

# FACT SHEET

## Food Programs

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is responsible for administering several programs to fight hunger in Ohio. You may be eligible for more than one of the programs at the same time. The programs include:

- Food Assistance (formerly Food Stamps) –You may qualify if your household’s gross monthly income is at or under 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. However, you may still qualify if your household’s gross monthly income is over the limit if someone in your household is elderly or disabled. For more information on this program, please see the “Food Assistance” fact sheet.
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program – You may qualify if your household’s gross monthly income is under 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. For more information on this program, please see below.
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program –You may qualify if you are age 60 or over and your household’s gross monthly income is at or under 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. For more information on this program, please see below.

## The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

### What is TEFAP?

TEFAP is a federal nutrition assistance program that helps supplement the diets of low-income Ohioans by providing food at no cost. This food is distributed through many of Ohio’s food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters.

### Who is eligible to get TEFAP food?

You are eligible to receive food from TEFAP if your total household income is below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

### Where can I apply for TEFAP?

To find the location nearest you, go to [http://jfs.ohio.gov/ofam/TEFAP/Emergency\\_Food\\_Assistance\\_Program\\_Map1.pdf](http://jfs.ohio.gov/ofam/TEFAP/Emergency_Food_Assistance_Program_Map1.pdf). This map will allow you to locate the food bank responsible for your area, and the food bank will then direct you to the nearest food pantry, soup kitchen or shelter. You must sign a statement certifying your income at the food pantry.

## Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

### What is the CSFP?

CSFP is another federal nutrition assistance program that provides low-income, elderly recipients with a monthly box of food. The box does not provide a complete diet, but it does provide nutrients typically lacking in the diets of the elderly population. It includes a variety of foods, such as non-fat dry and evaporated milk, juice, farina, oats, ready-to-eat cereal, rice, pasta, peanut butter, dry beans or peas, canned meat or poultry or tuna, and canned fruits and vegetables. Forty-three counties in Ohio participate in CSFP.

### Who is eligible for CSFP?

If you are age 60 or older, if you live in one of the participating CSFP counties, and if your total household gross income is at or below 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, you may apply for CSFP.

### Where can I apply for CSFP?

To see if your county has CSFP, go to

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/ofam/CSFP/8-24-Commodity%20Supplemental%20Food%20Program%20Map.pdf>. If you live in a CSFP county, contact the food bank nearest you, and staff there will direct you to the nearest location where you can apply.

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