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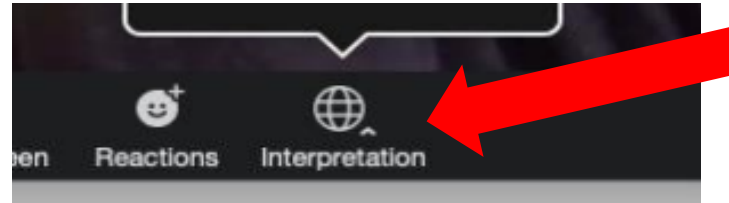
# Federal Response Forward Together Oregon Partner Webinar

November 18, 2025



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# Agenda

- Director of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement
- Federal Government Shutdown Update
- Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents Eligibility Updates
- Marketplace Updates
- Questions and Answers
- Resources

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# Welcome

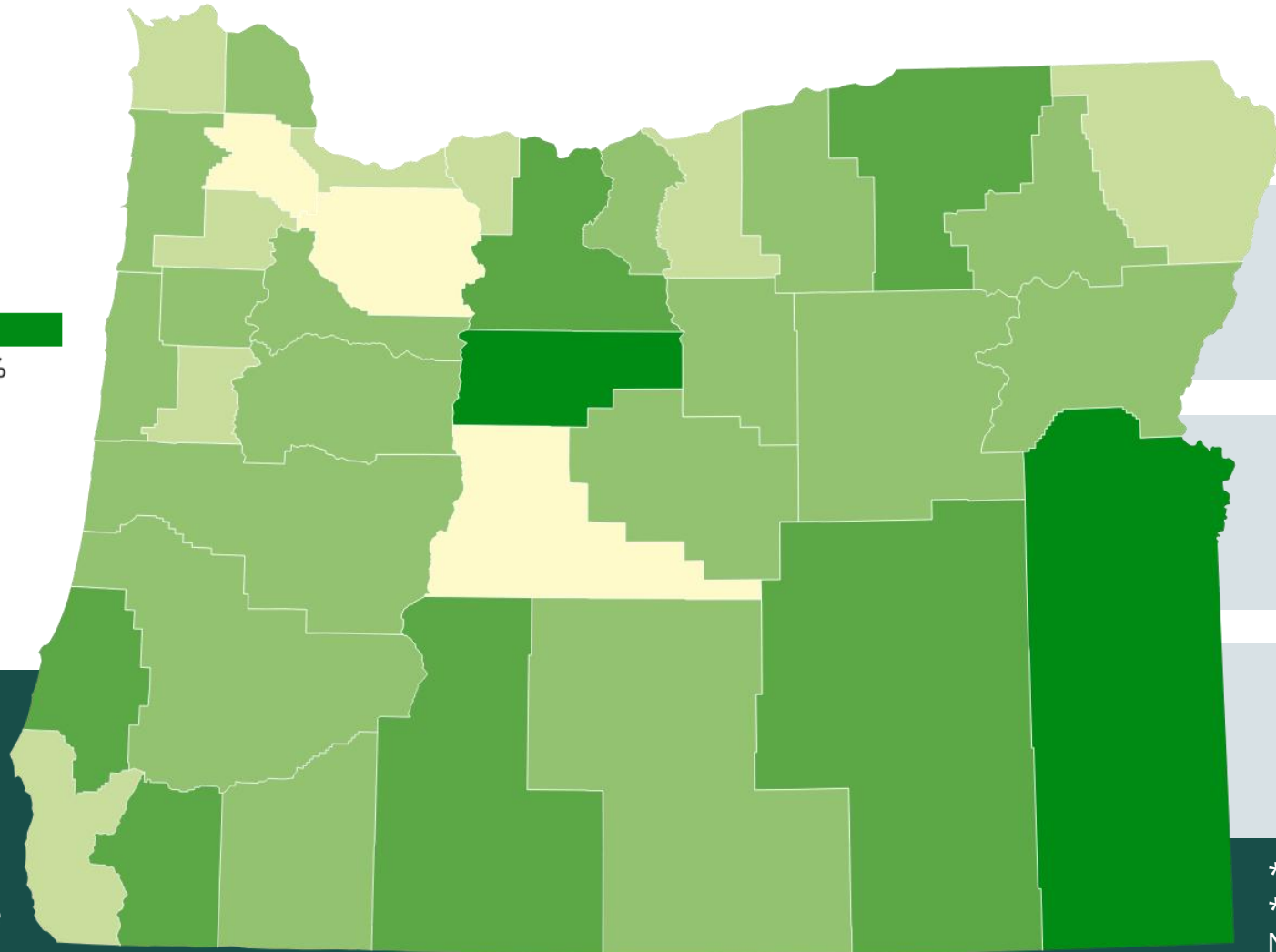
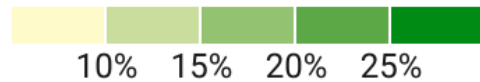
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# 1 in 6 Oregonians participate in SNAP

Percentage of households receiving SNAP by county



**757,000**  
individuals\*

**76,343**  
Age 60+\*

**47,786**  
have a disability\*\*

Map graphic based on American Community Survey 5-Year data (2017-2021) as presented by the [Food Research & Action Center](#).

\*Based on ODHS caseload data  
\*\*As defined by Food and Nutrition Services

# SNAP monthly snapshot

**\$313**

Average  
benefit per  
household

**\$183**

Average  
benefit per  
person

**210k+**

Participating  
children

**130k+**

Participating  
adults 65+



Source:  
Oregon  
Department of  
Human  
Services  
caseload data,  
March 2025.

# Oregon SNAP operating normally

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- 100% of November's benefits issued to SNAP recipients by the morning of Nov. 7.
- Those approved for SNAP between Nov. 7-13 received benefits on Nov. 14.
- December SNAP will go out on the regular schedule
- SNAP funded through September 30, 2026





# Hunger emergency continues

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Governor confirmed on Nov. 7 that the **emergency declaration remains in place**

ODHS **incident management team (IMT)** coordinating statewide response

- \$5M to **Oregon Food Bank** network
- \$1M distributed equally across **Nine Federally Recognized Tribes**
- Statewide **food donation campaign**



# Protecting EBT Cards and Benefits

Electronic theft of benefits is on the rise nationwide

Stolen SNAP benefits **can't** be replaced.  
TANF benefits **can** be replaced.

Safety tips for cardholders and downloadable resources for partners in many languages at [www.oregon.gov/odhs](http://www.oregon.gov/odhs)

## Act now to protect your Oregon EBT card and benefits



Be on the alert. Scammers are stealing food and cash benefits from EBT cards. Take charge in protecting your benefits.

- Learn how to keep your card and benefits safe
- Know what to do if your card or benefits are stolen
- Find out if you qualify for replacement benefits



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Protect your card at [www.ebtedge.com](http://www.ebtedge.com)

If your benefits are stolen, report it right away.  
Cancel your card and order a new one.

Weekdays  
855-328-6715

Weekends  
888-997-4447

You can get this form in other languages, large print, braille, or a format you prefer free of charge. Call the ONE Customer Service Center at 1-800-699-9075. We also accept relay calls.

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# Federal Government Shutdown - WIC

- Oregon's Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program continued to provide services and benefits without interruption during the shutdown.
- The Continuing Resolution adopted by Congress and signed by the President includes full funding for WIC through Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026.

# Lawfully present immigrant provisions


Effective Date	Description	Population Impact
July 4, 2025	<b>Non-citizen SNAP eligibility:</b> Limits eligibility to US citizens or nationals, Lawful Permanent Residents, certain Cuban and Haitian entrants, and Compact of Free Association (COFA) citizens.	<b>~3,000 lawfully present individuals</b> , including refugees, asylees and other conditionally allowed individuals, will lose benefits.

# SNAP eligibility limitations

Eligible Groups	Eligibility Timing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Non-citizen U.S. nationals</b></li><li>• <b>Cuban and Haitian entrants</b></li><li>• <b>Compacts of Free Association (COFA) citizens</b></li></ul>	Eligible immediately, with no waiting period, as long as they meet all other SNAP financial and non-financial eligibility requirements.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Lawful permanent residents (LPR), also known as Green Card holders</b></li></ul>	<p>Eligible after a 5-year waiting period, as long as they meet all other SNAP financial and non-financial eligibility requirements.</p> <p>LPRs may still be eligible for SNAP without a waiting period if they meet one or more of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are under 18 years old</li><li>• Have 40 qualifying work quarters</li><li>• Are blind or disabled</li><li>• Were lawfully residing in the U.S. and 65 or older on August 22, 1996</li><li>• Have a U.S. military connection</li><li>• Are admitted to the United States as an Amerasian immigrant</li><li>• Are an American Indian born abroad</li><li>• Certain Hmong or Highland Laotian tribal members</li></ul>

Source: USDA FNS at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/obbb-alien-eligibility>

# Able-bodied adults without dependents work rules

Effective date	Description	Estimated population impact
July 4, 2025	<p><b>Changes able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) age range</b> to 18 through 64 (previously 18 through 54)</p> <p><b>Changes dependent child exception</b> to those under the age of 14 (previously 18).</p> <p><b>Limits ABAWD waivers</b> to only be permissible if an area (city, county, Tribal Land, etc.) has an unemployment rate above 10%. Removed option to request waivers based on lack of sufficient jobs.</p>	<p><b>~310,000 adults</b> will need to be reviewed for ABAWD work requirements or exceptions.</p> 

# What does it mean?

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A 63-year-old will be limited to 3 SNAP months in 3 years if they must meet work rules and don't.

Residents of frontier counties must work 80 hours/month or be limited to 3 SNAP months in 3 years.

People and families who have SNAP will lose SNAP or get fewer benefits.



**Hunger in Oregon will increase.**

# SNAP work rule impacts for older adults and people with disabilities

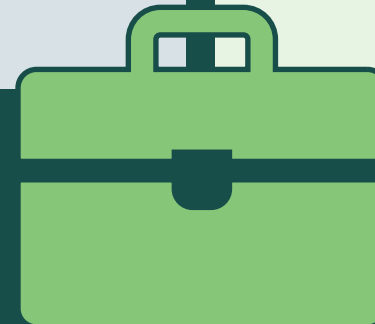
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## SNAP work-requirement exemptions:

- People ages 55-64 added to who must meet 80 hour per month work rules to get more than 3 months of SNAP
- Removed exemptions for veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and former foster youth
- People with a disability remain exempt

## Work rules will not impact individuals with I/DD, behavioral health or physical disability

- Will not apply to individuals receiving long-term services and supports.





# Food insecurity among older adults

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Nearly **1 in 7 seniors** in Oregon experiences food insecurity.  
(Oregon Food Bank)

**Disproportionate impact:** Communities of color, low-income seniors, individuals with disabilities and immigrants.

Food-insecure older adults are **more likely to have poor/fair health** and **chronic health conditions**.

**Adults 60+** have the **lowest SNAP participation rate** in Oregon.  
(Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon)

Consumer Price Index:  
**All food increased 0.4%**  
from July 2025 to August 2025, **higher than any other category.**

# Support for individuals receiving Medicaid long term services and supports

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Case managers help individuals address food related needs through the person-centered service planning

In-home consumers can have their caregivers take them to food banks or go to the food bank for them

Individuals can use their community transportation benefits to go to food banks and other community supports

In-home consumers can receive up to two Medicaid-funded home delivered meals every day

Individuals with life-threatening conditions may be able to receive payments from ODHS for special diets

Additional in-home hours may be an option for some

Individuals in licensed care settings receive 3 meals plus snacks daily

# Food security services: Older Americans Act (OAA)

## APD receives federal funding for OAA programs.

- Supports people aged 60+
- Funds 16 Area Agencies on Aging
- Nutrition services: Home-delivered meals and congregate meal sites

### Fiscal Year 2024-25

**1.97M**

Home-delivered  
meals (HDM)

**13,512**

HDM  
consumers

**562k+**

Congregate  
meals

**14,122**

Congregate  
consumers

# Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace

The Marketplace empowers Oregonians to improve their lives through local support, education, and access to affordable, high-quality health coverage.

We invite all partners to join our monthly Marketplace Connections meeting.

- Find information and register at: [orhim.info/connection](https://orhim.info/connection)

Senate Bill 972 (2023) requires OHA to transition the Marketplace from a state-based marketplace using the federal platform (SBM-FP) to a state-based marketplace (SBM) in time for open enrollment for plan year 2027 (by Nov. 1, 2026).

- Learn more at: [orhim.info/sbmtransition](https://orhim.info/sbmtransition)

# Marketplace Open Enrollment



**Open  
Enrollment is  
Nov. 1, 2025 to  
Jan. 15, 2026.**

- People who enroll between Nov. 1 and Dec. 15, 2025 will have coverage beginning Jan. 1, 2026.
- People who enroll between Dec. 15, 2025 and Jan. 15, 2026 will have coverage beginning Feb. 1, 2026.
- Use the Window Shopping tool ([OregonHealthCare.gov/WindowShop](https://OregonHealthCare.gov/WindowShop)) to preview financial assistance before completing a full application.
- Enroll in health coverage through the Marketplace at [HealthCare.gov](https://HealthCare.gov)

# Marketplace Enhanced Premium Tax Credits

The temporary increase in financial help (called “enhanced premium tax credits” [EPTCs]) end this year unless Congress extends it.



That means many people will see a smaller subsidy and a higher monthly premium, even if their income and plan stay the same.



It’s especially important this year that clients log in, update their application, and compare plans—they might find a new plan that fits their budget better.



Learn more about the ending EPTCs at [orhim.info/eptcexpiration](https://orhim.info/eptcexpiration)

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# Questions and Answers

# Resources

- **ODHS** [web page](#)
- **OHA** [web page](#)
- **Email** [feedback@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:feedback@odhsoha.oregon.gov) to submit questions
- **WIC** [web page](#)
- **Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement** [web page](#)
- **New 2026 Forward Together Oregon partner webinar series**
  - Register here: [https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_-Q6HyPQoR76PxxMFSXcQ2Q#/registration](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_-Q6HyPQoR76PxxMFSXcQ2Q#/registration)



# Resources for finding food

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- Visit ODHS' [free food events](#) listings.
- Visit ODHS' food resource webpage at [needfood.oregon.gov](https://needfood.oregon.gov)



