

What is this survey about?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is sponsoring this survey to learn more about the employment experiences of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants and the challenges they face when looking for work. About 50,000 individuals nationwide are invited to participate in the survey.

Who is conducting this survey?

The study team is conducting this study for USDA/FNS. Westat is among the nation's leading research organizations, with over 50 years of experience conducting research for government agencies. For more information about Westat, go to <https://www.xxxx.com>.



For additional information

You can go to the Survey of SNAP and Work website at <https://www.xxxx.com>

If you have a smartphone, you can scan the QR code below to visit the website or call toll-free at **1-xxx-xxx-xxxx**.

You can also email us at xxxxxxx@westat.com



Survey of SNAP and Work



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Why was I selected?

The study team randomly selected a sample of SNAP participants to be representative of each State, and of geographic areas within each State. Your experience with employment and SNAP will represent others with similar experiences. Your participation in the survey will provide essential information needed to obtain an accurate picture about employment of SNAP participants in your State.

How long will it take to complete the survey?

It varies from person to person, but the average time to complete the interview is about 33 minutes.

Do I have to participate?

No, participation in this survey is voluntary. You can choose not to participate. However, we encourage you to participate because your response to the survey is important for the quality of the survey findings and the potential impact on future SNAP policy. If you participate in the survey, you can skip any questions you do not want to answer.

Does survey participation affect my benefits?

Your decision to participate in the survey will not affect your SNAP benefits in any way, now or in the future. Neither the local SNAP office nor the USDA will know that you have been selected or participated in the survey.

What will you ask me about?

We will ask about you and your household. We will also ask about your current job (if you have one) and about jobs you have held in the past several months. In addition, we will ask about your participation in education and training activities.

Who will use this information, and how?

USDA will use the results from this survey to learn more about the number of SNAP participants in your State who are working and the nature of the work they do. Your name and contact information will never be listed in any reports.

Why do you need my job history?

Your job history is important because it helps us learn more about the employment experiences of people who receive SNAP benefits and the difficulties faced in finding and keeping a job. The information you provide will be private and used only for research and policy planning purposes.

Will I be paid for my participation? How much?

Yes, as a thank you, you will receive \$40 if you if you complete the survey within the first four weeks of receiving the invitation and \$20 if you complete it after that time.

Are there any costs to me to take part in the survey?

No, there are no costs to you to take part in the survey.

Will my answers be kept private?

All information gathered for the survey is private to the full extent allowed by law. Survey staff members are prohibited by law from disclosing your personal information to anyone other than authorized research staff. The results from the survey will be reported only in combined totals with all the other people who take part, never as individual answers. Reports from the study will not include your name or any other information that could identify you. We will not sell or give away your contact information or add you to any kind of mailing list.

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