



The Research Packet For
THE SNAP TASK FORCE
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SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) TASK FORCE

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I. United States Department of Agriculture



USDA Approves New Phase of Temporary Puerto Rico Nutrition Assistance Support Disaster Recovery

<https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2019/07/10/usda-approves-new-phase-temporary-puerto-rico-nutrition-assistance>

WASHINGTON, July 10, 2019 – Puerto Rico residents continuing to recover from 2017's hurricanes could be eligible for increased nutrition assistance funded by Congress and provided through a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This temporary assistance will be distributed through Puerto Rico's Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) beginning as early as August. NAP is administered by USDA and is operated by the Commonwealth's Department of the Family.

USDA Across the Country, USDA Kicks Off Summer Meals

<https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2019/06/26/across-country-usda-kicks-summer-meals>

The school year is out and summer meals are in! Around the country, places like schools, recreation centers, parks, churches, and libraries are serving free, nutritious summer meals to kids up to 18 years old through USDA's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). SFSP was designed to help low-income students during the summer months who aren't receiving free or reduced-price school meals to continue to have access to meals and snacks. By partnering with local organizations and governments, we hope to ensure that there are sites providing summer meals for those in need in every community. Check out our [summer meals site finder](#) to find the nearest site to you.

- [Online Summer Meals Site Finder](#)
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>
- Type in an address or zip code to find the nearest summer meals site.
- Call 1-866-348-6479 and ask for the nearest place serving summer meals.
- Text "summer meals" to 97779

We hope that individuals and organizations will help spread the word about summer meals and site finder tools to make sure kids get the nutrition they need

to keep growing and thriving over the summer, helping them be ready to learn when school starts up again.

USDA-Announces Record- Breaking Funding for 2019 Farm to School Grants

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/pressrelease/usda-10819>

WASHINGTON, July 16, 2019 – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced today the award of more than \$9 million in USDA Farm to School Program grants that will increase the amount of healthy, local foods served in schools and create economic opportunities for nearby farmers.

This year marks an all-time high of funding and projects in the program, with grants supporting 126 selected projects across 42 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. These projects are expected to serve more than 3.2 million students in over 5,400 schools.

“The farm to school grants announced today connect schools with the farmers, ranchers, and producers in their communities,” Secretary Perdue said.

“Everybody wins with Farm to School. USDA is proud to help the next generation better understand where its food comes from, while strengthening local economies.”

II. New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance



Monthly Caseload Statistics –April 2019

<https://otda.ny.gov/resources/caseload/2019/2019-04-stats.pdf>

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

	This Month	Change From Last Month	Change From Last Year
	2,662,511	-19,206 (-0.7%)	-131,738 (-4.7%)
	\$362,970,312	-\$3.0 mil (-0.8%)	-\$14.0 mil (-3.7%)

Table 1
TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE CASES
April 2019

Region	Cases				
	Temporary Assistance by Program			Supplemental Security Income	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
	Total	Family Assistance-FP	Safety Net Assistance		
New York State	260,406	79,078	181,328	674,417	1,514,547
New York City	177,352	45,700	131,652	403,764	898,924
Rest of State	83,054	33,378	49,676	270,653	615,623



III. New York City Human Resources Administration

Policy Bulletin # 19-32-OPE – June 12, 2019 – Schedule for July- December 2019 – EBT-Benefits, Forms

The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform all Job Center and Non Cash Assistance (NCA) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Center staff that six (6) recurring semi-annual schedules have been revised to reflect the dates from July 2019 through December 2019. This Form informs applicants of the dates when their benefits are first available to them.

**EBT Pick-up Schedule
July - December 2019**

Toe Digit	July PA & FS		August PA & FS		September PA & FS		October PA & FS		November PA & FS		December PA & FS	
	7A	7B	8A	8B	9A	9B	10A	10B	11A	11B	12A	12B
0	7/1	7/16	8/1	8/16	9/3	9/16	10/1	10/16	11/1	11/16	12/2	12/16
1	7/2	7/17	8/2	8/17	9/4	9/17	10/2	10/17	11/2	11/18	12/3	12/17
2	7/3	7/18	8/3	8/19	9/5	9/18	10/3	10/18	11/4	11/19	12/4	12/18
3	7/5	7/19	8/5	8/20	9/6	9/19	10/4	10/19	11/6	11/20	12/5	12/19
4	7/6	7/20	8/6	8/21	9/7	9/20	10/5	10/21	11/7	11/21	12/6	12/20
5	7/8	7/22	8/7	8/22	9/9	9/21	10/7	10/22	11/8	11/22	12/7	12/21
6	7/9	7/23	8/8	8/23	9/10	9/23	10/8	10/23	11/9	11/23	12/9	12/23
7	7/10	7/24	8/9	8/24	9/11	9/24	10/9	10/24	11/12	11/25	12/10	12/24
8	7/11	7/25	8/10	8/26	9/12	9/25	10/10	10/25	11/13	11/26	12/11	12/26
9	7/12	7/26	8/12	8/27	9/13	9/26	10/11	10/26	11/14	11/27	12/12	12/27

IV. Reports, News and Notable Items

Free SUMMER Meals Help Reduce Hunger When School is Out, Report Finds

<https://frac.org/news/free-summer-meals-help-reduce-hunger-and-prevent-learning-loss-when-school-is-out-report-finds?>

WASHINGTON, July 10, 2019 — Too many children across the country are missing out on the nutrition they need during the summer months when the school year — and access to school breakfast and lunch — ends, according to a new report released today by the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC). *Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation: Summer Nutrition Status*

[Report](#) finds that 2.9 million children, or only 1 in 7 of the low-income children who participated in school lunch during the 2017–2018 school year, received a summer lunch on an average weekday in July 2018. Fourteen states provided summer lunch to fewer than one child for every 10 children who participated in school lunch. Even fewer children — 1.5 million — ate breakfast at a summer meals site in July 2018.

“Low-income children miss out on more than just food when summer meals are not available to them,” said Jim Weill, president, FRAC. “Many summer meal sites offer educational and enrichment programming, which, combined with meals, helps reduce food insecurity and summer learning loss for children.”

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