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## **The American Rescue Plan**

### **Extended Food Assistance**

The American Rescue Plan extends food assistance to needy families and provides bold solutions to address the hunger crisis in Alabama and across the nation.

Specifically, the American Rescue Plan includes the following provisions:

- Access to the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program available for the duration of the health emergency, including through the summer, to allow families with children receiving school meals to purchase healthy food more easily during the pandemic.
- An extension to the 15 percent increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for all participants through September 30, 2021, or about \$28 per month per person, with \$1.15 billion allocated for the cost of state administrative expenses.
- Investments in technological improvements to expand access for families to use their SNAP benefits to purchase groceries safely online.
- \$880 million to deliver expanded access to more fruits and vegetables for moms and babies and investments in innovation to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).
- \$37 million for senior nutrition through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.
- \$1 billion in nutrition assistance for the territories.

For more information about nutrition assistance, visit the [USDA's website](#).