

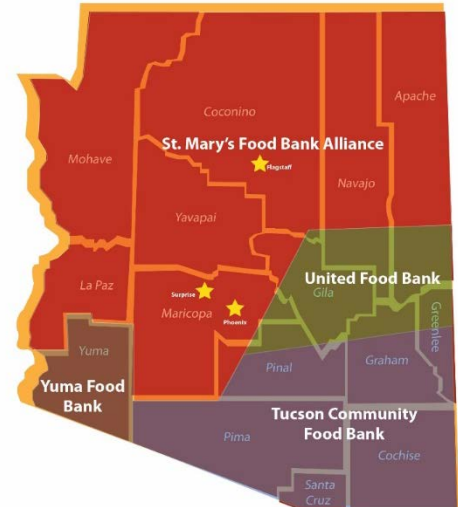


What Does the 2018 Farm Bill Mean for Arizona?

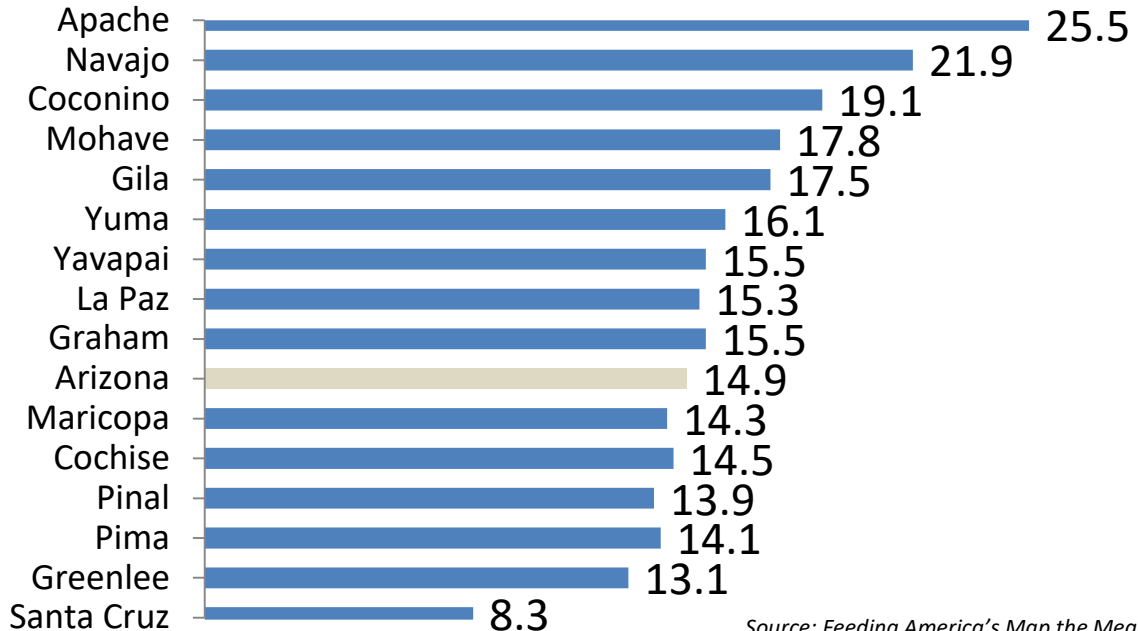
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Association of Arizona Food Banks

- AAFB services 5 member food banks that distribute to appx 1,000 sites across the state
- Primary Goals of AAFB:
 - Ensuring healthy and nutritious food is equitably distributed throughout the state
 - Increase access to food for children experiencing food insecurity
 - Increase awareness



Food Insecurity Rate in Arizona by County



Source: Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap 2018

- Arizona's food insecurity rate is higher than the national rate (12.9%).
- Arizona's rate is declining, from 17.1% in 2014.

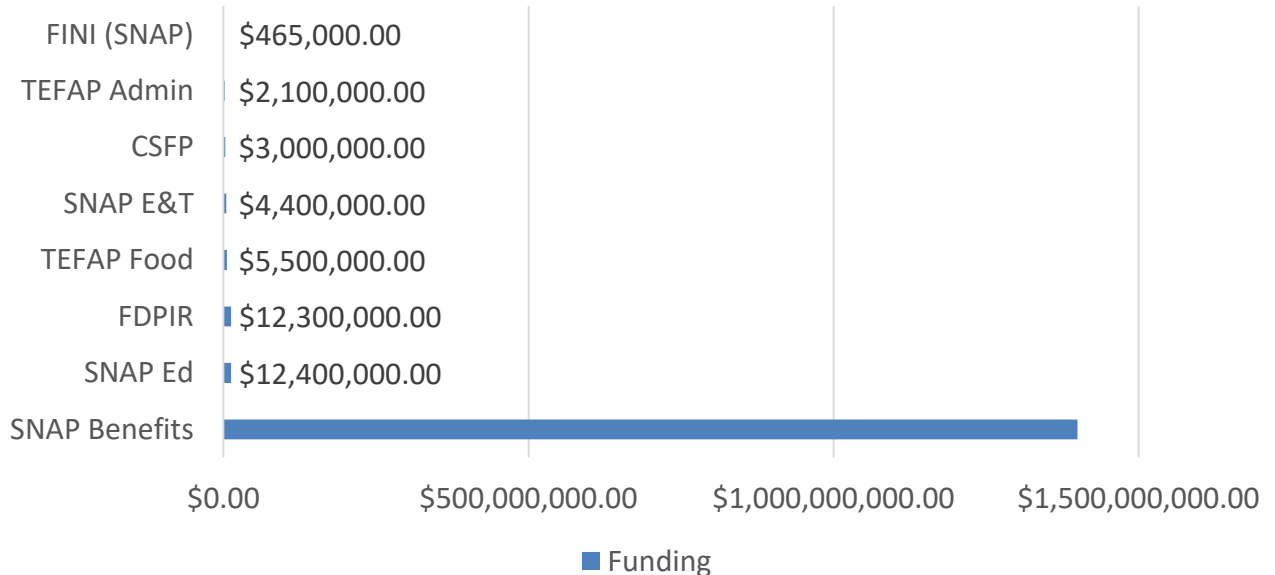
Nutrition Programs in the Farm Bill

- SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
 - FINI: Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive
 - SNAP Employment and Training
 - SNAP Education
- TEFAP: The Emergency Food Assistance Program
- FDPIR: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- CSFP: Commodity Supplemental Food Program



Nutrition Programs: Farm Bill Funding

Funding for Nutrition Programs in Arizona



Source: USDA Food & Nutrition Service, data from most recent year available, 2014-2018.

SNAP: Brief History

- **Food Stamp Act of 1964:** Bipartisan effort led by Dole & McGovern to address food insecurity nationwide by supporting both farmers and people struggling to afford food
- **1973 Farm Bill:** To balance program access with accountability, Congress required states to expand the Food Stamp Program to all political jurisdictions.

Source: USDA Food & Nutrition Service.



1939

Mrs. Mabel McFiggan is the first person to stand in line to make a food stamp purchase.



1964

President Johnson makes the Food Stamp Program permanent by signing the Food Stamp Act.



1977

President Carter signed the Food Stamp Act establishing national standards of eligibility and eliminating the purchase requirements.



2004

EBT use is adapted nationwide.



1961

President Kennedy signs his first Executive Order which initiates the food stamp pilot programs.



1974

The Food Stamp Program expands to all 50 states and territories.



1984

Payment using Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) begins with the first EBT transaction purchase in Reading, PA.



2008

The Food Stamp Program is renamed the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

SNAP in Arizona



Average Monthly
Benefit
\$117

Average amount per
person per meal
\$1.30



Total Families
2.4 million

(1 in 6 families in our state
receive SNAP benefits)

Families Receiving SNAP
Benefits
382,575



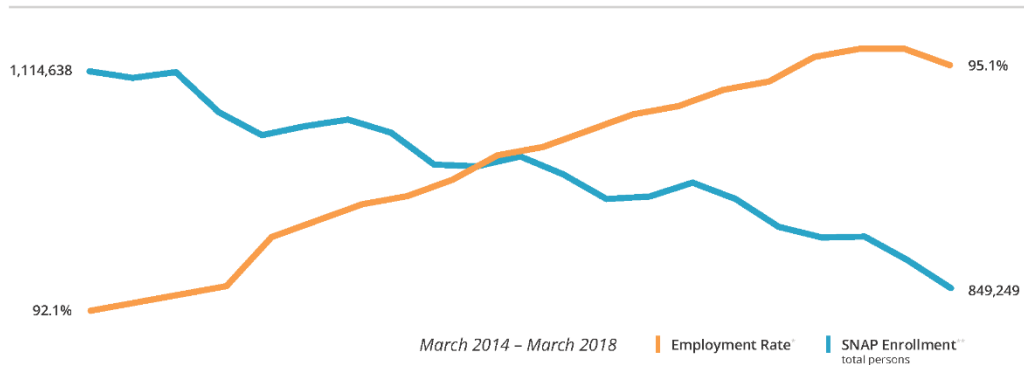
Arizonans who avoided
poverty by using SNAP
225,000

(Between 2009-2012)

Percentage of those who
avoided poverty that were
children

52%

SNAP & Employment in Arizona



SNAP Enrollment Decreases as Employment Increases

*DES, F&A Statistical Bulletin for corresponding month. <https://des.az.gov/documents-center/let-content-tab=1>
**BLS Data Calculator 2008-2018, S/1B/1E. <https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LASST040000000000003>

SNAP is responsive. As the economy improves and unemployment declines, SNAP enrollment declines too.

SNAP: Major Potential Changes

Current Law	House Proposal (H.R. 2)
<p>Individuals 18-49 years old, not caring for dependents, must work, participate in work training, or volunteer for at least 20 hours per week to receive SNAP benefits</p>	<p>Individuals 18-59 years old, including parents of children 6+ years old, must work or participate in work training for at least 20 hours per week to receive SNAP benefits.</p>
<p>Benefits are limited to 3 months (in 36 months) if not work-compliant. Sanction results in loss of benefits for 1 month on the first offense and 3 months on the second offense.</p>	<p>Benefits are limited to 1 month (in 12 months) if not work-compliant. Sanction results in loss of benefits for 12 months on the first offense and 36 months on the second offense.</p>

Other Program Changes Proposed in H.R. 2

- \$20 billion in cuts to SNAP benefits/10 years
- \$499 million/10 years increase to TEFAP
- \$472 million/10 years increase in FINI
- \$632 million/10 years increase in SNAP Ed (with restrictions)
- Level funding for CSFP
- Allows canned foods into the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program within schools

Farm Bill: Expected Timeline

- **Mid-June:**
 - Senate Agriculture Committee expected to announce mark-up date
 - All reports indicate the Senate bill has followed a bipartisan process
- **June 22:**
 - House is expected to reconsider H.R. 2 in its present form

AAFB's Recommendations to Support Working Families

- Any work supports in the Farm Bill should focus on sustainable employment & self-sufficiency.
- Changes to SNAP should be data-driven. Let's wait for the assessments of SNAP E&T pilots, expected in 2020.
- Maintain state discretion to administer SNAP.

Questions?

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