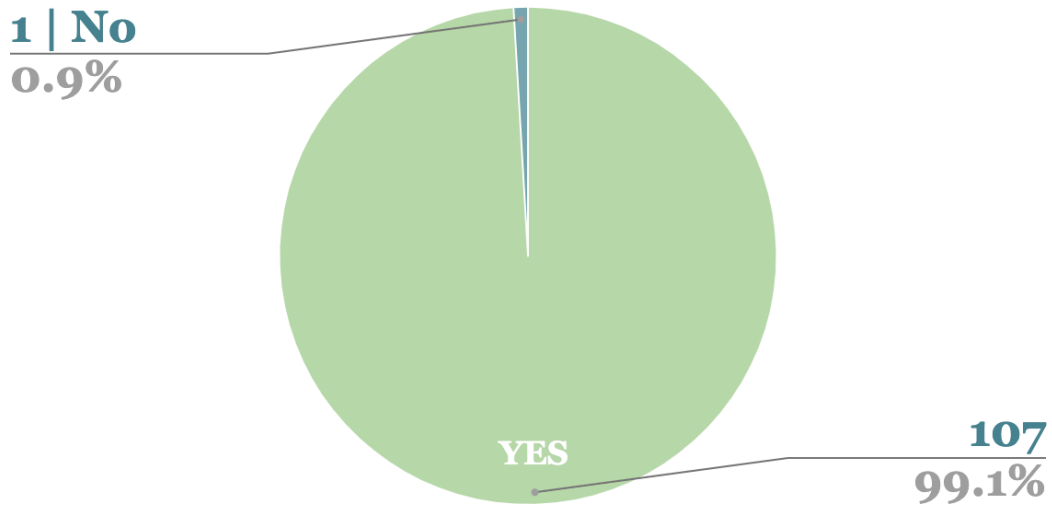


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Q1 --- Please note: When this survey asks you about your "benefits", it is only asking about SNAP (food assistance) benefits. The survey will not ask about other benefits that you may get, like social security. I understand all the above and confirm that I am a current SNAP recipient or have received SNAP within the last 6 months and that I live in Colorado.

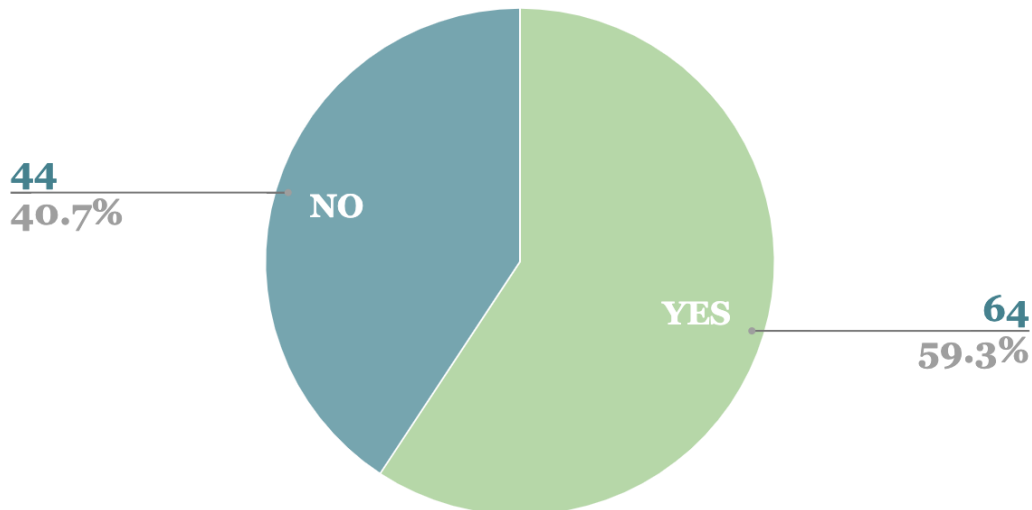
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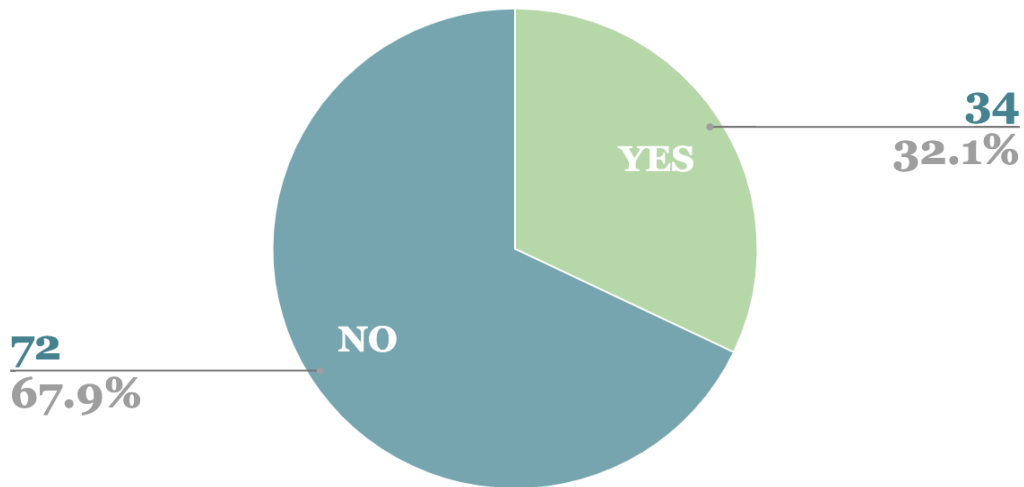


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Q4 | Some stores and farmers markets offer “Double Up Food Bucks” (www.doubleupcolorado.org) to boost SNAP dollars for shoppers to buy fresh fruits and vegetables—which means that for every SNAP dollar that you spend, you get an extra dollar to spend there on fruits and vegetables. Have you used this program before?

“Double Up Food Bucks”

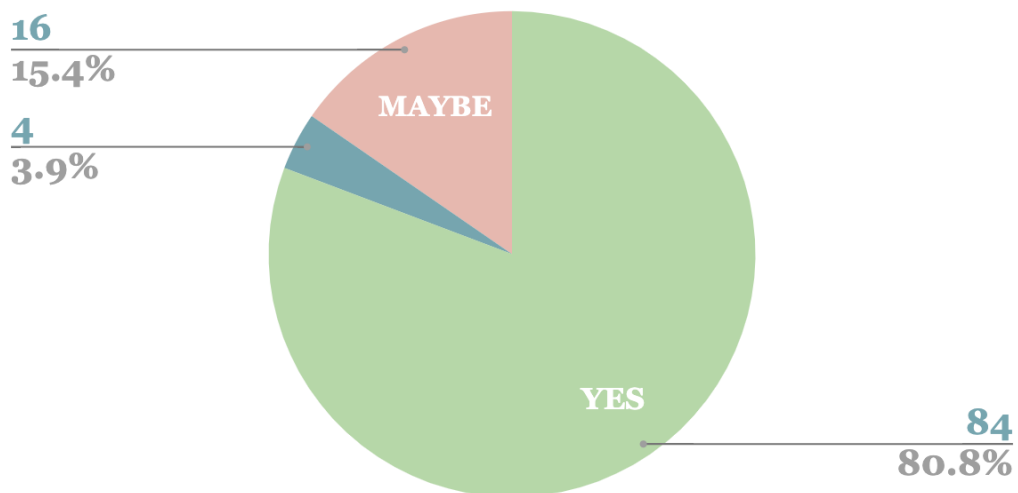
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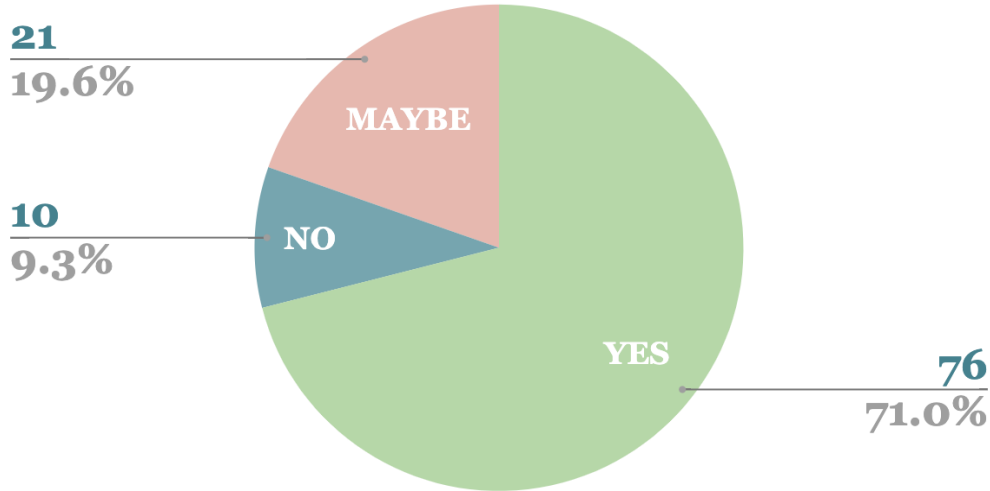
Would you, your family or someone you know benefit from a program like this?



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Q9 | Do you think SNAP dollars should be available to purchase hot and prepared foods?

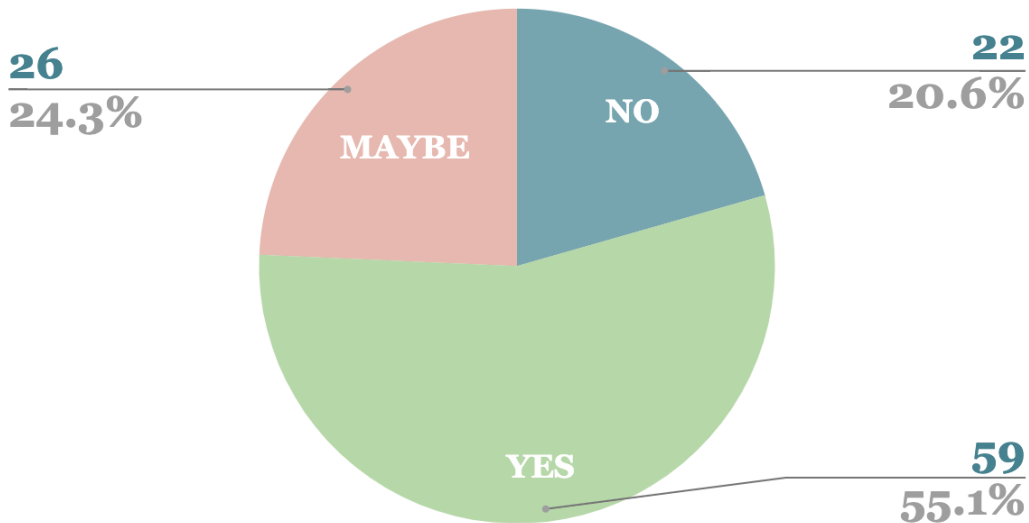
Do you think SNAP dollars should be available to purchase hot and prepared foods?



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Q11 | Some states are considering making extra SNAP dollars available to participants, but these extra SNAP dollars would only be available where sugary drinks, such as soda, are no longer able to be purchased with SNAP. (This does not include 100% fruit juices or milk). Do you think making extra SNAP dollars available, if it means that by using them then sugary drinks were no longer eligible for SNAP purchase is a good idea for Colorado?

Do you think making extra SNAP dollars available for non-sugary drinks is a good idea for Colorado?

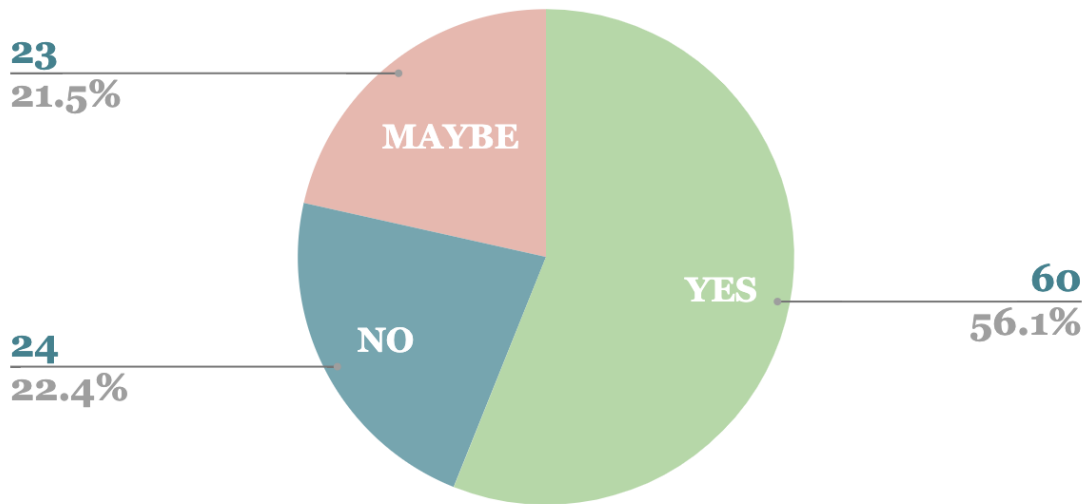


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Q13 | Another idea would be to automatically make all fruit and vegetable purchases 30% cheaper and sugary drinks 30% more expensive when purchased with your SNAP EBT card. Do you think something like this would be a good idea in Colorado?

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Do you think this is a good idea?

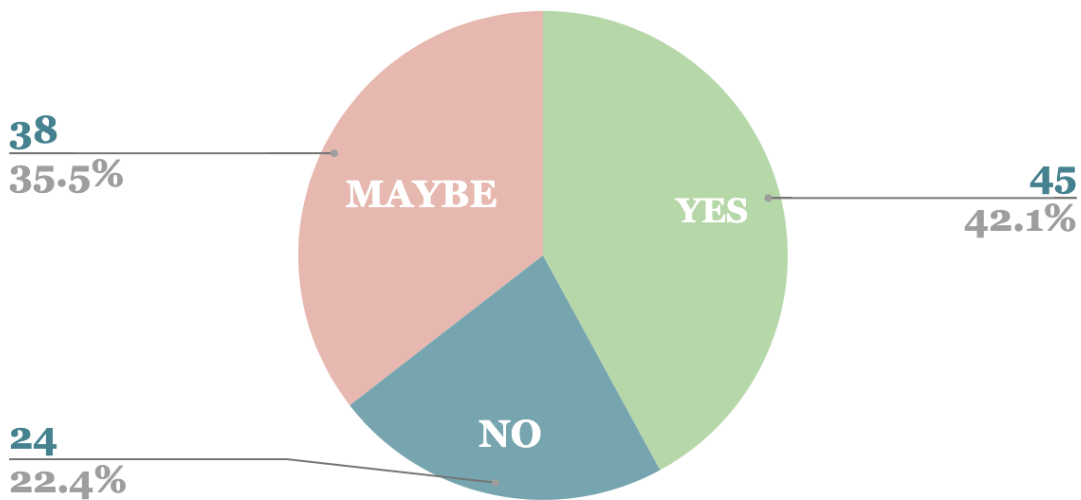


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Q15 | Some places have passed a tax paid by all shoppers (not just SNAP shoppers) applied to sugar-sweetened beverages (including any beverage such as juice or milk with added sugars). Such tax revenue could be used to increase SNAP benefits for fruits, vegetables, and other food access programs. Do you think a potential tax like this would be a good idea in Colorado?

Tax revenue could be used to increase SNAP benefits for fruits, vegetables, and other food access programs

Do you think a potential tax like this would be a good idea in Colorado?



*See appendix pages 13-14 for open ended responses.

Q17 | Do you have any other thoughts on how SNAP could make it easier to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables?

*See appendix pages 14-15 for open ended responses.

Q18 | Do you have any thoughts on how SNAP could encourage SNAP stores/retailers to provide better choices to SNAP shoppers?

*See appendix page 16 for open ended responses.

Q19 | If you had the power to make any changes to current SNAP programs in Colorado, what changes would you make?

*See appendix pages 16-19 for open ended responses.

Appendix

.....Open Ended Questions from Survey

Question 2 Open Ended Responses | Why Snap does meet or doesn't meet your families' nutritional needs?

- I wish SNAP included vitamins and supplements as well as food.
- because it allows me to buy a variety of groceries.
- Yes, because it allows me to buy a variety of foods.
- Snap benefits satisfy the needs of my family perfectly.
- Great
- enough funds for full bellies all round
- The prices are rising
- It gives me funds that allow enough to buy healthy foods
- All needs are met
- Not enough for fruits and veggies
- Because the SNAP benefits cover all our need
- We have enough to make nutritious meals all month
- My children are still small they don't eat a lot.
- We are receiving any at this time... waiting on recertification
- I think it does help with my families' nutritional needs because it allows me to buy and prepare food.
- Some foods are really expensive specially healthy food
- Because it covers most food and most importantly PRODUCE!
- Covid max allotment
- Good fund
- Food lasts a while
- helps me for holidays
- I can afford vegetables and fruit for a nutritional meal every day
- Well, it's just me and my baby oh well she's not a baby she's six to seven next month and we're doing good we got plenty of food left over we shop at Sam's club so we have we have plenty
- Because more is spent than what they give us
- I have bigger kids that eat more
- The formula for receiving snap is like 40 years old it doesn't meet today's demand or market for pricing
- Because it feeds me every month
- The amount is enough to buy groceries for the entire month
- Prior to the current month, it was enough. Now it amounts to \$2.16 per person per day.
- prices are high always going up even if you buy the store brands is not much cheaper
- Prices are rising too much

Question 4 Opened Ended Responses | What do you like about the program?

- Very useful and helpful app for snap users
- More healthy food
- extra fresh food, same price
- The ability to buy fresh produce
- Stretched money further, better access to fresh produce
- I liked that we got fresh produce
- Buying local produce and being able to buy more
- Free money
- everything
- Getting more produce for the money, and more options of produce to purchase.
- More fruits and vegetables
- Encouraged healthy eating
- I never heard of it and absolutely will be using it now - we use lots of fruits and veggies and it's hard to afford them.
- Don't understand it
- I will try to find places that do this
- It allowed me to spend money for farmers and local vendors who I wouldn't have been able to buy things from without this program

Question 4 Opened Ended Responses | What do you not like about the program?

- Haven't had a problem with it
- Only certain days
- I would love it but I never knew about it
- Only one day a week
- I loved it
- Most stores that I go to do not offer this. Only a program that is far from me, making it inconvenient and thus rarely used. It was not offered at the farmer's markets I went to this summer - all three of them.
- No dislike
- Not knowing about it
- I haven't tried it yet but will be
- The understanding part
- I had to go to the market and couldn't use it for online pickup orders
- paper money, I wish they could double the money more discreetly
- I don't like that stores like King Soopers don't participate in the program. I also don't like that it doesn't cover meat or fish products.
- Being cut off benefits when I still can't afford to buy food.

Question 7 Opened Ended Responses | Do you or your family know someone who can benefit from this program?

- The program seems like a great idea, and I would use it if I near a participating location.
- because it offers good benefits
- Because it allows to have many benefits
- Helps them when it comes to shopping.
- Helps out
- Yes it would help to get extra items
- To eat healthy
- Help with the cost of fresh produce
- Because it will stretch my SNAP money farther
- It is great for familie to be able to shop local
- Give us more fruits and vegetables.
- Because it would allow us to eat healthy
- The extra dollar can help buy more healthy food
- We love produce!
- Healthy food

Question 9 Opened Ended Responses | Do you think SNAP dollars should be available to purchase hot and prepared foods? Why or why not?

- Because houseless people and people renting houses/apartments/rooms that don't have access to reliable, working kitchen appliances should still be able to eat hot meals.
- because it would be helpful
- Because maybe someone doesn't have a way to heat up
- it would instantly be abused by lazy consumers and be a further burden
- Sometimes it's late and don't have time to cook and just need something quick for the children
- A fast meal that is healthier when busy days happen
- Because I've met homeless people on SNAP who could use a hot meal.
- Something school days are long and it would be nice to be able to purchase hot meals for longer family meal times
- To give the buyer more freedom
- Things like a hot chicken should be acceptable and can be cost affordable
- Convenience for working families
- To help families on the go and families who may not currently have access to kitchen equipment
- Because sometimes families do not have time to make the food themselves.
- Because it will be helpful in a rush meals and not having to cook late
- Sometimes time is limited
- This would be so great! Rotisserie chicken is not covered and bummed when I can't afford it
- Sometimes it's more convenient just to buy hot food after a long day than just preparing a full meal
- You can buy the food to make the meal
- Sometimes I am too tired to cook the meal after work and hot meals would be greatly beneficial
- It would be helpful in a hurry but not completely needed
- Sometimes is nice to be able to get hot food

- My kids sometimes have scouts and girl scouts after practice all in the same evening so having to get home at 8 or 830 and still cook food that isn't hot already or needs to be prepared still is really hard. Especially when the kids are sleepy and exhausted already.
- Some just don't cook
- Not fast food places but maybe a deli in a grocery store.
- Just like any other family there are times when preparing a meal with only fresh foods would be difficult. It can be helpful to buy fried/grilled chicken that is already prepared and throw it on top of a salad to have a quick, healthy meal
- Sometimes there is not time to cook
- Sometimes people don't have access to a kitchen where they can prepare
- Yes they should be available to buy hot or prepared foods. This especially is true for people who are either homeless or who are disabled and have a hard time cooking in their home. And then for people who are homeless they don't even have a place to microwave cold food so it would be really helpful if they can get hot foods.
- Working and parenting can be overwhelming at times. The time you can use to spend QUALITY time with your kids is spent trying to prepare and cook a meal. Doing that 3x a day every day can get exhausting and stressful.
- Sometimes families do not have time to cook so to be able to purchase meals from grocery stores would be ideal. This will possibly decrease grabbing junk food.
- I say maybe because there may be times where families are not able to heat up their food or they don't have any way to cook or heat up their food due to homelessness or kitchen supplies not working in the home.
- Sometimes it's hard cooking when you have school aged kids and all different schedules.
- Sometimes in a pinch it may be helpful if I'm running behind to get like a rotisserie chicken or something
- Because when you're a single parent. Who is trying to get ahead. Sometimes it would be nice to get some hot food for the kiddos. So you can clean house get laundry started.
- Sometimes it helps to be able to buy a hot meal from the store because sometimes it is cheaper.
- Because sometimes I want to buy pizza or chicken already made when I don't feel like making food
- Because people who are homeless, for instance, could have something cooked and hot.
- Easy access
- There are many healthy options and easier for parents
- More flexible
- A lot of people don't have access to ovens, stoves, hot plates. Everyone's situation is different
- Because sometimes you just want to grab something quick and easy for dinner that you do not want to cook
- I like to be able to get some meals from the deli
- I think some people do not have the option to "prepare at home" being homeless or whatever the situation may be. I think everyone deserves a hot meal.
- more selection available
- I think this would be important, especially for people experiencing homelessness or others without access to ovens or microwaves.
- depends on what is bought
- We need hot food, too!
- I use prepared food to "expand" the other food I get. Example: deli items on top of SNAP-bought salad greens for a meal.

- Because then you're paying too much just for quick convenience
- It would be beneficial for busy parents
- Again it all helps
- Perhaps cafe foods and not fried foods can be made available.
- sometimes people don't have time to cook or access to a kitchen
- A hot rotisserie chicken is cheaper than a whole raw chicken
- Some people can't cook meals or have the equipment to cook.
- I think there can be really healthy and ideal options that people can buy (rotisserie chicken, salad kits, etc.) that can help save time. For many who are trying to make a living, it can be difficult to always find the time to, say, cook a whole chicken yourself and have it hot and ready for the family at dinnertime.
- It helps on those days we are not able to cook
- Sometimes prepared food is quicker
- More variety
- I think it depends. If someone doesn't have the ability to cook a hot meal yes I think that would be beneficial but some people who do have the ability to might abuse it and only buy not so healthy hot prepared food because they don't want to make a meal.
- homeless need hot meals
- Sometimes convenient food such as rotisserie chickens or chicken fingers or what my family wants to eat. They are just as nutritious as some thing I could cook for myself. Sometimes time is a budget because I'm a working mom.
- Sometimes preparing meals take a lot of time and energy and effort too
- I would help on days that we can't cook or kids have practices
- Sometimes you are in a hurry and need something instantly
- Sometimes parents don't want to cook after a long stressful day at work.
- Some homeless people don't have the means to cook

Question 11 Opened Ended Responses | Do you think making extra SNAP dollars available, if it means that by using them then sugary drinks were no longer eligible for SNAP purchase is a good idea for Colorado? Why or why not?

- I don't drink soda or sugary drinks, so I would much rather have extra SNAP dollars to buy real, healthy foods anyway.
- because it would make buyers eat healthy
- It would encourage them to eat healthy
- Benefit the kids nutrition
- Too much sugar
- promotes better nutrition
- There should just be more snap dollars because of the prices rising
- Because everything has sugar
- Better diet, better dental better developmental diet for kids
- I drink soda and would be bummed if it was gone. But still live a healthy lifestyle
- I personally don't drink sodas or give it to my kids but I know million of people love their soda and won't live without it so I don't won't to control what they can and can't have
- As long as we can get both I don't see this being a bad thing.
- More nutrition
- It could help families to start eating and drinking healthy options

- Because it would improve people's health
- Sodas are not good
- Kids and families don't need sugar and soda.
- Sugar is addicting
- Healthier
- sounds good
- Well with all the sugary snacks nowadays there is an increase in obese children so that would help cut down on the obesity in the snack and take of low-income kids and
- It's less healthier
- People should be able to get what they want
- Because I love my Coke I can't drink coffee I'm allergic to it and it's the only thing that gets me going and I can't always afford it
- I use food stamps to buy soda
- People should be able to buy any food or drink that they like, but it would also make it easier to drink healthy drinks
- I agree that SNAP should not be used on soda or candy or other unhealthful foods. But it should be okay to purchase flavored soda water (i.e., Bubly) and an occasional ginger ale or ginger beer for upset stomachs.
- confusion
- Sometimes a person needs a soda
- I don't usually drink sugary drinks anyway, and to have the extra SNAP dollars would mean I could buy more healthy foods every month.
- Healthy lifestyle may increases
- More is always better
- Soda and sugar is not part of a healthy diet the only exception I would make is kids cereal
- Soda is bad
- Because it allows for more essentials
- Shouldn't stipulations besides the nonfood like tobacco and alcohol etc products
- Sugary drinks are not necessary and limiting access to them would help people
- We don't use sugary drinks
- Sugar drinks leads to health issues.
- Sugary drinks are not nutritional

Question 13 Opened Ended Responses | Another idea would be to automatically make all fruit and vegetable purchases 30% cheaper and sugary drinks 30% more expensive when purchased with your SNAP EBT card. Do you think something like this would be a good idea in Colorado? Why or why not?

- Because I prefer fruits and vegetables over soda and sugary drinks anyway.
- it would encourage people to eat healthy
- Because it would be healthy
- Would have to pay more
- Love fruit

- I think sugary drinks should be removed completely from consideration when using SNAP benefits
- Just leave it the way it is
- Fruits and veggies are pretty cheap
- Yes on vegetables. Sugary drinks need to be eliminated period.
- That way we can make better decisions and have choice
- I think it should be the families choice. Maybe making them like 10% more expensive and 10% less expensive. That would help lessen the difference.
- Will give us more option for fruits
- Because it would encourage people to eat healthy
- Everyone needs more produce and less sugar.
- Might motivate ppl not to buy
- Make people be more healthy
- sounds good
- Yes it would be a good idea because it would be forcing people to eat healthier knowing that they would have to spend a higher amount on
- It's going to be cheaper to buy healthier options
- We should not have to pay more because it contains sugar
- Why should I have to suffer because someone else thinks I need to not drink soda
- I think it would encourage more nutritious food purchasing choices and I'm on board with that.
- because some people get little in food stamps and its hard to do math in the store
- Everything is high enough already
- I don't usually drink sugary drinks anyway, so this would mean I could have a larger fruit and vegetable budget when planning my meals.
- Promote better eating choices
- Just don't allow drinks like that we don't need them
- Encourage healthy eating
- Because there shouldn't be a penalty for what people buy, simply discounts for what is necessary - people deserve the freedom to choose what they're buying without penalty
- It depends on the cost of fruits and vegetables
- I would love to have more fresh produce than sugary drinks
- We don't believe in sugary drinks
- Because veggies are good and my kid loves them
- Fruits are more healthier than sugar drinks
- It would encourage healthy eating
- I like the idea of making foods cheaper but making others expensive could make people not wanting to apply for snap
- Because people who use sugar drinks may not be willing/able to make the shift, and then they would have less money for other foods.
- Fruits and veggies should definitely be discounted they take up most of the snap already
- Fruit is better for you
- I would love for it to be cheaper to eat healthy. I firmly believe that people are unhealthy because the bad foods are easier to afford.
- I think making vegetables cheaper is super helpful and an incentive to buy more! But adding a consequence to snap benefits sound counterintuitive.
- that way each person has the option to buy it or not
- More people would chose to save money

Question 15 Opened Ended Responses | Some places have passed a tax paid by all shoppers (not just SNAP shoppers) applied to sugar-sweetened beverages (including any beverage such as juice or milk with added sugars). Such tax revenue could be used to increase SNAP benefits for fruits, vegetables, and other food access programs. Do you think a potential tax like this would be a good idea in Colorado? Why or Why not?

- Most people complain about taxes anyway, so I think adding another tax would be a bad idea. I like the first 2 options above much better, and would prefer one of those instead.
- because it would be helpful for buyers to eat healthy
- Because it would be better
- Taxes are high as is so it would not be beneficial
- Not sure
- increase incentive to eat better
- It's working fine maybe add more items that are able to be purchased like toiletries
- Toddlers drink a lot of milk
- Incentivise better nutrition
- Costs are already rising
- I am not sure
- Not sure what to say
- Because people would want to eat healthier
- Sugar is awful!! Reward people who eat healthy and tax people who don't.
- Increase Getty food access
- More funding
- Because the extra tax dollars can help
- The prices in Colorado are already exorbitant I could barely afford to live here in fact I'm always suffering and I've even been homeless cuz I can't afford the rent in this state but I love it here this is home
- Some people may be willing to pay higher tax, just to get the drinks of their choice
- It should not apply to juice or milk. And I think that those who can afford to purchase what they want would be unaffected and those who cannot afford to would be negatively affected.
- i understand its run by government but its not always good solutions its almost taking our right to have
- I don't think it would actually go to the people
- Because it would allow more people to be able to afford more nutritious foods.
- Not sure
- There's enough taxes in this world
- Yes, because again it is not a need but a want
- Sugar is not good for you
- Help encourage better eating and help the economy
- Again because there shouldn't be penalties
- I don't think extra taxes on everything is right.
- This is a no brainer. Extra sugar is not helpful
- Colorado has to many taxes
- It would benefit people to have more healthy habits
- Increased tax does not seem helpful
- If there will be increases make it for all not only for snap beneficiaries

- Again, it discriminates against people who are addicted to these sugar products.
- I don't think there should be a tax on any food or drinks ever.
- Honestly don't know
- There are better things to tax.
- It sounds similar to cigarettes
- They charge a lot for tax
- I think it's a good idea but the only issue is that there are people who may not know they were added sugars in the juice they drink especially people who may be extremely low income.
- I need more info on how this will truly be beneficial and if it will really help increase SNAP benefits
- Taxes are for the people, and it should be used to help our communities become healthier
- Already pay too many taxes
- It would provide more food for people who can't afford it.
- That's just down right dumb. The government needs a reality check at least here in Colorado. They need to stop messing with repair the roads cuz apparently, they do not know what the heck they doing and to pay someone 20 something dollars an hour to stand and hold a sign and scratch their head. Instead of getting the job done they should worry about homeless human beans and more important things then always fixing the roads.
- If people don't want to eat healthy there is no limit to the things they will do.
- Not a good idea

Question 17 Opened Ended Responses | Do you have any other thoughts on how SNAP could make it easier to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables?

- I really like the first 2 ideas listed above. Either one or both of those ideas would be of great benefit to SNAP recipients who are trying to eat as healthy as possible.
- To encourage buyers to eat healthier
- Just add extra snap for fruits and veggies
- Partner with sprouts or Whole Foods
- Better marketing, promotion and access at local farmers markets
- Have extra bonus when we purchase fresh fruits and vegetables
- Make those items 10% cheaper
- Make healthy only food stores
- Yes they could make them cheaper and encourage people.
- If they eliminate most of the sweets the way people have more healthy choices
- Make fresh fruit cheaper
- It doesn't really matter to me I don't eat a lot of that stuff again because of my allergies
- I'm not sure is this is already an option, but being able to make these purchases at the farmers market and health food stores would be great
- Offer incentives to farmer's market vendors to accept SNAP. Right now, for example, most vendors at Cherry Creek Farmers Market don't accept SNAP, making the purchase of produce there a luxury for some, increasing inequity. Provide incentives for ALL retailers/stores to offer Double Up Food Bucks to customers. Offer credits/additional benefits to SNAP recipients who spend at least 20% of their monthly benefits on fresh produce.
- She monthly coupons
- Double bucks at all grocery stores especially common ones

- Boxes delivered to houses
- For whatever food spent on fruits and vegetables get points that give more
- Products being stable in price it would be easy
- The double bucks at more stores would be very helpful
- Allow more of a balance for fruits and veggies
- Make a portion of the monthly allotment available to purchase only fruits and vegetables. If you received \$200 \$160 can be spend in any groceries and \$40 can only be used for fruits and vegetables
- Make it very simple for vendors to accept SNAP cards directly. I have one regular vendor who does not work with SNAP because they tell me the paperwork is not worth the effort.
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- Focus on the more Rural areas. My area has a hard time accessing fresh items. And the ones I have access to cost an arm & a leg.
- Have more locations where snap can be used
- Make produce 50% off and all major stores including King Soopers! I really want King Soopers to participate in the double up food bucks program!
- Partner with cooking matters or other resources to teach families how to incorporate more produce in meals
- More double up bucks options
- Incentives
- I think it is already very simple.
- I feel like maybe talk to farm's on this matter
- Provide a way where local farms markets can allow SNAP as a form of payment or even delivery services that would provide these needs.
- Cheaper prize
- They should open Wic up for additional ages
- Have more place accept snap benefits
- I just think getting people inspired to want to.
- extremely grateful for this program
- The 30% reduction is great!
- They are not available where I live over a 2 hour drive to get
- More educational programs in schools for children and radically changing schools lunch program.
- Extend 2-for-1 "double up" bucks to Sprouts stores. They have great produce AND good prices.
- I like the 30% idea.
- A streamlined website with all vendors comparing/listing their deals instead of having to visit vendors individually to compare.
- anything to make fresh fruit and veg cheaper is good
- Discount store fruits & veggies
- Make sure these new farm stores that have popped up, everywhere, are serving their communities by offering SNAP accepted here!
- Make sure that the double-up bucks apply to the fresh produce of all grocery stores.
- Healthy food is more expensive than junk food. Making fruits and vegetables half price for snap users would be excellent.
- Maybe doing an only fruit and veggie amount
- Making them cheaper is already a great start!
- Make fresh fruit cheaper

Question 18 Opened Ended Responses Do you have any thoughts on how SNAP could encourage SNAP stores/retailers to provide better choices to SNAP shoppers?

- The bottom line for most stores/retailers is increasing profits while reducing expenses, so this is where tax credits/incentives for stocking a certain amount of healthy food choices in stores would be a good idea.
- talk about how to have a healthy lifestyle
- Allow many healthy options
- Label what's snap approved for faster shopping
- helping to increase sales for retailers will be all the encouragement that they need
- Provide recipes when entering
- I think good choices are offered, shoppers just need to choose the good stuff
- Money talks and BS walks. Find a way to increase their sales
- With labels
- Not really I would like the stores/retailers to treat us the same
- Give more coupons for fruit and vegetables
- Don't let people buy junk like chips and cookies
- I think maybe not categorize us as snap shoppers and just shoppers!
- Yes they could offer them deals on healthy options
- If they eliminate promotion for sugar or unhealthy food with SNAP this is approved by SNAP .
- I mean SNAP covers fruits and veggies soooo we are good lol
- Promote healthy living
- Give them nutritional value
- Hot items
- I'm not sure the supplies maybe I could buy anything I want pretty much
- Have signs throughout the produce section that advertise SNAP accepted and that if they spend \$10 or more in a trip on produce, they'll get \$10 in benefits.
- Offer tax incentives/credits to stores that stock a certain percentage of the overall inventory with healthy food choices.
- Send monthly information on that subject
- Make some things unavailable to SNAP benefit
- Discounts for SNAP users and reward systems

Question 19 Opened Ended Responses If you had the power to make any changes to current SNAP programs in Colorado, what changes would you make?

- I would allow people to purchase vitamins and supplements. I would implement the first 2 ideas listed above to help people eat healthier.
- encourage buyers to eat healthy
- Qualify more lower income families
- no sugary drinks or foods high in sodium eligible
- Allow candies and certain things at the gas stations and stores available my children want a candy for after dinner and I can't afford it and then they are sad because SNAP doesn't allow it
- Cut down on access to sugary drinks, junk food, products high in salt
- Make the online link much better like simple and easy

- I would make hot meals available.
- Consider the people that are residents and not citizens only
- Adjusting the income limits... my husband and I both work it is hard to make ends meet! Groceries are super expensive and sometimes it cost too much to eat healthy
- To encourage people to eat healthy
- Take away purchases of frozen food, sodas, candy
- No sugar allowed!
- Promote healthy living
- Change the pay date instead of making some people wait till the 10th of the month, everybody get it between the 3rd and 5th
- Being able to buy hot foods
- I would redo the formula that calculates if you're qualified for food stamps or not this
- Allowing the purchase of all food in stores, hot, cold, pre packaged
- All the ones I mentioned above. Make farmer's markets more equitable. I wanted to buy some Palisade peaches at the markets this past summer. When I went to pay with SNAP, the employee told me it wasn't accepted. I double checked with her and she said "no". It was a dehumanizing moment, I felt embarrassed, and spent money that I couldn't afford to and wouldn't have if I'd known my SNAP wasn't accepted there.
- I would not take away from those who work to provide because they have income, it doesn't mean that they aren't in need. I remember I made close to income cut off that I was only approved for 28 dollars for me and my two kids that was like if I work less then I get a reward for it but because I worked more than I get laughed at for it. I think if SNAP can figure out a way to look at income after taxes, major bills and the cost of essential dishes, soap, laundry soap, toilet paper, shampoo and conditioner, trash bags because it can take away from people's ability to buy food if they are allowed the lower amount in benefits. and I would say the most important is consider people that are still providing for children but just because they aren't in home daily and receiving benefits at the primary living place doesn't mean the other person or parent can't receive help if need like it's not fair for child or children involved and adult should not need to feel like they aren't
- Make people do drug tests to receive them and randomly when you get them
- Increase the benefit amount to make it possible to afford a variety of healthy foods, including easy to prepare healthy foods.
- Purchase hot foods, purchase fast food
- No candy or soda and more money towards healthier options
- Increase amount, more delivery options
- Make it possible for people to buy meats cheaper, and also have reward systems and discounts for healthy foods
- More funds and incentive to be able to buy more healthy things for less money
- Help more of single mothers and track where the SNAP money goes.
- Increase in amount per kid
- Chip cards, when you swipe your EBT card people notice and it should be more discreet
- I would make vitamins and other supplements qualified for SNAP payments.
- Make it available to more people
- None. I love the program. My kids are fed. Could you help me find a better job in my area?
- You can buy prepared food
- Be able to buy hot food

- I would make sure that every individual who has a verifiable disability would get the maximum amount eligible to their household and this includes if it's just one person they will get the maximum amount of benefits that one person can get! For example for a one family household I will give them \$250 a month even if they had very few bills and even if their rent was low, food prices are going up so much and as disabled people we only get one check a month! We really need the maximum amount of benefits no matter if there's a pandemic or in normal times! It should be automatic for everyone disabled.
- More welcoming and safe environment. I would feel more comfortable reaching out to my local DHS if it had an improved experience.
- limits should truly consider the financial responsibilities of the recipients. I don't qualify anymore because of my income but I am still struggling to buy food
- Clift effect. Just because a parent finally are able to work does not mean they are making enough to purchase food for their family on a weekly basis
- Income restrictions. Some people make enough to pay their bills and nothing is left over for food but they make too much to get food stamps
- I would see a case and if I see a person who is getting off their feet and doing well with a job kids in school etc. I would not decrease their food stamps I will let them continue receiving them for at least 3 months. That way they have time to get ahead on back bills or a car or something. So they can be more set up in their life.
- Allow all families with school age children making under \$35,000 paying more than half their funds on living to automatically get SNAP benefits.
- Definitely to get all benefits early(same day) in the month,so that snap could be used first,rather than cash
- Would be more accessible to everyone.
- Can buy from farmer market
- You can purchase it hot or cold as long as it's food. Not cleaning supplies or clothes or liquor. If you can eat it you can buy it.
- I think the SNAP program should evaluate the cost of living for Colorado to help ensure that families are able to afford not only food but able to get healthy food options. Some families are barely making ends meet in the state and should not have to choose between food or other basic needs.
- I just wish working families that are barely making it that don't qualify somehow, could. I see so many unable to receive snap and struggling because of it.
- Offer double-up for organic and local, healthy foods. Radically change school hot lunches.
- Increase monthly benefit. 2. Allow prepared foods (especially helpful for seniors who don't cook much!!).
- The ability for more stores to take and use it for ordering online for delivery as some do not take it
- Increase the help to families
- Just more ready access to the seasonal fruits and veggies available through the best family deals.
- make it easier to apply/maintain benefits
- Offer an extra\$100 EBT used specifically for fruits & veggies
- Double Up Bucks on all fruits and veggies. Not just CO grown.
- Make seeds and seed starter soil purchasable via SNAP at garden stores. Other than that, I think this program is quite wonderful and has made a huge positive difference in my life.
- Make it available to all school age kids. Not all parents qualify but most are struggling, especially lately with the inflations
- Higher amounts
- Up the amount

- Ready-made food. I think snappy's or should be able to use snap benefits for ready made foods from the deli
- I would encourage more healthy eating habits and increase healthy choices of food
- Double up offered in every grocery store
- Make it easier for families to obtain, just because some make a decent amount of income doesn't mean you can afford a decent meal because of all the bills we have to pay.
- Being able to buy a hot foods