NJ Summer EBT is coming in Summer 2024

In June 2024, New Jersey will launch Summer EBT, a child nutrition program intended to reduce hunger and food insecurity for children during the summer when school is not in session.

Most families will get these benefits automatically, but some parents will need to apply. The new program is in addition to free meals that kids of all ages can get at summer meal sites in their communities.

Benefits of Summer EBT

- Helps parents and caregivers buy healthy foods for their children.
- Gives families the flexibility to select foods that fit their culture and lifestyle.
- Improves food security and diet quality for children.

Eligibility and Enrollment

Children are eligible for the program if:

- the household already participates in SNAP, FDPIR, TANF, etc., OR
- the child attends a school that offers the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program and the household income meets the federal requirements for free or reduced-price school meals.

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How Summer EBT Works

The benefits will be mailed on a new EBT card for each child and can be used to buy groceries. Families will receive $120 per eligible child for the summer. Benefits can be used at authorized retailers, like grocery stores and farmers markets, to purchase healthy foods like fruits, vegetables, meats and other protein sources, whole grains, and dairy. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Help Families in Your Community

Spread the word in your community! Let households know about Summer EBT by:

- Encouraging families who receive benefits through other programs to make sure their mailing address is up to date.
- Telling families who are automatically enrolled to look in the mail for their card.
- Encouraging families who may have eligible children to apply.

Help us make sure we can reach every eligible family. Visit [NJ.gov/SummerEBT](#) to learn more about this new program.