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Failure to fund SNAP benefits will remove $640 million from state economy

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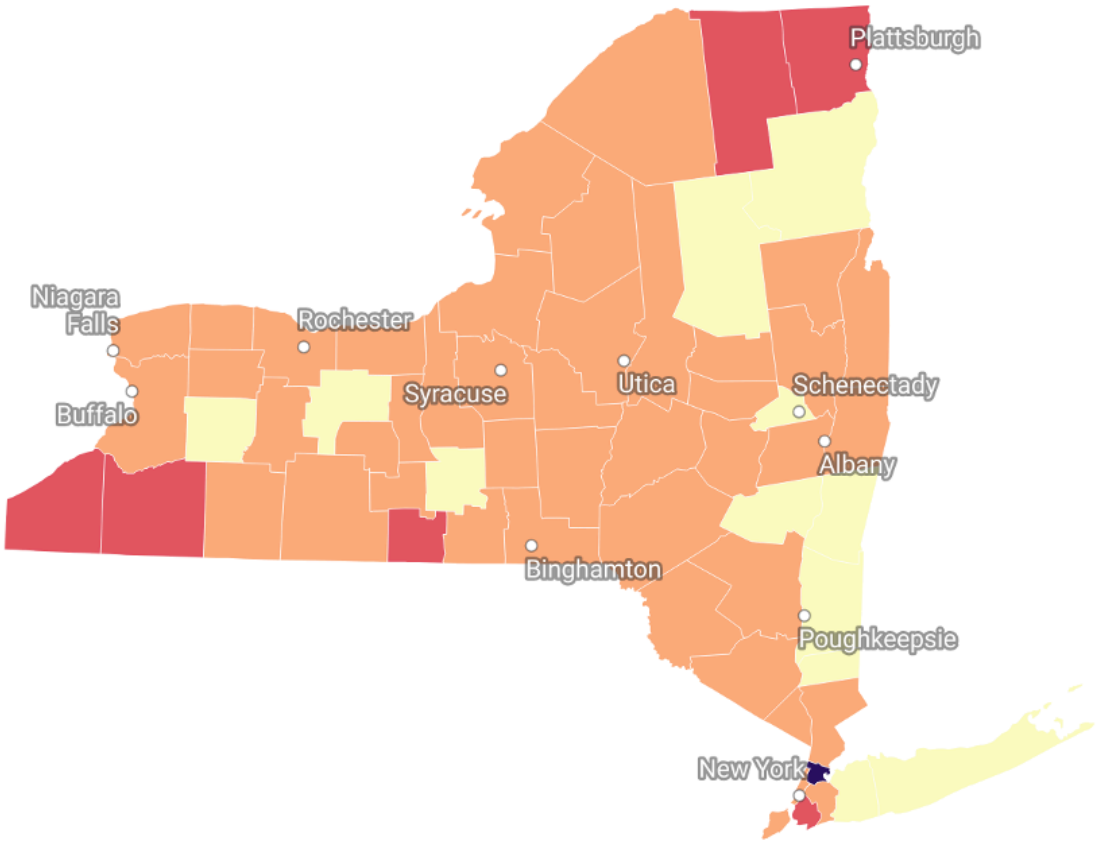
With the federal shutdown entering its 28th day, it is now expected that federal funding for SNAP benefits (food stamps) will run out by the end of October. The 3 million New Yorkers — including 1 million children — who rely on SNAP for food security will collectively lose the $640 million per month that they receive in benefits, triggering an immediate hunger crisis throughout the state. What's more, 16,000 retailers that serve SNAP recipients will also lose out on $640 million in aggregate monthly revenue, a huge loss that could put strain on the businesses.

Governor Hochul has proposed a meager $41 million plan to support food banks statewide in order to mitigate the effects of this funding loss – but this commitment pales in comparison to the $640 million per month cost of ensuring food security. Further, without replacing benefits on SNAP EBT cards, the 16,000 SNAP retailers around the state will not receive their typical monthly revenue.

New York should instead commit to replacing the $640** million of lost federal funding out of the State's $4.1 billion current-year revenue surplus and $29 billion in fiscal reserves.** New York's Congressional delegation should secure reimbursement of these funds from the federal government as part of a deal to end the shutdown. If New York State does not step up, millions will go without their essential food assistance and food providers will lose much-needed revenue.

Percent of households receiving SNAP benefits

< 10% | 10%–17% | 17%–23% | 23%–30% | ≥ 30%



Based on 2019-2023 5-yr ACS data downloaded from IPUMS.

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Table 1. SNAP participants and funding, based on 2019–2023 ACS data and OTDA July 2025 benefits report

Congressional District	Representative	Total Households	Households receiving SNAP	Approximate SNAP funds received monthly	% of households on SNAP
1	Nick LaLota	281,433	13,561	$7,092,765	4.8%
2	Andrew Garbarino	233,532	16,357	$8,555,148	7.0%
3	Tom Suozzi	286,752	14,469	$7,567,673	5.0%
4	Laura Gillen	250,908	14,425	$7,544,660	5.7%
5	Gregory Meeks	269,189	46,260	$24,195,215	17.2%
6	Grace Meng	310,093	45,892	$24,002,741	14.8%
7	Nydia Velazquez	324,078	58,563	$30,630,013	18.1%
8	Hakeem Jeffries	329,416	87,504	$45,766,928	26.6%
9	Yvette Clarke	306,262	66,092	$34,567,881	21.6%
10	Dan Goldman	345,310	48,505	$25,369,410	14.0%
11	Nicole Malliotakis	273,312	41,833	$21,879,776	15.3%
12	Jerry Nadler	404,408	22,443	$11,738,288	5.5%
13	Adriano Espaillat	334,180	102,310	$53,510,862	30.6%
14	Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	302,530	74,983	$39,218,111	24.8%
15	Ritchie Torres	318,905	124,881	$65,316,097	39.2%
16	George Latimer	301,439	37,698	$19,717,061	12.5%
17	Mike Lawler	262,415	18,474	$9,662,395	7.0%
18	Pat Ryan	289,531	27,965	$14,626,442	9.7%
19	Josh Riley	317,113	36,588	$19,136,501	11.5%
20	Paul Tonko	332,098	36,230	$18,949,257	10.9%
21	Elise Stefanik	327,097	42,308	$22,128,214	12.9%
22	John Mannion	317,371	47,116	$24,642,926	14.8%
23	Nick Langworthy	331,681	42,872	$22,423,201	12.9%
24	Claudia Tenney	331,436	41,196	$21,546,608	12.4%
25	Joseph Morelle	324,739	47,290	$24,733,933	14.6%
26	Tim Kennedy	337,606	64,008	$33,477,893	19.0%
Total		**8,042,834**	**1,219,823**	**$638,000,000**	**15.2%**