

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

Description

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) works to improve the health of low-income pregnant and breastfeeding women, other new mothers up to one year postpartum, infants, children up to age six, and elderly people at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA Foods.

It provides food and administrative funds to States to supplement the diets of these groups.

Participation

Women, infants, children, and the elderly must reside in one of the 39 States or on one of the two Indian reservations that participate in CSFP.

States establish an income limit for the elderly that is at or below 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.

States also establish income limits for women, infants, and children that are at or below 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines, but not below 100 percent of these guidelines.

Seniors currently make up 97 percent of the participants in CSFP.

Budget

In FY 2012, \$176.8 million was appropriated for CSFP. Annual appropriations may be supplemented by unspent funds carried over from the previous FY, if available.

Contact Information

For more information about this program, we suggest that you contact your CSFP State Distributing Agency. A list of State Contacts may be found on the Food Distribution website at www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/contacts/sdacontacts.htm.