

# Food Stamps Can Help Make Ends Meet

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## Did you know?

- Food stamps help low-income Georgians improve their nutrition

## Who qualifies?

- Households whose gross income is no more than 130% of the poverty level and have no more than \$2000 (\$3000 if one member is elderly) in assets, like a car.
- Legal immigrants in the US since August 22, 1996, children, disabled and elderly

## What do food stamps buy?

- Any kind of food
- Plants and seeds for growing fruits and vegetables

## What do food stamps look like?

- They are now issued using an Electronic Benefits Transfer system, which works like a debit card

**Call or go by your local Department of Children and Family Services to see how to apply.**

## Income Limits

Household size	Gross monthly income	Net monthly income
1	\$973	\$749
2	1,313	1,010
3	1,654	1,272
4	1,994	1,534
5	2,334	1,794
6	2,674	2,057
7	3,014	2,319
8	3,354	2,580
Each additional member	+341	+262

Net income means gross income minus deductions.

Deductions include:

- Standard deduction of \$134
- Medical expenses over \$35/month for elderly or disabled
- A percentage of shelter costs

Households **CAN** use food stamp benefits to buy:

1. Foods for people in your house to eat, such as:
  - › breads and cereals
  - › fruits and vegetables
  - › meats, fish and poultry
  - › dairy products
2. Seeds and plants that produce food

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