



# SNAP Income Limits and the Case for Categorical Eligibility

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# What is Broad Based Categorical Eligibility?



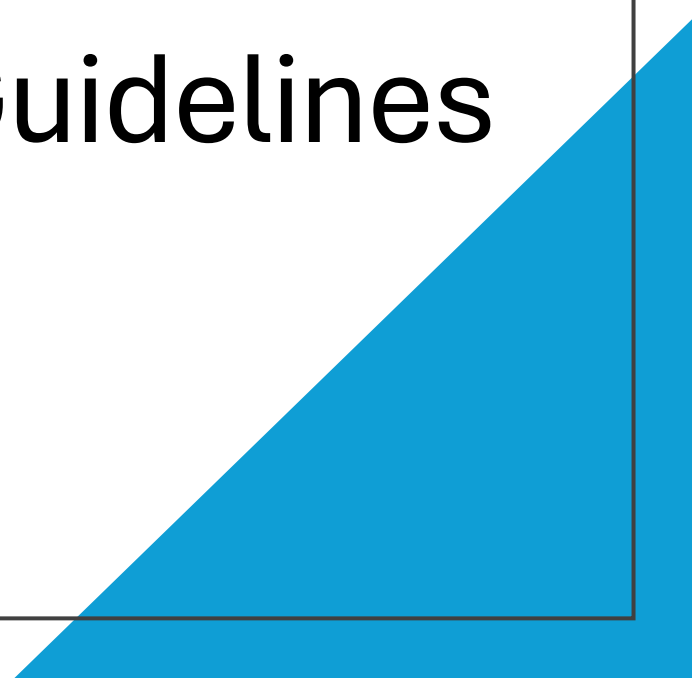
BBCE enables states to raise SNAP gross income eligibility limits above the typical 130% of the Federal Poverty Line threshold, up to a maximum of 200%.



BBCE also allows states to eliminate the asset test.

Gross Income Limit (FPL)	130%	160%	180%	200%
Household of 1	\$19,578	\$24,096	\$27,108	\$30,120
Household of 2	\$26,572	\$32,704	\$36,792	\$48,880
Household of 3	\$33,566	\$41,312	\$46,476	\$51,640
Household of 4	\$40,060	\$49,920	\$56,160	\$62,400

# SNAP Income Guidelines



# BBCE Across the Country

38 states have already increased the SNAP income limit using categorical eligibility including: Texas, Florida, West Virginia, North Dakota, Nebraska, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Iowa.

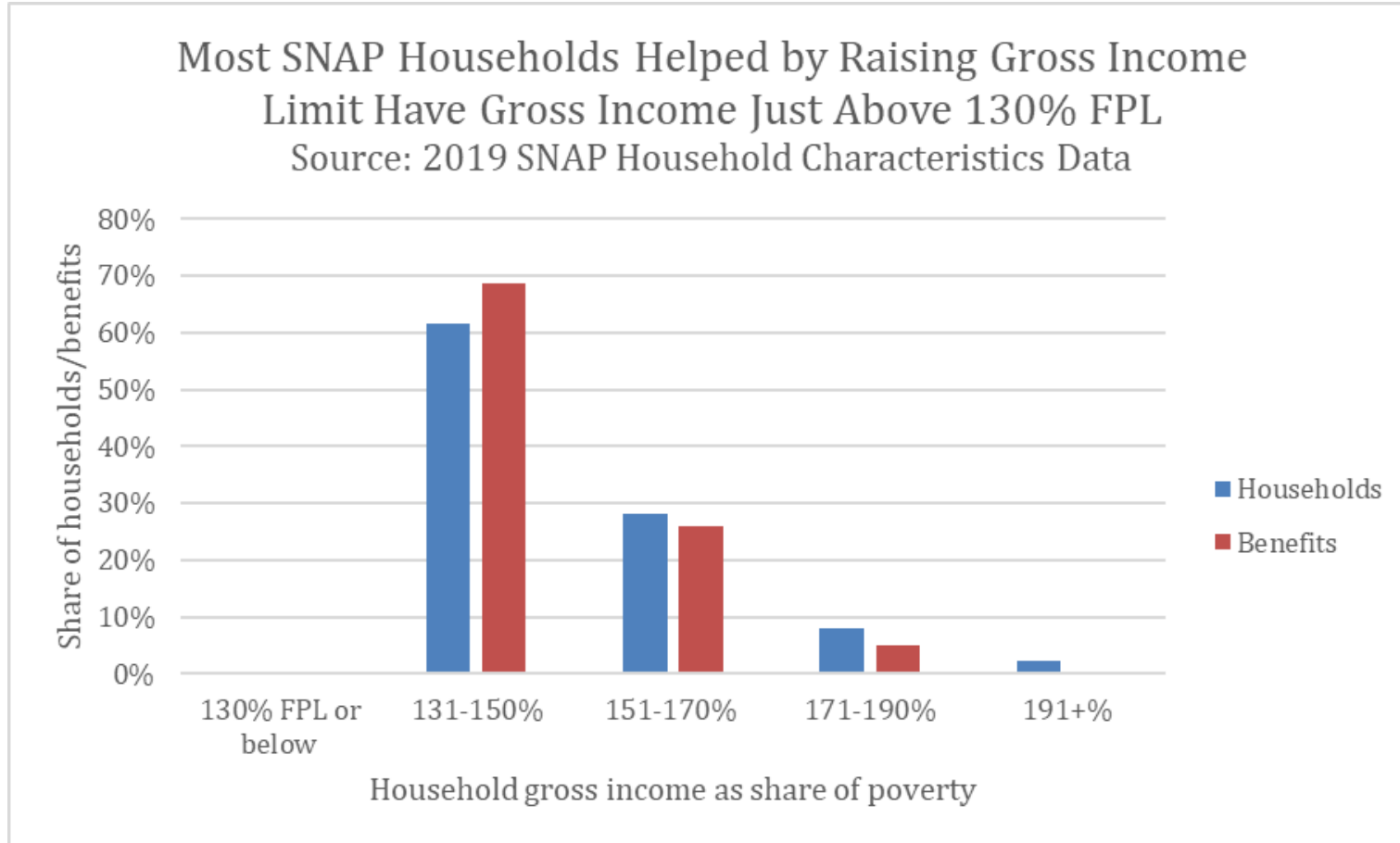
The policy promotes work by reducing the benefits cliff and helps families save money as they work their way out of poverty

States typically fund categorical eligibility by using their TANF block grant funds.

The Congressional Budget Office also reports that BBCE does not contribute substantially to SNAP costs. Only about 4 percent of SNAP program costs are due to BBCE.

# Projected Impact for Households

Provided by CBPP



# Impact of Changing the SNAP Gross Income Limit

- SNAP caseloads in the states with higher gross income limits are typically 2% to 4% higher because of the higher gross income limit and benefits are about 1% to 2% higher
- If Oklahoma raises the gross income limit, it could expect that about 5,000 to 10,000 additional households would participate, and SNAP benefits would be about \$10 to \$24 million a year higher.
- Most of the impact of raising the gross income limit comes from households with gross income just above 130% of the FPL, not from those closer to 200% of poverty (the highest limit allowed under federal regulations.)

## Federal and State TANF Spending on Select Activities (millions of dollars)

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	2006	2011	2016	2018	2022
<b>Basic Assistance</b>	\$28	\$22	\$33	\$29	\$11
<b>Work Activities</b>	\$0	\$1	\$11	\$9	\$20
<b>Child Care</b>	\$72	\$78	\$79	\$39	\$77

## Federal and State TANF Spending by Category, 2022

	Oklahoma		National
	Millions of dollars	Share of spending	Share of U.S. spending
<b>Basic Assistance</b>	\$11	7%	23%
<b>Work Activities</b>	\$20	12%	8%
<b>Work Supports and Supportive Services</b>	\$2	1%	3%
<b>Child Care</b>	\$77	48%	15%
<b>Administration and Systems</b>	\$8	5%	10%
<b>Tax Credits</b>	\$0	0%	8%
<b>Pre-K</b>	\$0	0%	10%
<b>Child Welfare</b>	\$13	8%	9%
<b>Other Services</b>	\$30	19%	13%
<b>Total</b>	\$161	100%	100%





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