

Be Utility Wise Conference

Food Security and SNAP Application
Assistance

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

SNAP Outreach Team

Community Connections





Greater Pittsburgh
**community
food bank**

THE MISSION

To leverage the power of community to achieve lasting solutions to hunger and its root causes

THE VISION

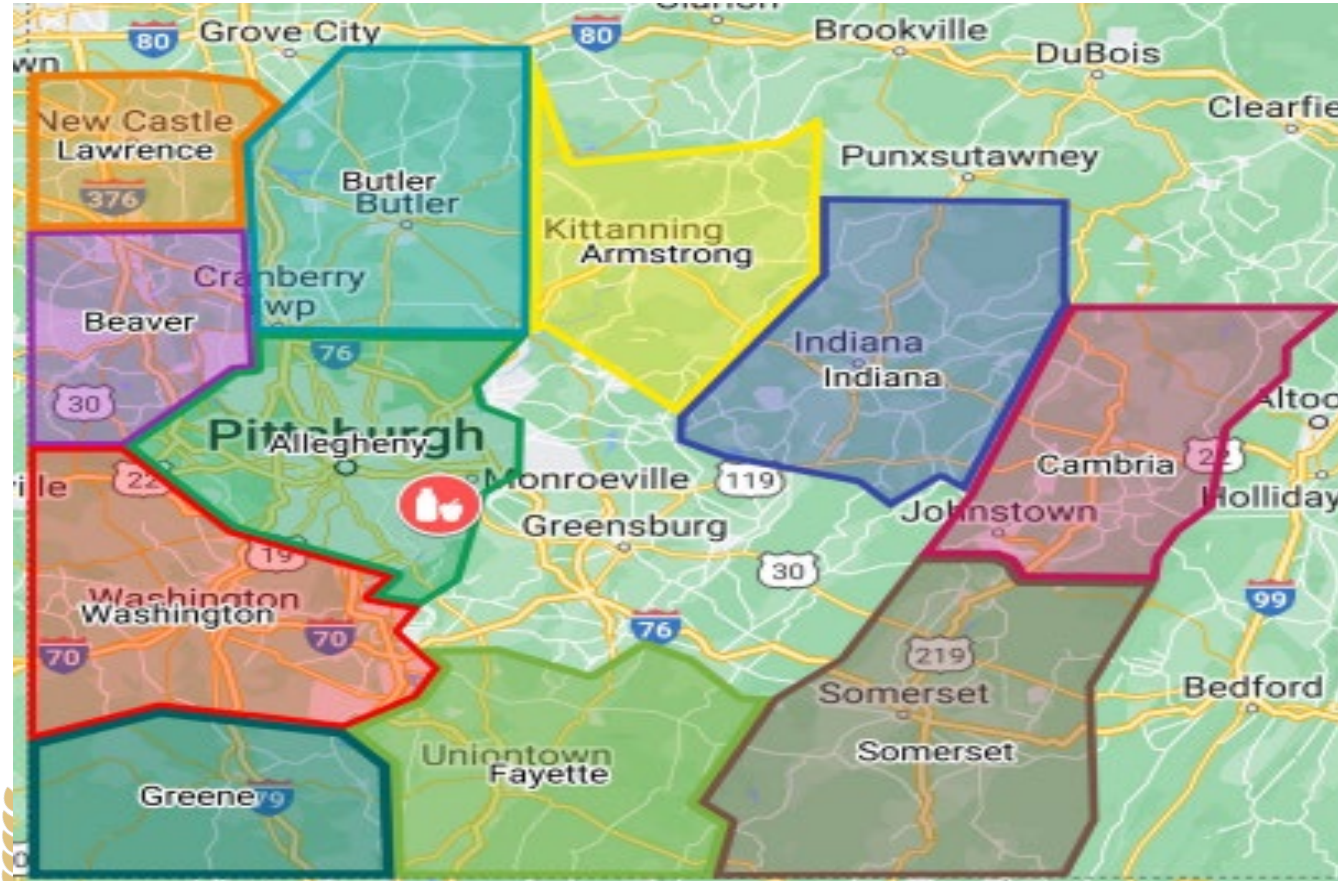
Communities where everyone has access to the food and resources they need to thrive

THE NETWORK

- A leading hunger-relief charity serving 11-counties of southwestern Pennsylvania.
- Through our network of more than 500 partners including six distribution centers, we source and distribute food for 40 million meals annually. On average, we serve more than 110,000 people per month.



Service Area



The Community Connections Team

Making SNAP benefits more accessible by providing one-on-one assistance and meeting people where they are in the community.



SNAP Outreach & Application Assistance



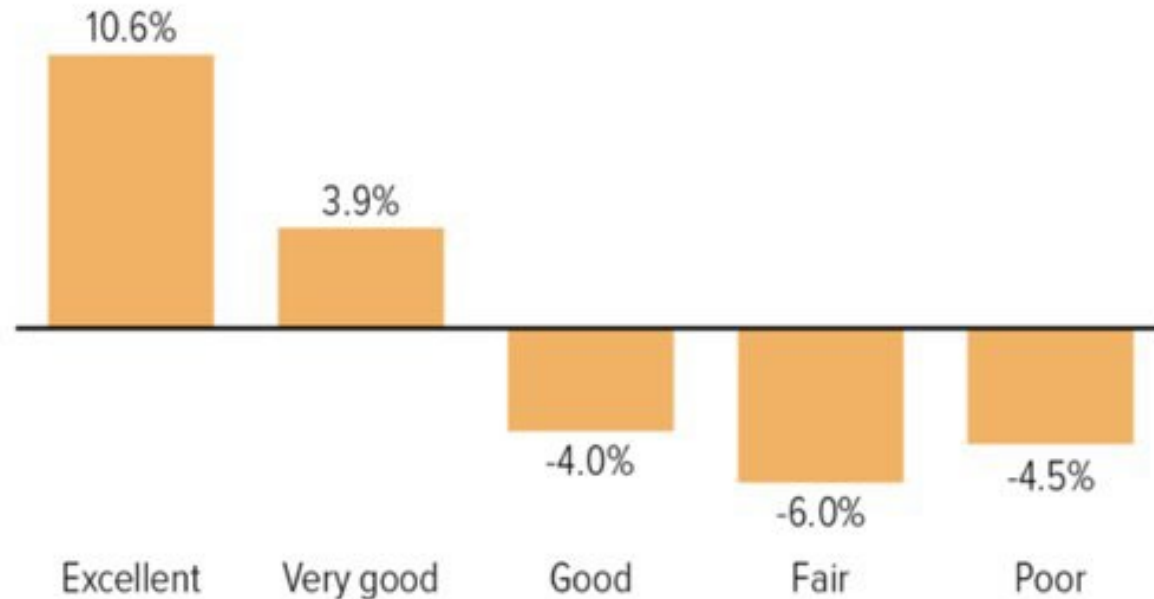
Why SNAP?

- ✓ SNAP offers choices for dietary preferences or restrictions
- ✓ SNAP puts money back into the community
- ✓ SNAP reduces strain on pantries and other service organizations
- ✓ SNAP supplements other food programs
- ✓ Signing up for SNAP can allow you to apply to other programs, such as reduced cost internet
- ✓ SNAP provides flexibility in your budget to pay for other needs, such as medicine or utilities



SNAP Participants Report Better Health Than Eligible Non-Participants

Percent more or less likely to describe health as:



Source: Christian A. Gregory and Partha Deb, "Does SNAP Improve Your Health?" Food Policy, 2015. Adjusted for differences in demographic, socioeconomic and other characteristics. Sample includes adults aged 20 to 64 in households with income at or below 130% of the federal poverty level.

Did You Know?

SNAP Income Guidelines

Household Size	Monthly Income
1	\$2266
2	\$3052
3	\$3840
Each Additional Member	+ \$ 788

* Income guidelines are based on the household's total gross income

**Income guidelines change every October to reflect inflation rates.



Maximum Benefit Amounts

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Each Additional
Maximum	\$281	\$516	\$740	\$939	\$1,116	\$1,339	\$1,480	\$1,691	Add \$211

October 1, 2022-
September 30, 2023

Additional pandemic emergency payments for SNAP have been approved through February 2023. For specific information about your payments, contact your caseworker or the Statewide Customer Service Center.



What We Do

We Can:

- ❖ Submit new SNAP applications
- ❖ Submit SNAP renewals
- ❖ Apply for LIHEAP, Childcare and Medical benefits
- ❖ Upload client documents
- ❖ Explain and assist with the application process

We Cannot:

- ❖ Approve applications
- ❖ Modify active SNAP cases
- ❖ Send EBT cards, new or lost

*For question about active cases and lost cards, call 1-877-395-8930



How We Do It

Call 833-822-7627:

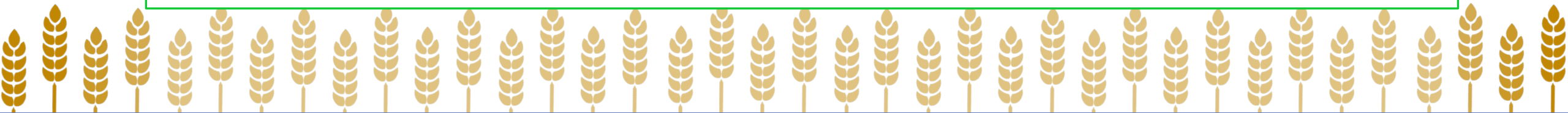
- ❖ Connect with one of our telephonic coordinators and they will submit an application for you
 - ❖ Make sure you have your household's gross income and SSNs for everyone
- ❖ If you reach our voicemail, leave a message with your name, county and a specific day and time to reach you

Text SNAP to 412-435-4446:

- ❖ We will schedule an appointment to call you
- ❖ We must speak to you on the phone to submit an application

Go to pittsburghfoodbank.org/snap

- ❖ Fill out an interest form on our SNAP page
- ❖ Someone from the Call Center will call you within 2 days to complete an application
- ❖ Use the Find Food button to browse our other programs and resources



Reach Us Online

pittsburghfoodbank.org/SNAP

- ❖ Go to the "Find Food" button at the top of our website
- ❖ Select SNAP from the menu on the right
- ❖ Complete the online form and our staff will be notified
- ❖ One of our skilled application assistants will call you within 2 business days.

Interested in SNAP? We Can Help!

If you meet the income guidelines, fill out the form below and we will call you to complete a SNAP application over the phone.

Call: 1-833-822-SNAP (7627)
Email: snap@pittsburghfoodbank.org

Your Name *
First Last

Your Email

Your Phone Number *

May we text you? *

What county do you live in? (Don't see your county? Please select other.) *

Zip Code *
0 of 5 max characters

How did you hear about us? *

What is the best time for us to call you?

SUBMIT

Life Stabilization

In addition to helping you apply for SNAP, we can also help you see if you are eligible for health care and LIHEAP benefits. LIHEAP is available during the winter months to assist in paying for heating bills.

We have many partners whom we can refer you to for other programs such as:

- Employment
- Utility Assistance
- Health Care
- Housing
- Applying for disability
- Many more options

Please let us know what other resources we could help connect you to, or click [here](#) for our resource page



FAQs

How long until applications are approved?

Usually, an applicant will hear from a caseworker within 5 days of application submission.

- County Assistance has 30 days to process the application.



FAQs

When is the SNAP renewal period?

Depending on household composition, renewals must be submitted anywhere from 6 months to 3 years. Households will receive a notice about the renewal and can call the food bank to complete the renewal. The SSN of the head of household and the Record ID# from the previous application is needed.



FAQs

Who should I count in my SNAP household?

Anyone who purchases and prepares their food together.

*If you live with a roommate who does their own grocery shopping and cooking, you do not need to count them in your SNAP household.



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Do I need to complete a phone interview to receive SNAP benefits?

Yes. After calling the Food Bank, you will need to speak with a caseworker from your local county assistance office before you can receive benefits. Instructions will be provided once your application is submitted



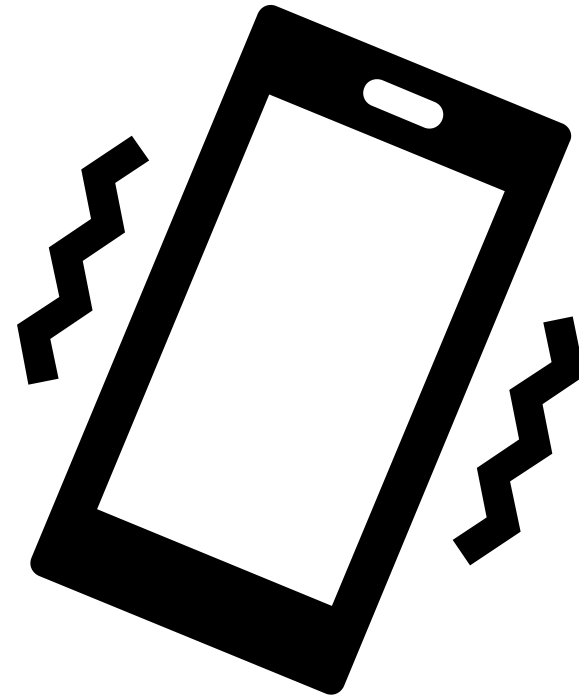
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Questions?

FEEL FREE TO SEND QUESTIONS VIA EMAIL
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