

USDA Food & Nutrition Service

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP):

Quick Facts



Programs

Food Stamp Program
National School Lunch Program
School Breakfast Program
Summer Food Service Program
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
Special Milk Program
Child and Adult Care Food Program
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
Nutrition Assistance Block Grants
Commodity Supplemental Food Program
The Emergency Food Assistance Program
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Description

- Provides commodity foods and administrative funds to States to improve the diets of low-income pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women; their infants and children up to 6 years of age; and persons 60 years of age and older.
- Works with local agencies, which determine applicants' eligibility, distribute foods, and provide nutrition education. They also provide referrals to other welfare, nutrition, and health care programs (e.g., food stamps, Medicaid).
- Provides food packages to supplement the diet of target populations (e.g., infant formula and cereal, dairy products, juices, peanut butter, dry beans or peas, canned meat, poultry or tuna, and canned fruits and vegetables).

Background

- The program was created in 1968 and is authorized under the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973, as amended.
- USDA provides commodity foods and administrative funds to State agencies, which administer the program at the State level.

Participants

- An average of 463,124 participated in CSFP each month in FY 2006, including more than 423,098 elderly people and more than 40,000 women, infants, and children.
- Participants must meet low-income standards and reside in a participating State or Indian Tribal Organization.
- Participants include elderly persons with income at or below 130% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG); and women, infants, and children with income at or below 185% of the FPIG. For example, an elderly individual living alone in a contiguous State such as Colorado must have an annual income at or below \$13,273 to participate in the CSFP.
- Some women, infants, and children may be considered automatically eligible if participating in other public assistance programs.

Budget

- \$111.2 million in FY2006.
- \$107.2 million in FY 2007 (est.)

Contact Information

- For complete information, visit www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/csfp/ or contact your State agency that administers the CSFP. View agency listings at www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/contacts/sdacontacts.htm.

