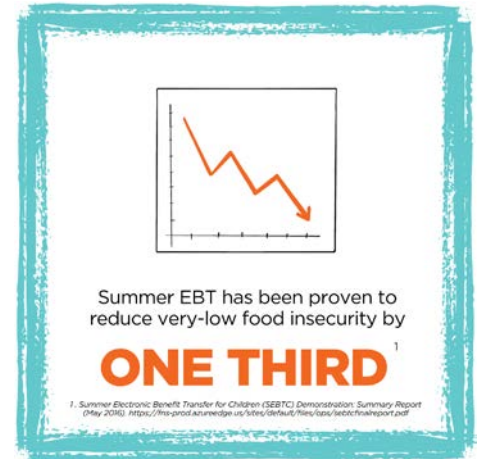


Summer EBT 101



Summer EBT (or SUN Bucks) is a new federal nutrition program that provides \$120 in grocery benefits per eligible child each summer. The benefit amount varies in Alaska, Hawaii, and US territories and will adjust with inflation each year. Benefits are typically provided on a debit-style EBT card to purchase food at approved retailers including grocery stores, farmers markets, and online.

Summer EBT is one of multiple new options that help ensure children have food during the summer months when school is out. Children and families can participate in both Summer EBT and summer meals, whether congregate or non-congregate.



Eligibility

Students can only receive Summer EBT if they live in a state, territory or tribal area that has [opted in to administering the program](#). Within those states, territories and tribal areas, students automatically qualify for Summer EBT if they are approved for free or reduced-price meals at their school, or if their household receives a public benefit program like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).



If a child does not qualify automatically, a family can still apply to receive Summer EBT if they meet [certain income guidelines](#) and their child is enrolled in a school operating the [National School Lunch Program](#) or [School Breakfast Program](#). Most public and charter schools and some private schools operate these programs.

Unlike with Pandemic EBT, children attending schools that provide meals at no cost to all students through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) will **not** automatically receive Summer EBT unless they meet automatic issuance criteria.



Resources & Support

Summer EBT is a new program and looks different in each state, territory and tribal area that administers it, including when automatic issuance happens, when application deadlines occur, and how communication goes out to families. Below is a list of websites that offer up-to-date information about Summer EBT:

- [USDA's Sun Bucks \(Summer EBT\)](#) - provides Summer EBT information about states, including state agency, territory and tribal websites where more details can be found, including application deadline information, and customer support hotlines.
- [No Kid Hungry's Summer EBT Basics for Families](#) - provides a helpful overview of Summer EBT, specific to families, and includes information on eligibility guidelines, ways to apply for Summer EBT, and information about SNAP and WIC.
- [No Kid Hungry's Summer EBT Overview and Resources](#) - provides an overview of Summer EBT, along with information for state agencies, and resources to support outreach to families.

