Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) caseloads decrease in CYs 2022 and 2023



Sources: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services; Public Assistance Monthly Statistics

- The average monthly SNAP caseload decreased from a ten-year high of 1.7 million individuals in 840,000 assistance groups in CY 2014 to 1.3 million individuals in 663,000 assistance groups in CY 2019.
- Beginning in CY 2020, caseloads increased due to the pandemic. In CY 2021, 1.5 million individuals in 763,000 assistance groups received SNAP benefits. However, caseloads began falling in CY 2022. During CY 2023, 1.4 million individuals in 703,000 assistance groups received SNAP benefits.
- Ohio disbursed \$3.37 billion in SNAP benefits in CY 2023 compared to \$4.22 billion in CY 2021 and \$4.52 billion in CY 2022. Benefits are paid by the federal government.
 - Average 2023 monthly benefit of \$205.
- Many actions were taken during the pandemic to increase food security, including increasing benefits and ensuring assistance groups received maximum monthly benefit amounts. Benefit amounts went back to normal levels after the February 2023 issuance.
- SNAP helps low-income households (gross income at or below 130% FPL) purchase food from authorized merchants.