

UNITED STATES (2005)

Total Cost

\$31,072,110,000

Individuals Receiving SNAP

25,628,000

UNITED STATES (2013)

Total Cost

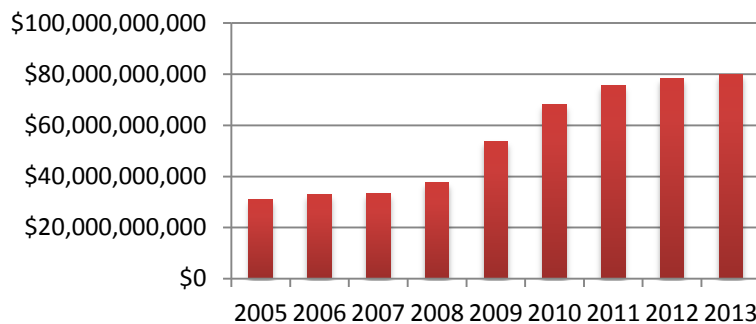
\$79,928,460,000 (157%

Growth)

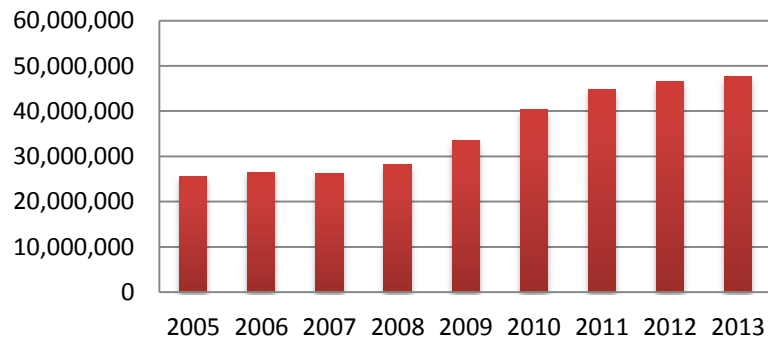
Individuals Receiving SNAP

47,636,090

Cost of Program (2005-2013)



Participation (2005-2013)



MAINE (2005)

Total Cost

\$160,380,378.09

Individuals Receiving SNAP

152,910

MAINE (2013)

Total Cost

\$367,069,888

(129%

Growth)

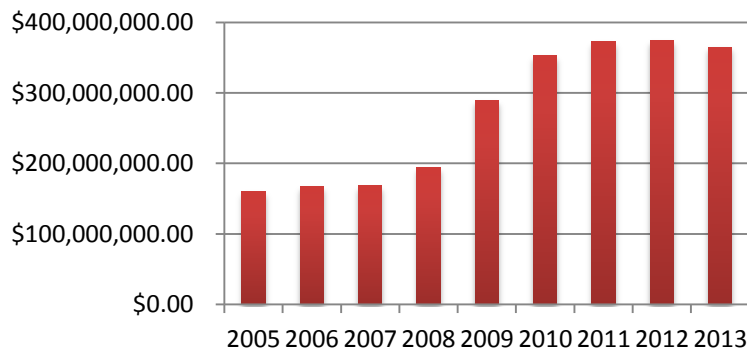
Individuals Receiving SNAP

249,119

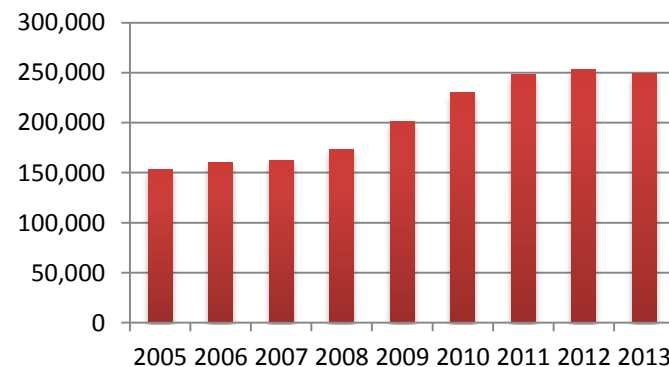
Total Maine Population

1,328,000

Cost of Program (2005-2013)



Participation (2005-2013)



Food Stamp Reform

States are facing an uphill battle on reforming the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), otherwise known as Food Stamps. A common sense approach is needed in Washington D.C. to allow States the ability to ensure welfare benefits are being used appropriately.

- 1) **Enhanced Nutrition** Eliminate the purchase ability for junk food, soda, and energy drinks. Align allowable SNAP purchases with Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.
- 2) **Photos on EBT Cards** Enhance program integrity by requiring photos on all EBT cards. A photo on an EBT card needs to be a condition of eligibility.
- 3) **Waivers** Eliminating all waivers will restore the original intent of the law. Examples include: ABAWD waiver, Asset Test waiver, Categorical eligibility and simplified reporting waivers.
- 4) **Data Transparency** Require FNS and EBT vendors to capture detailed SNAP transaction data and provide this information to States.

5) Program Integrity Reforms (Individuals)

- i. Authorized Representatives should be declared in writing when an individual applies for benefits.
- ii. Require in-person meeting prior to benefits being granted with a requirement that a valid photo ID is produced.
- iii. Restrict the amount of replacement cards an individual can request in a twelve-month period.
- iv. Require individuals to cooperate with Fraud Investigators or lose their benefits.
- v. Change federal rules to eliminate “simplified reporting” to require individuals to report changes in household or income immediately.
- vi. Increase the retention rates to allow states to retain at least 50% of the funds collected from Intentional Program Violations.
- vii. Include income for illegal alien families with SNAP eligible citizen children that are receiving benefits.

6) Program Integrity Reforms (Retailers)

- i. Increase the minimum eligible food inventory requirements of the four major food groups to be stocked for sale at convenience store category retailers.
- ii. Allow States to enforce EBT retailer trafficking violations in the SNAP program.