
2025 State Session Review

August 18, 2025

Outline

This slide deck provides a data summary of 2025 state legislative sessions and is a compendium to the July 2025 State Policy Memo.

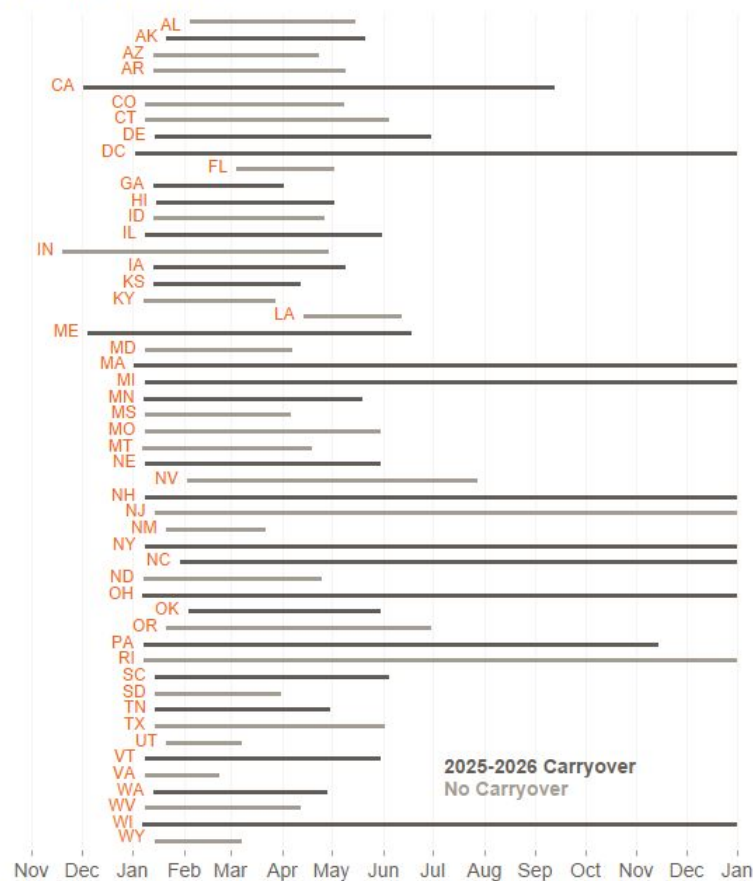
It is organized into 3 main sections:

- Context, including session dates, state control, and budget environment
- Legislation considered in 2025
- State policymaker communication instances (e.g., press releases, newsletters, social media) from Sept. 1, 2024 to June 31, 2025

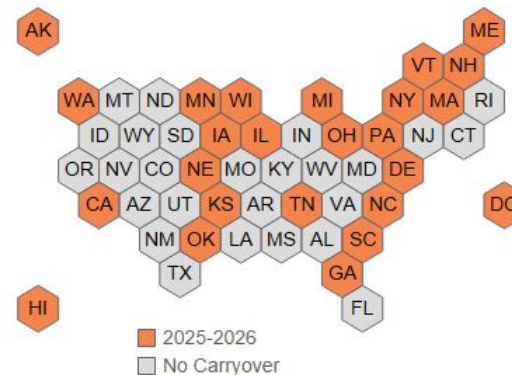
Context

2025 State Legislative Sessions

Session Dates



Carryover



Median = 120 days (4 months)

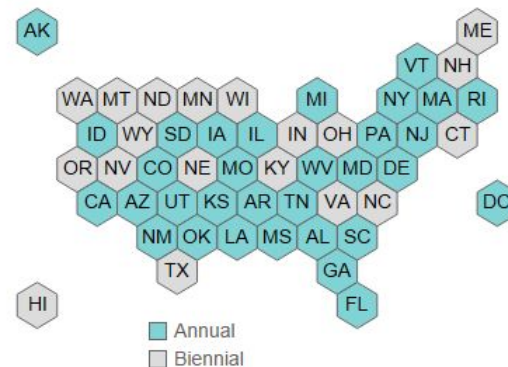
Longest: 10 states and DC convened for 300+ days

Shortest: VA, UT had the shortest sessions of 45 days.

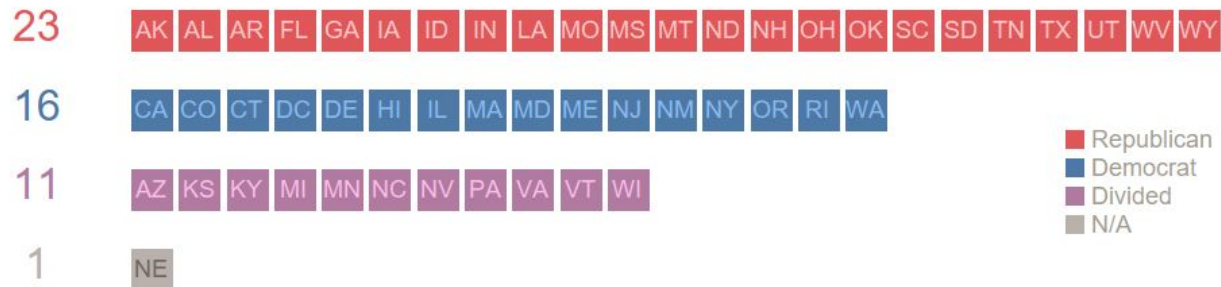
Carryover: Half of states had a 2025-2026 carryover

Budgets: 32 states budget annually; 19 biennially

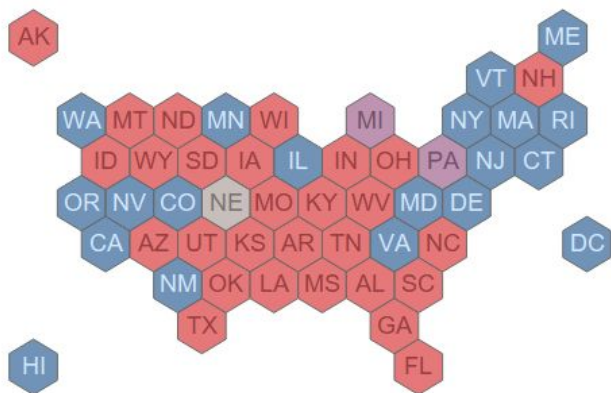
Budget Cycles



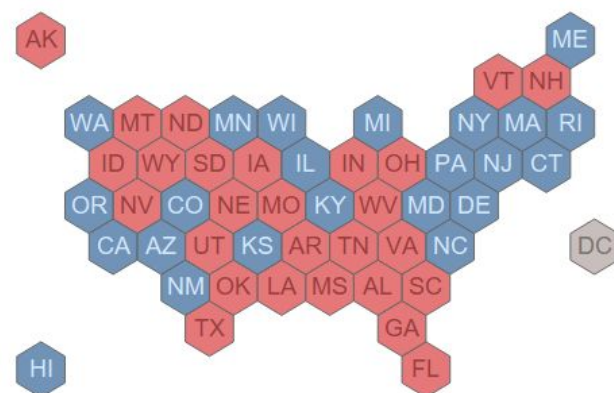
State Control



Legislative Control

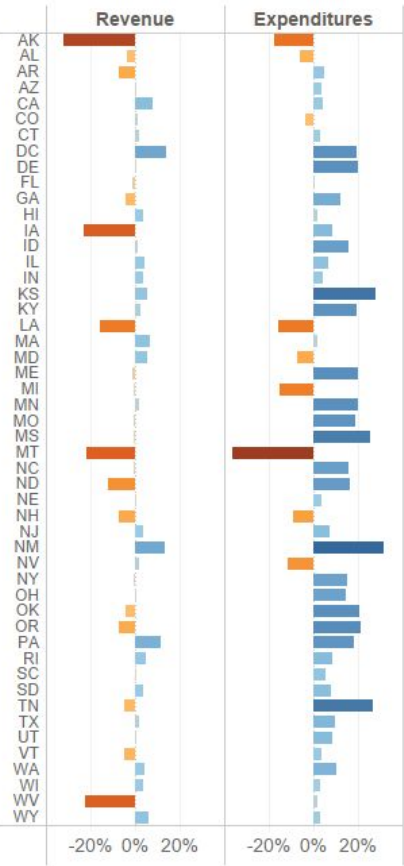


Governor Control

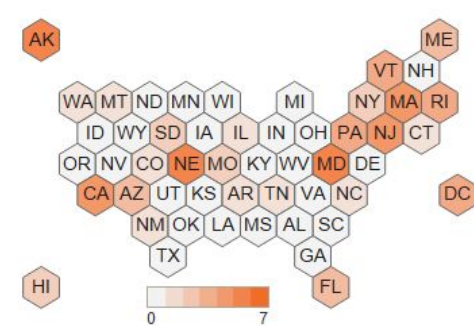


Budget Environment

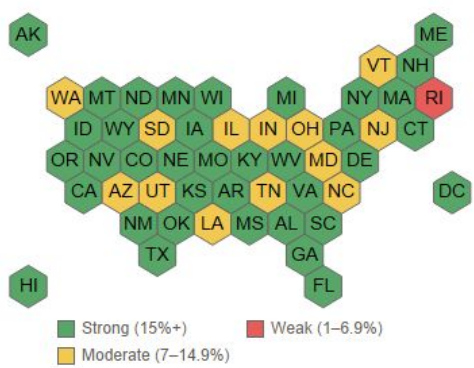
Budget Changes 2023-2025
(% Change Revenue & Expenditures)



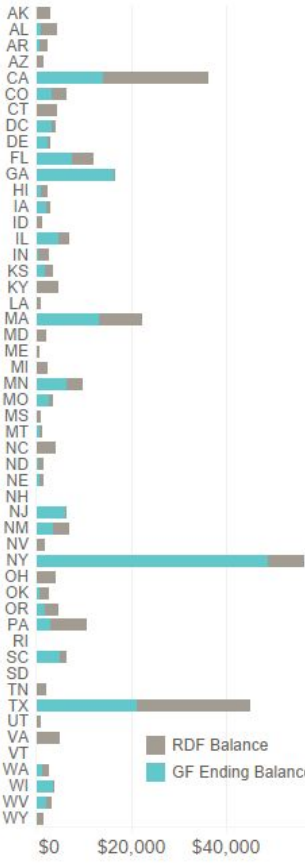
2025 Budget Management Strategies
(Enacted)



2025 Fiscal Cushion
(Total Balance as % of Expenditures)



2025 Balance
(RDF + Ending GF, Millions \$)



On average, states' spending increased by a larger proportion from 2023-2025 than revenue.

Half of states implemented some type of budget management strategy during 2024 (e.g., targeted cuts, layoffs, reduce local aid).

Most states had a strong fiscal cushion in 2025.

However, considerable variation in the size and composition of 2025 balances (i.e. RDF vs. GF).

Note - Budget Management Strategies include, for example, targeted cuts, layoffs, furloughs, deferred payments, revenue increases, changes to Medicaid program

RDF: Rainy Day Fund
GF: General Fund

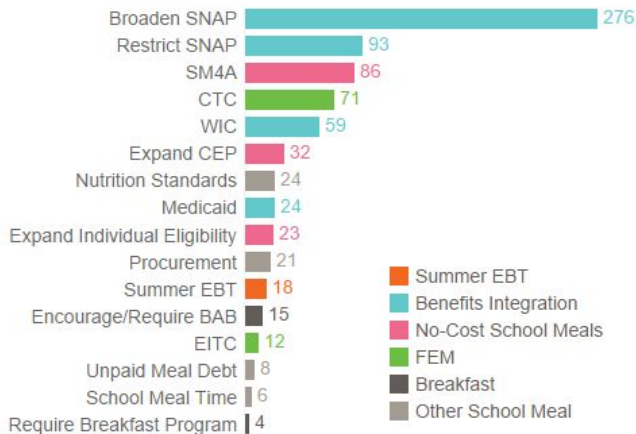
Source: NASBO, Fiscal Survey of States, Fall 2024

Legislation

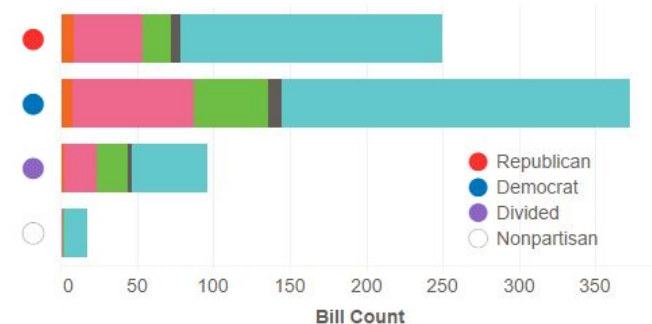
Overview

Bills Considered by Program Area

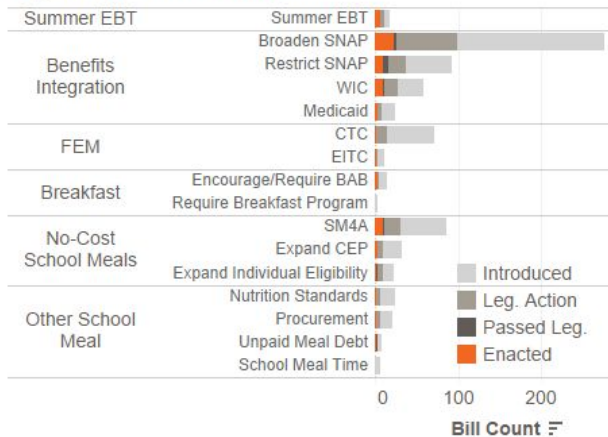
By Issue



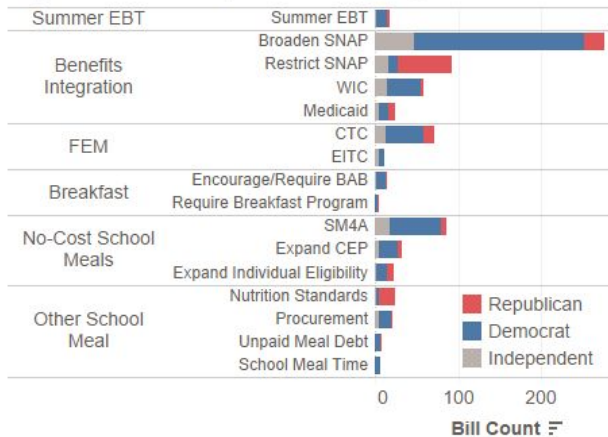
By State Control



By Issue and Status



By Issue and Sponsor's Party

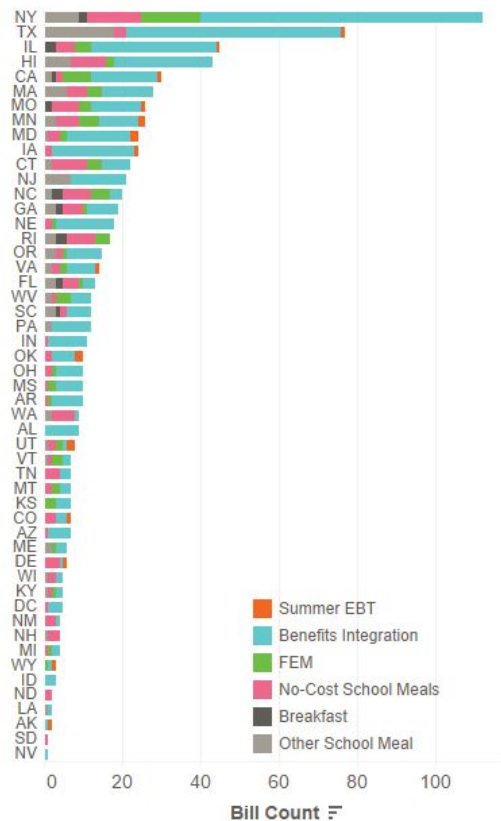


BAB: Breakfast After the Bell
 CEP: Community Eligibility Provision
 CTC: Child Tax Credit
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 FEM: Family Economic Mobility
 SM4A: School Meals for All
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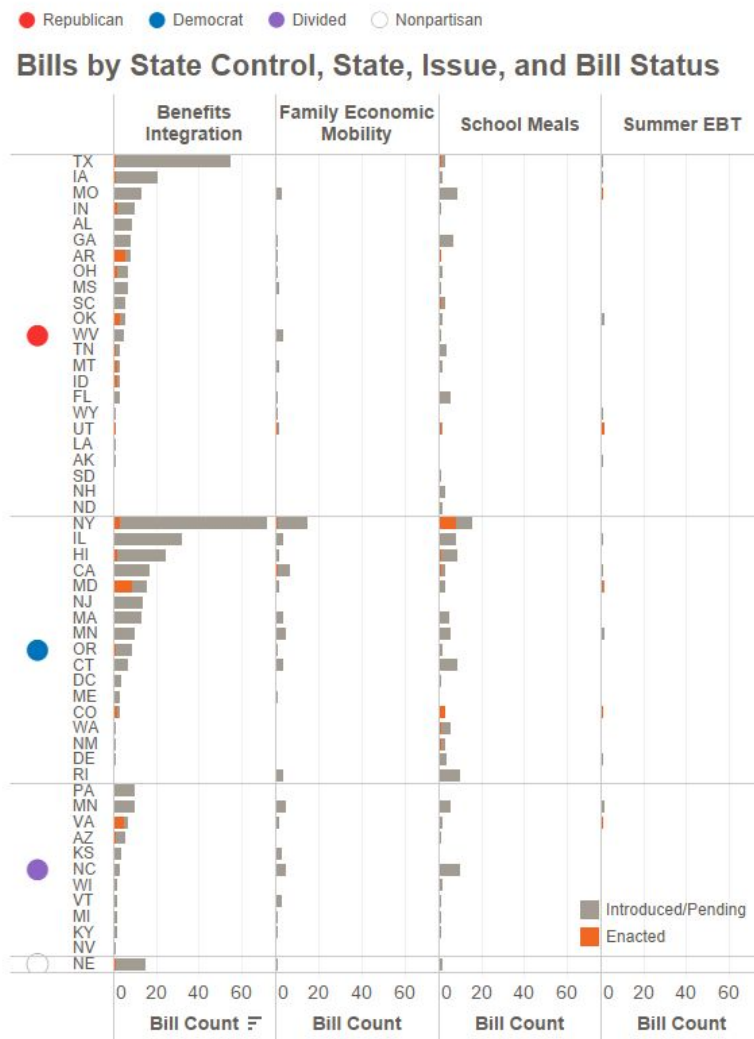
Overview

State-by-State Details

Bills Considered by State, State Control, Issue



Bills by State Control, State, Issue, and Bill Status

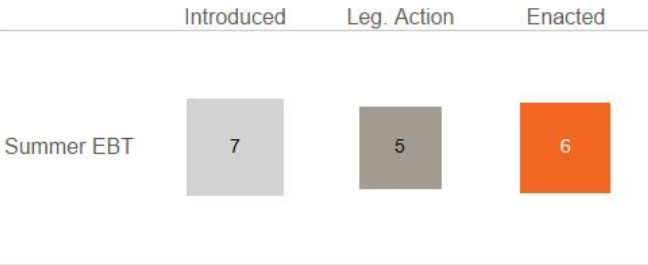


Summer EBT

Bills Considered



Bills by Status

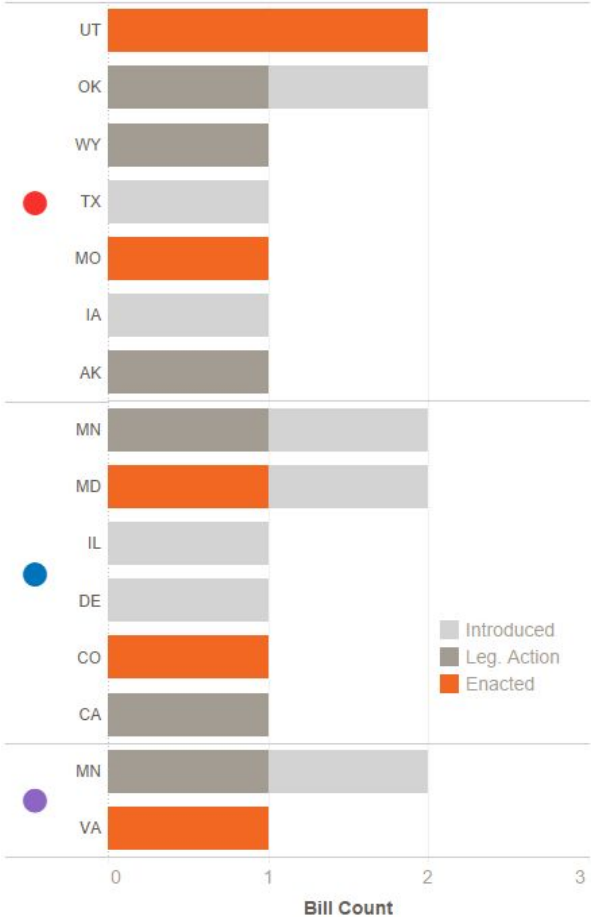


Bills Considered 2025 vs. 2024



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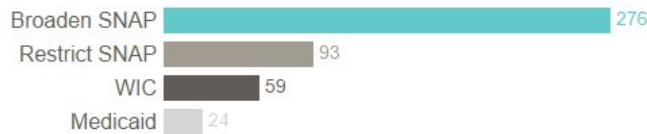
By State, State Control, Status



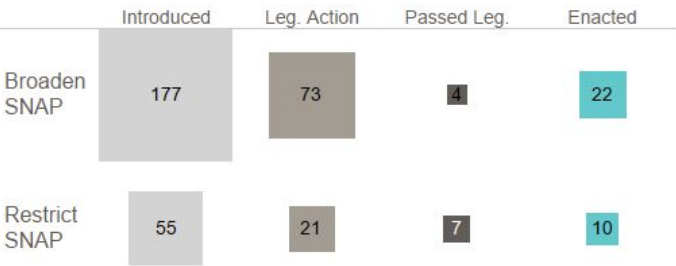
Note: This does not fully capture the complete landscape of S-EBT implementation. It only includes bills that explicitly reference S-EBT and excludes those where S-EBT funding is embedded within broader child nutrition budget items. It also does not account for biennial state budgets that may have allocated S-EBT funding across two fiscal years. [\(See Implementation Dashboard\)](#)

SNAP & Benefits Integration

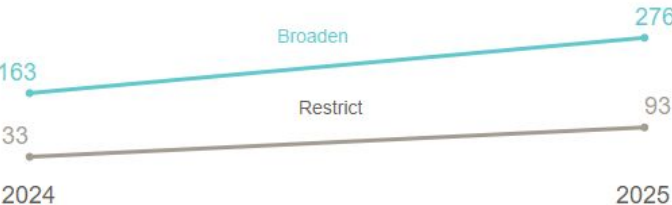
Bills Considered



Bills by Status

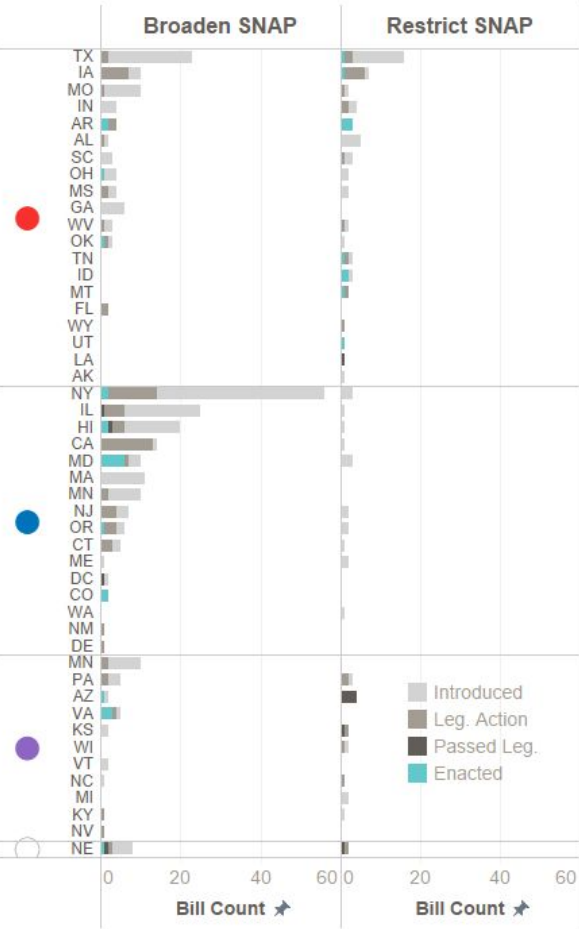


SNAP Bills Considered 2025 vs. 2024



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SNAP Bills By State, State Control, Status



Family Economic Mobility

Bills Considered



Status of CTC Bills

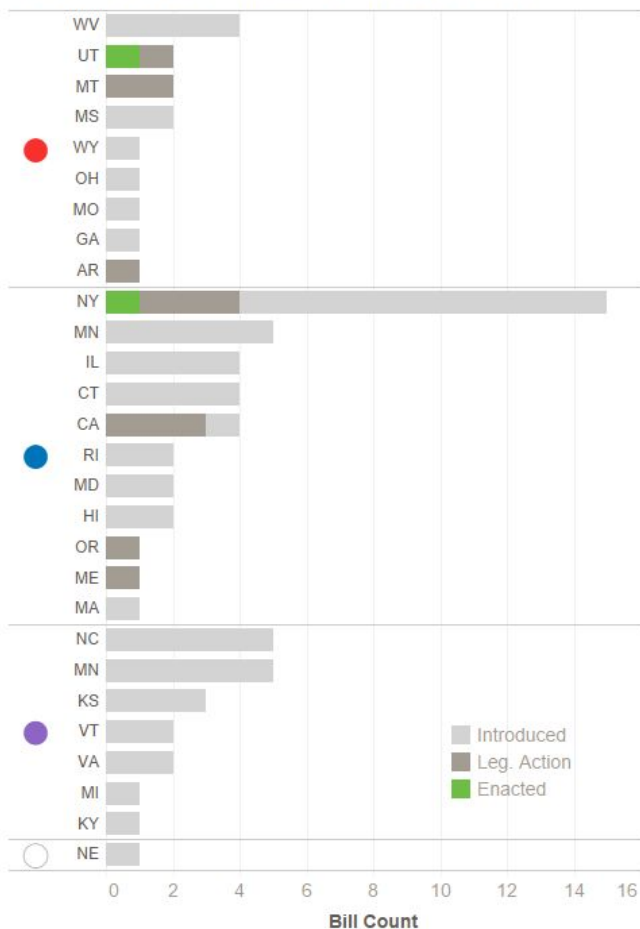


CTC Bills Considered 2025 vs. 2024



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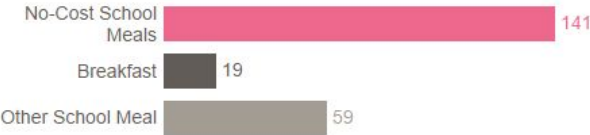
CTC Bills By State, State Control, Status



CTC: Child Tax Credit
EITC: Earned Income Tax Credit

No-Cost School Meals

School Meals Bills



Status of No-Cost School Meals Bills

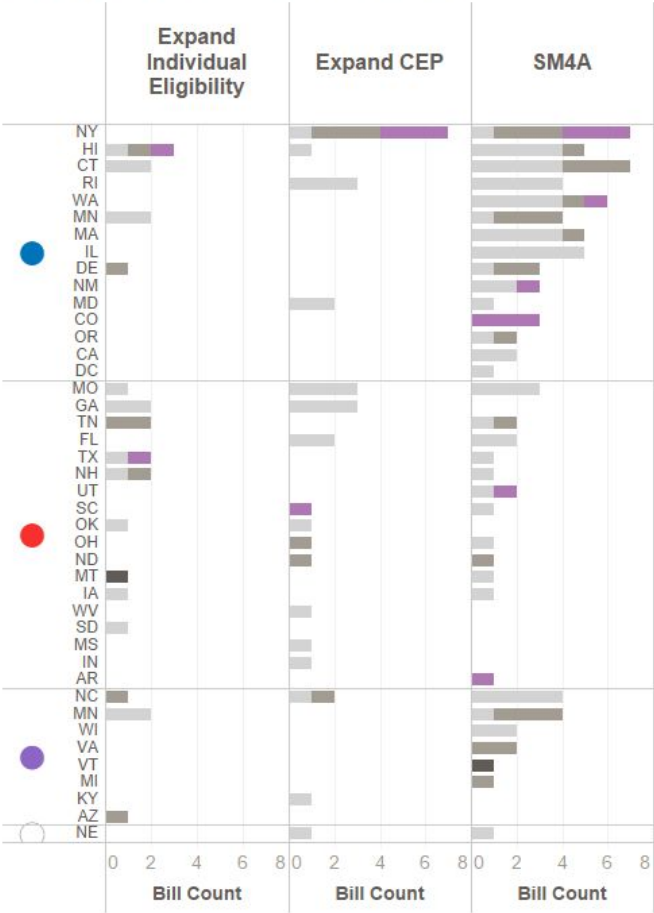


Bills Considered 2025 vs. 2024



Introduced Leg. Action Passed Leg. Enacted
Republican Democrat Divided Nonpartisan

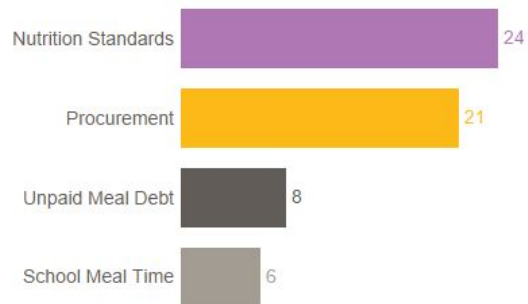
Bills By State, State Control, Status



SM4A: School Meals for All
CEP: Community Eligibility
Provision

Other School Meals

By Policy Type

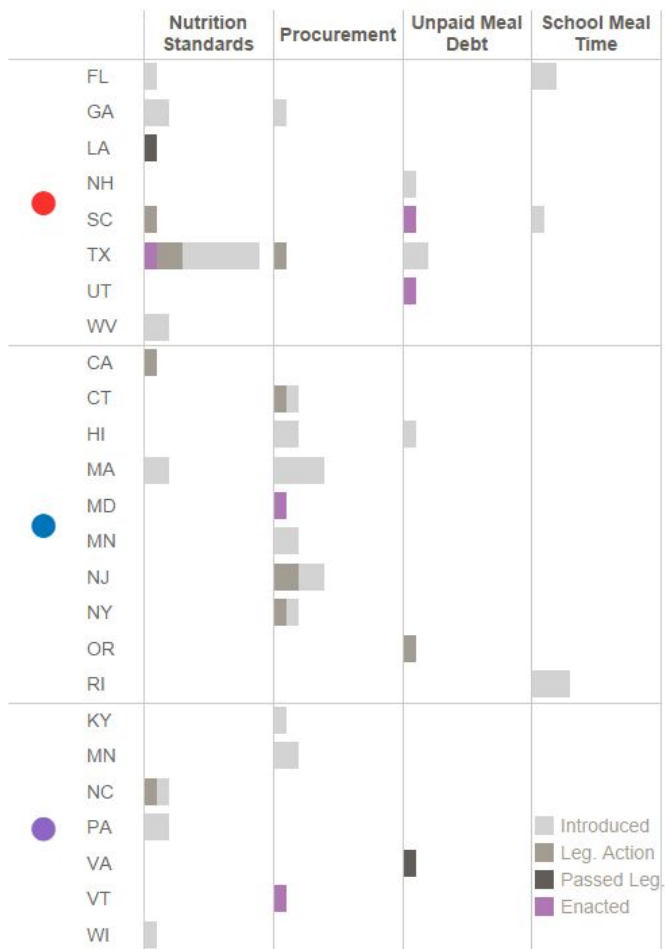


By Bill Status



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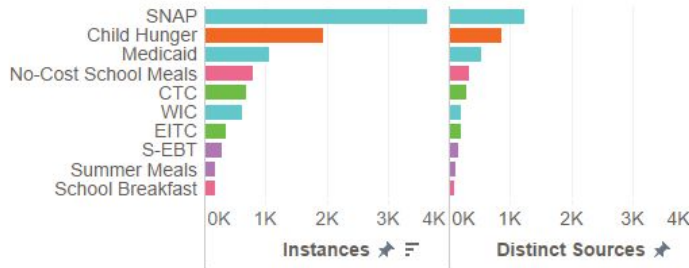
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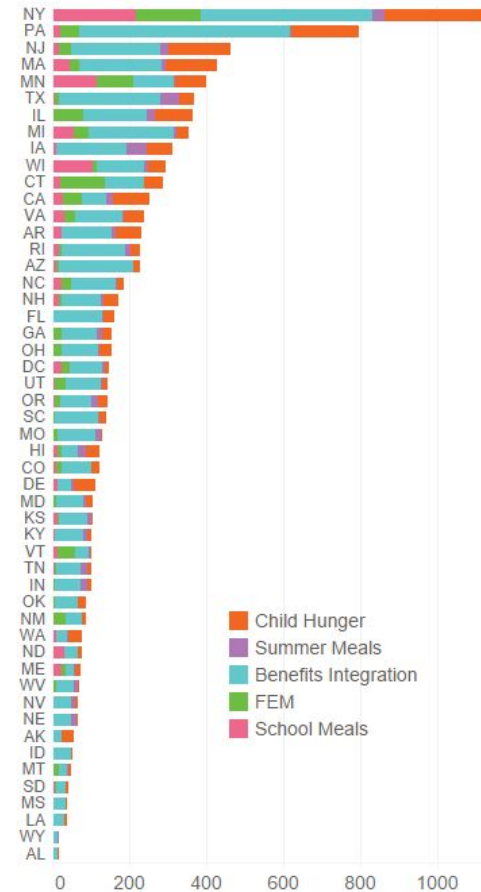
Communications

Policymaker Communications, Sept '24 - June '25

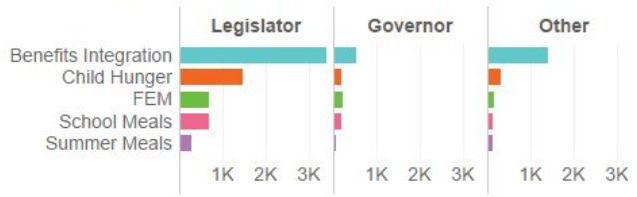
Instances, Distinct Sources by Issue



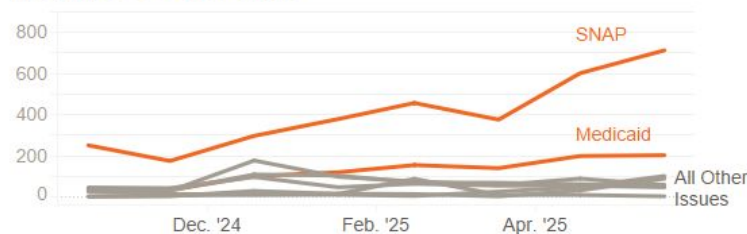
Instances by State and Issue



Instances by Source Type



Instances Over Time



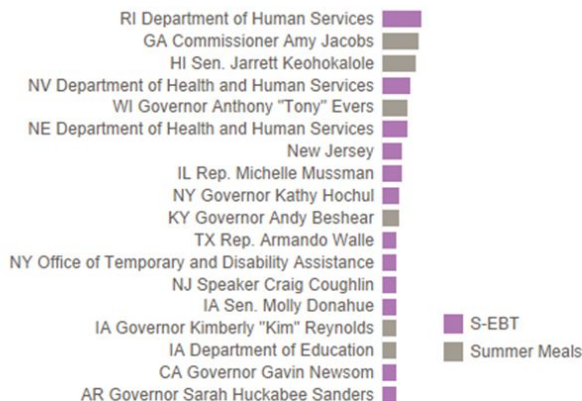
Note – Includes communications about federal and state policy (e.g., federal Reconciliation bill) and positively and negatively framed communications (e.g., SNAP)

“Other” source type includes state agencies, legislative chamber, or other general source not attributed to an individual

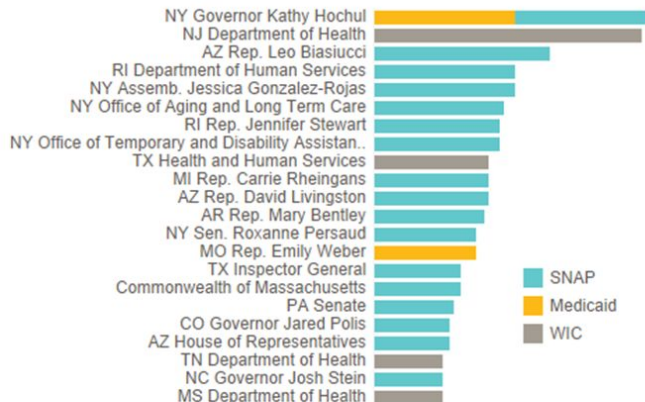
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Top Communicators, Sept '24 - June '25

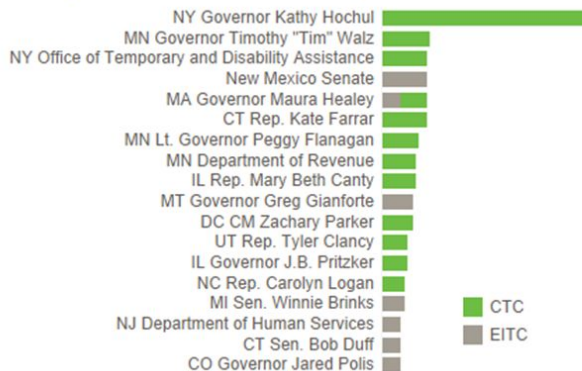
Summer Meals



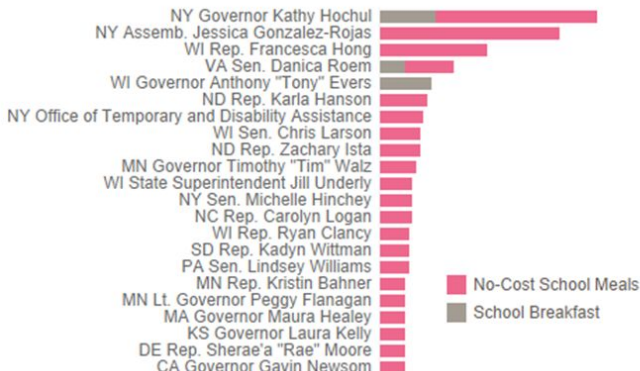
Benefits Integration



Family Economic Mobility



School Meals



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Methodology

Legislation and communications data were collected in Quorum using the following search terms. Legislation data includes bills and resolutions. Communications data includes press releases, newsletters, letters, state of state address, floor or committee statement, Tweet, Facebook post, or YouTube video. Legislation data were coded based on schemes available [here](#).

Data are as of June 30, 2025.

Issue	Search Term
Child Hunger	"Child Hunger" OR "Child Nutrition" OR "food security" OR "food insecurity"
Child Tax Credit	"Child Tax Credit"
Earned Income Tax Credit	"Earned Income Tax Credit" OR "EITC"
Medicaid	medicaid AND ("1115" OR "waiver" OR "demonstration" OR "hunger" OR "food" OR "nutrition" OR "meal" OR "social need" OR "social determinant" OR "HRSN" OR "SDOH")
No-Cost School Meals	("school meals for all" OR "free school meals" OR "universal school meals" OR "free school breakfast" OR "free school lunch" OR "Community Eligibility Provision")
School Breakfast	("breakfast after the bell" OR "breakfast in the classroom" OR "school breakfast" OR "school breakfast program")
SNAP	("Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program" OR "SNAP" OR "food stamps")
Summer Meals	"summer meal" OR "sun meal" OR "summer food" OR "summer lunch" OR "seamless summer option"
Summer EBT	("sun bucks" OR "Summer EBT" OR "summer electronic benefit")
WIC	("Special supplemental nutrition assistance program" OR "WIC")