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SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: 2020 JURISDICTIONAL PROFILES

This document includes individual profiles summarizing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) data for each of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions as well as the state. Each profile includes every household in that jurisdiction that participated in SNAP for at least one month in state fiscal year (SFY) 2020 (July 2019 to June 2020). Information is based on the state-level <u>SFY 2020 SNAP report</u>. Characteristics of households and adult recipients are provided.

Profiles include information on households that began participating in SNAP during the first three months of the COVID-19 pandemic (April to June 2020). Where relevant, the profiles compare households that began participating in SNAP before and after the start of the pandemic. Each profile provides stakeholders with relevant and timely information about the composition and characteristics of SNAP households in each jurisdiction.

Methods

Population and Sample

The population includes every household that received SNAP for at least one month in SFY 2020. Households are only included in the population once. For households that received more than one month of SNAP in SFY 2020 or that had multiple case closures and re-entries to the program, the first month in the SFY that the case received benefits is the first month included in the analysis.

To provide stakeholders with a detailed overview of SNAP receipt in each jurisdiction, analyses are segmented by household type and adult type. Household and adult types are based on the household compositions identified by the Food and Nutrition Service's national report on <u>SNAP households</u> and on groups specified in the <u>Food and Nutrition Act of 2008</u>. Household and adult types are not mutually exclusive, meaning families can fall into more than one type. Additionally, demographic and employment analyses are for adult recipients only. In jurisdictions with fewer SNAP recipients, some race and ethnicity categories are combined for confidentiality.

Each profile also provides analyses by cohort. Households for which the first month of receipt in SFY 2020 occurred between July 2019 and March 2020 are included in the pre-pandemic cohort. Households for which the first month of receipt was between April and June 2020 are included in the pandemic cohort. In SFY 2020, there were 529,644 unduplicated SNAP households with 554,367 unduplicated adult recipients.

Data Sources

Data for the snapshots come from several sources. Information regarding individual- and household-level demographics and SNAP participation come from the Client Automated Resource and Eligibility System (CARES). Earnings and employment information comes from the Maryland Automated Benefits System (MABS). MABS data accounts for approximately 91% of all Maryland civilian employment; however, the data does have some limitations. MABS does not contain data on certain types of employment, such as self-employment, independent contractors, and informal employment. MABS also has no information on

employment outside of Maryland. Because several jurisdictions in Maryland have very high rates of outof-state employment, earnings and employment are more likely to be understated in some jurisdictions compared to others. For jurisdictions where it is common for residents to work outside of the state, we provide out-of-state employment rates. Out-of-state employment information comes from the <u>U.S.</u> <u>Census Bureau</u> (using the 2014 – 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates for Sex of Workers by Place of Work—State and County Level (B08007) table). Employment analyses also exclude adult recipients that were missing identifying information.

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DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

Key Definitions

- Adult Type: Categories of adults who are in the SNAP household and meet specific criteria (e.g., are an ABAWD). Adult types are not mutually exclusive (i.e., an adult SNAP recipient can belong to more than one adult type).
- Case: A term used interchangeably with household.
- Household: An individual living alone or a group of individuals who live together and prepare food together (Food and Nutrition Act of 2008).
- Household Type: Categories of households that receive SNAP and meet specific criteria (e.g., children are included in the household). Household types are not mutually exclusive (i.e., a household can belong to more than one type).
- Median: The middle value of a set of numbers. One can find the median by arranging all values from lowest to highest and selecting the midpoint value. Extreme values do not affect the median, which is why it is sometimes preferred over the mean.
- New to SNAP: Households that had no previous SNAP receipt prior to SFY 2020.
- Out-of-state employment: Workers 16 and older who reported working outside of Maryland. Information comes from the American Community Survey, conducted by the <u>U.S. Census Bureau</u>.
- Pandemic Cohort: Families whose first month of SNAP receipt in SFY 2020 was between April and June 2020.
- Pre-pandemic Cohort: Families whose first month of SNAP receipt in SFY 2020 was between July 2019 and March 2020.
- SNAP: The federal <u>Supplemental Nutrition</u> <u>Assistance Program</u> is the largest food assistance program the United States. The program helps families who meet eligibility criteria purchase nutritious food.

HOUSEHOLD TYPES

Note: Household analyses are at the case level.

- Households with Children: Households that include at least one child 17 years or younger at any point during the SFY.
- Able-Bodied Adult without Dependents (ABAWD): Households that include at least one adult recipient between the ages of 18 and 49 who does not have a documented disability and is subject to federal work requirements at any point during the SFY.
- Adults with a Disability: Households with at least one adult recipient between the ages of 18 and 59 years who has a temporary or permanent disability exemption at any point during the SFY.
- Older Adults: Households that include at least one adult recipient who is age 60 or older when SNAP receipt began during the SFY.
- Other Adults: Households that include at least one adult who does not fit criteria for any other household type at any point during the SFY.

ADULT TYPES

Note: Adult types are similar to household types but apply only to the adults within a household who are included in the calculation of the SNAP benefit amount. Analyses are at the individual level.

- Adults with Children: An adult recipient who had at least one child 17 years or younger living in the household at any point during the SFY.
- Able-Bodied Adult without Dependents (ABAWD): An adult recipient between the ages of 18 and 49 who does not have a documented disability and is subject to federal work requirements at any point during the SFY.
- Adults with a Disability: An adult recipient between the ages of 18 and 59 years who has a temporary or permanent disability exemption at any point during the SFY.
- Older Adults: An adult recipient who is age 60 or older when SNAP receipt began during the SFY.
- Other Adults: An adult recipient who does not fit the criteria for any other household type at any point during the SFY.

Maryland SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Allegany County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Anne Arundel County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Baltimore City SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Baltimore County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Calvert County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Caroline County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Carroll County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Cecil County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Charles County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Dorchester County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Frederick County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Garrett County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Harford County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Howard County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Kent County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Montgomery County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Prince George's County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Queen Anne's County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Somerset County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Talbot County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Washington County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Wicomico County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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Worcester County SNAP Caseload, SFY 2020



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