? Yes</b>  SNAP recipients in Maine can apply, report a change, renew benefits, update contact information, and upload documents on the online portal, My Maine Connection. Families can also use My Maine Connection to manage their medical and cash assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b>  In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 603, which would have required SNAP households to spend at least 10% of their benefits within a 50-mile radius of their home of record. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
Maryland	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children? No</b>  Maryland assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families that include a migrant or seasonal farm worker or whose circumstances are unstable may be certified for a shorter period.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children? Yes</b></p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services? Yes</b>  SNAP recipients in Maryland can apply, resume a saved application, report a change, renew benefits, receive information about their case status, submit a claim for stolen benefits, and receive messages on the online portal, Maryland Benefits (formerly myMDTHINK). Families can also use the portal to manage a range of benefits provided by the Maryland Department of Human Services.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b>  In July 2025, Governor Moore announced the launch of Maryland Benefits One Application, allowing residents to apply for SNAP, Medicaid, TANF, WIC, and energy assistance through a single application. As of September 2025, the new service is available through Maryland Benefits, the state's online benefits access platform formerly known as MD THINK.</p> <p>In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.</p>
Massachusetts	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children? No</b>  Massachusetts assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families may be certified for a shorter period be-based on the predictability of change in their circumstances.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children? No</b>  Massachusetts assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families in which all members are applicants for or receive cash assistance (called public assistance households) are change reporters.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services? Yes</b>  SNAP recipients in Massachusetts can apply, report a change, renew benefits, request a new electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card and track it in the mail, check the status of uploaded documents, and reschedule appointments on the online portal, DTA Connect. Families can also use DTA Connect to manage their cash assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b>  In the last year, legislators introduced several bills related to the state's SNAP nutrition incentives program. H.B. 222 and S.B. 104 would have expanded the existing food incentives program to ensure availability year round and created a dedicated fund to support the program. H.B. 129 would have required the state to conduct a survey on the program to better understand its reach and opportunities for improvement. As of September 2025, these bills had not passed.</p>



Michigan	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No Michigan assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families that have unstable circumstances may be certified for a shorter period of at least 3 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> No Michigan assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families which include migrants or seasonal farm workers are change reporters.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Michigan can apply, report a change, renew benefits, self-refer themselves to community partners, upload documents, respond to verification requests, and connect with a community navigator on the online portal, MI Bridges. Families can also use MI Bridges to manage their medical, cash assistance, child care assistance, and state emergency relief benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 4305 and S.B. 227, which would have required the state to submit a federal waiver to prohibit the purchase of soda using SNAP benefits. As of September 2025, these bills had not passed.</p>
Minnesota	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No Minnesota assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families that are assigned to change reporting and have earned income are certified for 6 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> No Minnesota assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families experiencing homelessness, which include a migrant or seasonal farm worker, who live on a reservation, or in which all adult members are elderly or disabled and have no earned income are change reporters.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> No Minnesota does not offer online case management services, but Minnesotans can apply, report a change, and renew benefits online.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators introduced H.F. 1534, which would have established the “Fresh Bucks” pilot program, a SNAP nutrition incentive program, and appropriated \$1 million of general funds annually for the program. The bill did not pass this session.</p>

Mississippi	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No Certification lengths for families with children in Mississippi vary between 6 and 12 months based on the household stability and circumstances.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> No All families with children in Mississippi are change reporters.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Mississippi can check their eligibility, apply, check their application status, renew benefits, report a change, upload documents, and submit appeals on the online portal, ACCESS Mississippi. Families can also use ACCESS Mississippi to manage their medical, cash assistance, and energy assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 1329, which would have codified current federal work requirements for SNAP recipients. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
Missouri	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> No Missouri does not offer online case management services, but Missourians can apply or report a change online. The state recently created a portal for families to manage their Medicaid benefits, but SNAP benefits are not yet included.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 1222, which would have required the state to submit a federal waiver to prohibit the purchase of candy and soft drinks using SNAP benefits. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
Montana	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> No Montana assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families which include migrant or seasonal farmworkers and in which all members are elderly or disabled, including disabled children, with no earned income are change reporters.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Montana can apply, view messages, report a change, renew, check the status of submitted documents, and upload documents on Montana's online portal. Families can also use the portal to manage their medical, cash assistance, and heating assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 902 and S.B. 354, which would have required the state to submit a federal waiver to prohibit the purchase of certain foods, including candy and soft drinks, using SNAP benefits. H.B. 902 included additional provisions that would have prohibited members of the household younger than age 16 from using the family's electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card and created a transitional benefits program for families who become ineligible for benefits. These bills did not pass this session.</p>

Nebraska	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No The standard certification period for families with children in Nebraska is 6 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Nebraska can apply, continue a saved application, report a change, view their current benefits, and upload documents on the online portal, iServe Nebraska. Families can also use iServe Nebraska to manage their medical, utilities assistance, and child care assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, Nebraska received federal approval for a waiver to ban the purchase of soda and energy drinks using SNAP benefits. The waiver was submitted without legislative direction and is the first of its kind to be approved by the federal government.</p> <p>Additionally, legislators introduced L.B. 656, which would have prohibited the Department of Health and Human Services from seeking or renewing federal waivers for work requirements or providing exemptions from work requirements for SNAP recipients. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
Nevada	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No The standard certification period for families with children in Nevada is 6 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> No Nevada assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families in which all members are disabled or elderly, including disabled children, are change reporters.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Nevada can apply, report a change, renew benefits, check the status of their case, and more on the online portal, Access Nevada. Families can also use Access Nevada to manage their medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.</p>
New Hampshire	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No Certification lengths for families with children in New Hampshire vary depending on the family's circumstances. Certification periods can be up to 12 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> No New Hampshire assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families assigned certification lengths other than 4, 5, or 6 months are change reporters.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in New Hampshire can apply for benefits, report a change, renew benefits, receive notices, and view the status of benefits on the online portal, NH EASY. Families can also use NH EASY to manage their medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.</p>

New Jersey	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No New Jersey assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families with unstable circumstances may be certified for a shorter period of at least 3 months consistent with their circumstances.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> No New Jersey assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families receiving WorkFirst New Jersey (TANF) benefits with only unearned income are change reporters.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in New Jersey can check their eligibility, apply, report changes, renew benefits, connect with navigators, and upload documents on the online portal, MyNJHelps. Families can also use MyNJHelps to manage WorkFirst New Jersey benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators introduced A.B. 5441 and S.B. 4362, which would have required updates to the NJHelps portal to ensure that all state administered public assistance programs are accessible on the portal, all programs are included in a common application, and that applicants can check the status of their application online. Legislators also introduced S.B. 4226, which would have allowed the state to accept additional self-attestations on SNAP applications and required the Department of Human Services to create a flyer about the application process and application assistance available from counties. Finally, legislators introduced S.B. 4348, which would have required the state to submit a federal waiver to prohibit the purchase of soft drinks using SNAP benefits. As of September 2025, these bills had not passed.</p>
New Mexico	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in New Mexico can apply, report a change, renew benefits, and live chat on the online portal, YesNM. Families can also use YesNM to manage medical, cash assistance, and energy assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.</p>

New York	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No Certification lengths for families with children in New York vary. Families who are also enrolled in the state's TANF program are given certification periods that align with their certification period for TANF, which can be up to 12 months. Families that do not receive TA are assigned certification periods based on circumstances between 4 and 12 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> No New York assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families experiencing homelessness, that include a migrant or seasonal farm worker, that have no income, that are certified for less than 4 months, or in which all adult members are elderly or disabled are change reporters.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in New York can apply, continue a saved application, track a submitted application, report a change, renew benefits, and submit documents on the online portal, myBenefits. Families can also use myBenefits to manage cash assistance benefits, child care assistance benefits, and more.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators introduced A.B. 2544 and A.B. 3935, which would have required the state to develop a universal benefit form for families applying for public assistance programs and required application assistance be provided to individuals leaving correctional facilities, respectively. Legislators also introduced A.B. 2567 and S.B. 1281, which would have established the New York Healthy Incentive Program, a SNAP incentive program, and an associated outreach program. Finally, A.B. 4416 would have limited the foods that could be purchased using SNAP benefits and directed the state to look at items covered by WIC as a guide for determining exclusions. These bills did not pass this session.</p>
North Carolina	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No The standard certification period for families with children in North Carolina is 6 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in North Carolina can apply, report a change, renew benefits, change communication preferences, and more on the online portal, ePASS. Families can also use ePASS to manage Medicaid benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 733, which would have extended the standard SNAP certification period to 12 months. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
North Dakota	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No The standard certification period for families with children in North Dakota is 6 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in North Dakota can apply, report a change, renew benefits, schedule interviews, and upload documents on the online Self-Service Portal. Families can also use the portal to manage medical, cash assistance benefits, and child care assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.</p>

Ohio	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No Ohio assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families in which all adult members are elderly or disabled with no earned income and families with unstable circumstances, such as families experiencing homelessness, with no income, or that include seasonal or migrant farm workers, may be certified for a shorter period.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Ohio can check their eligibility, apply, report a change, view pending verifications, and renew benefits on the online portal, Ohio Benefits. Families can also use Ohio Benefits to manage medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 161, which would have required the state to submit a federal waiver to prohibit the purchase of soda, candy, chips, and prepared desserts using SNAP benefits. As of September 2025, the bill had not passed.</p>
Oklahoma	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes Families in Oklahoma can check their eligibility, apply, report a change, renew benefits, upload documents, and find caseworker contact information on the online portal, OKDHSLive!. Families can also use OKDHSLive! to manage Medicaid and child care assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 1575, which will establish a unified and streamlined eligibility and enrollment system within the Oklahoma Department of Human Services that includes SNAP, TANF, LiHEAP, Medicaid, and WIC. The bill requires the platform to be user-friendly, accessible on mobile devices, and disability and language friendly.</p> <p>Legislators introduced H.B. 2382, which would have required all families to be assigned to change reporting, prohibited the use of categorical eligibility for the SNAP program, and required additional data matching by the state agency. The bill did not pass this session.</p>
Oregon	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> No Oregon assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families which include a member working under a JOBS Plus agreement are change reporters.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Oregon can apply, report a change, renew benefits, view messages, and manage appointments on the online portal, ONE Oregon. Families can also use ONE Oregon to manage medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators introduced S.B. 1018, which would have required the state to submit a federal waiver to prohibit the purchase of certain foods including soda water, jellies and gums, and more, using SNAP benefits. The bill did not pass this session.</p>

Pennsylvania	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No Pennsylvania assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families that include a migrant or seasonal worker, that have no income, or that have only income that is exempt, may be certified for 6 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Pennsylvania can check their eligibility, apply, check the status of an application, upload documents, report a change, and renew benefits on the online portal, COMPASS. Families can also use COMPASS to manage medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 1096 and S.B. 560, which would have established SNAP incentive programs in the state. In addition to establishing the Pennsylvania Food Bucks Program, H.B. 1096 would have established an associated funding account. As of September 2025, these bills had not passed.</p>
Rhode Island	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> No Rhode Island assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families that include migrant seasonal workers are change reporters.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Rhode Island can apply, update their information, upload documents, renew benefits, sign up for texts, and file appeals on the Customer Portal and HealthyRhode mobile app. Families can also use these platforms to manage Medicaid and other Department of Human Services benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 5392, which would have required that families receiving TANF benefits to be automatically enrolled in SNAP. Legislators also introduced H.R. 5536, which would have authorized an appropriation of \$200,000 of state funds for the Farm Fresh Bonus Bucks program, a SNAP nutrition incentives program. These bills did not pass this session.</p>
South Carolina	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No The standard certification period for families with children in South Carolina is 6 months. Families with unstable circumstances may be certified for a shorter period of at least 3 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in South Carolina can check their eligibility, apply, check the status of their application, renew benefits, and submit documents on the online South Carolina Client Eligibility System. Families can also use the South Carolina Client Eligibility System to manage cash assistance benefits. South Carolina also has an online eligibility screener and integrated application that includes over 40 services called First Five South Carolina.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 4061 and S.B. 589, which would have required the state to submit a federal waiver to prohibit the purchase of candy and soft drinks using SNAP benefits. These bills did not pass this session.</p>

South Dakota	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No South Dakota assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families including a head of household with an unstable child support payment history are certified for 3 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in South Dakota can check their eligibility, apply, renew benefits, and report a change on the online South Dakota DSS system. Families can also use the South Dakota DSS system to manage Medicaid benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.</p>
Tennessee	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No The standard certification period for families with children in Tennessee is 6 months. Families may be certified for a shorter period depending on the stability of their circumstances.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> No Tennessee assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families assigned certification periods between 1 and 3 months or whose only income is from self-employment are change reporters.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Tennessee can apply, file appeals, upload files, report a change, renew benefits, submit documents, and use a chat feature on the online portal, ONE DHS. Families can also use ONE DHS to manage cash assistance and child care assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators enacted S.B. 1239, which creates a task force focused on ending childhood hunger. The task force will provide several recommendations to the legislature, including how to streamline coordination between various state agencies, how to more effectively implement SNAP, and how to address theft of SNAP benefits.</p> <p>Legislators introduced H.B. 1070, H.B. 1236, and S.B. 1154, which would have required the state to submit a federal waiver to prohibit the purchase of candy and soft drinks using SNAP benefits. These bills did not pass this session.</p>



Texas	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No The standard certification period for families with children in Texas is 6 months. Families with unstable circumstances may be certified for a shorter period.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> No Texas assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families that anticipate a change in circumstances or are certified for less than 4 months are change reporters.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Texas can check their eligibility, check the status of their application, apply, report a change, renew benefits, upload documents, and find a community partner office on the online portal, YourTexasBenefits. Families can also use YourTexasBenefits to manage medical and cash assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators enacted S.B. 379, which will restrict the purchase of sweetened drinks or candy using SNAP benefits pending federal approval.</p> <p>Legislators introduced five bills (H.B. 314, H.B. 2202, H.B. 5160, S.B. 639, and S.B. 1031), which would have extended the standard SNAP certification period from 6 to 12 months. These bills did not pass this session.</p>
Utah	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No The standard certification period for families with children in Utah is 6 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Utah can apply, renew benefits, report a change, upload documents, and use live chat on the online portal, myCase. Families can also use myCase to manage medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators enacted H.B. 403, which will require the state to submit a federal waiver to prohibit the purchase of soft drinks using SNAP benefits.</p>
Vermont	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> No Vermont does not offer online case management services, but Vermont residents can apply for SNAP online.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.</p>

Virginia	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No Virginia assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families with unstable circumstances, such as families experiencing homelessness or those that include a migrant or seasonal farm worker, may be certified for a shorter period.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> No Virginia assigns most, but not all, families to simplified reporting. Families with unstable circumstances assigned to certification period less than 5 months are change reporters.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Virginia can check their eligibility, apply, renew benefits, check the status of the application, and find their local office and case worker's contact information on the online portal, CommonHelp. Families can also use CommonHelp to manage medical, cash assistance, energy assistance, and child care assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.</p>
Washington	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Washington can be screened for eligibility, check their benefits, apply, report a change, upload documents, and more on the online portal, Washington Connection. Families can also use Washington Connection to manage medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.</p>
West Virginia	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in West Virginia can be screened for assistance, apply, report a change, schedule interviews, file appeals, find community partners, and more on the online portal, WV Path. Families can also use WV Path to manage medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 2350, which would have required the state to submit a federal waiver to prohibit the purchase of candy and soft drinks using SNAP benefits. Legislators also introduced S.B. 249, which would have codified current work requirements for SNAP recipients. These bills did not pass this session.</p>

Wisconsin	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No Wisconsin assigns 12-month certification periods to most, but not all, families. Families experiencing homelessness or that include a migrant or seasonal farmworker may be certified for a 6 month period.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> Yes SNAP recipients in Wisconsin can apply for benefits, finish an application, report a change, submit documents, track the status of submitted forms, and more on the online portal, ACCESS Wisconsin. Families can also use ACCESS Wisconsin to manage medical, cash assistance, and child care assistance benefits.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators did not introduce any bills to address administrative burden for SNAP.</p>
Wyoming	<p><b>Does the state offer a 12-month certification period to all families with children?</b> No Certification lengths for families with children in Wyoming vary based on the household's circumstances and can be up to 6 months.</p> <p><b>Does the state offer simplified reporting to all families with children?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Does the state offer online case management services?</b> No Wyoming does not offer online case management services, and the state also does not have options to apply or report a change online. Wyoming is one of two states that does not offer an online application.</p> <p><b>State Context and Policy Update</b> In the last year, legislators introduced H.B. 323, which would have required the state to submit a federal waiver to prohibit the purchase of candy or soft drinks using SNAP benefits. The bill did not pass this session.</p>

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