

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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July 20, 2023

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The Honorable Donny Lambeth, Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
Health and Human Services
North Carolina General Assembly
Room 620, Legislative Office Building
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The Honorable Jim Burgin, Chair
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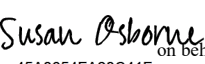
The Honorable Larry Potts, Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
Health and Human Services
North Carolina General Assembly
Room 307B1, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Chairmen:

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Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Karen Wade, Director of Policy, at Karen.Wade@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Susan Osborne
on behalf of
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Secretary

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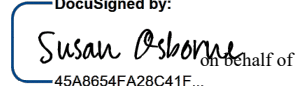
Mr. Brian Matteson, Director
Fiscal Research Division
Suite 619, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

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SNAP and TANF Expenditures

Session Law 2021-181, Section 9I.10



Report to

**The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
on Health and Human Services**

and

Fiscal Research Division By

**North Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services**

July 20, 2023

Reporting Requirement

North Carolina Session Law 2021-180 Section 9I.10 directs the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) to submit a report on the analysis of certain Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) expenditures.

Session Law 2021-180, Section 9I.10

Report on Certain SNAP and TANF Expenditures

Section 9I.10.(a) Funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services (Division), for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for a report on certain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) expenditures shall be allocated for vendor costs to generate the data regarding expenditures of those programs. The vendor shall generate data to be submitted to the Division that includes, at a minimum, each of the following:

- (1) The dollar amount and number of transactions accessed or expended out-of-state, by state, for both SNAP benefits and TANF benefits.
- (2) The amount of benefits expended out-of-state, by state, from active cases for both SNAP and TANF.
- (3) The dollar amount and number of transactions of benefits accessed or expended in this State, by types of retailers or institutions, for both SNAP and TANF.

Section 9I.10.(b) Upon receiving the expenditures data for SNAP and TANF from the vendor, the Division shall evaluate the data. After evaluating the expenditures data, the Division shall submit a report on its analysis of the data by June 30 and December 31 of each year to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division. The Division shall post its report required by this subsection on its website and otherwise make the data available by June 30 and December 31 of each year. In the first report required by this section, the Division shall report how this data is used to investigate fraud and abuse in both SNAP and TANF. The Division shall also report on other types of data and how that data is utilized in the detection of fraud and abuse.

Section 9I.10.(c) The Division shall maintain the confidentiality of information not public under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes. The Division shall properly redact any information subject to reporting under this section to prevent identification of individual recipients of SNAP or TANF benefits.

SNAP

NCDHHS submitted a request in writing the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the data requested in Session Law 2021-180 Section 9I.10 for the time period of January 2022 to June 2022.

USDA was able to provide the SNAP data for requests #1 and #3, which is included in this report. Neither USDA nor NCDHHS collects the data requested in #2. USDA confirmed to NCDHHS that they were not able to provide for request #2.

TANF

None of the requested TANF data is collected by either the state or federal government, and unfortunately none is feasible to collect. Work First program participants receive cash assistance benefits in the form of direct deposits or electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards and are free to utilize their benefits on a wide variety of expenses with few restrictions, regardless of retailer or state. As a result, it is not possible to comprehensively track TANF transactions or dollar amounts by state or by retailer.

Where North Carolina SNAP Households Use Their SNAP Benefits: By State

January–June 2022

Notes from USDA:

- *Transactions conducted at an on-line retailer (Internet Retailer) were excluded from the results and added as a separate line item. Internet Retailers are monitored based on their headquarters location, not the location where the product was received.*

| Store State | Dollar Volume | Number of Purchases | Percentage of Dollar Volume |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| North Carolina | \$ 2,189,803,182.93 | 58,251,387 | 95.94% |
| South Carolina | \$ 29,473,210.81 | 799,660 | 1.29% |
| Virginia | \$ 16,192,824.68 | 410,177 | 0.71% |
| Florida | \$ 8,548,081.09 | 225,308 | 0.37% |
| Georgia | \$ 7,546,325.69 | 207,475 | 0.33% |
| Tennessee | \$ 4,063,116.73 | 102,506 | 0.18% |
| New York | \$ 3,477,300.52 | 108,190 | 0.15% |
| Texas | \$ 2,867,271.49 | 73,288 | 0.13% |
| Maryland | \$ 2,102,003.58 | 56,936 | 0.09% |
| Pennsylvania | \$ 1,908,328.15 | 53,103 | 0.08% |
| New Jersey | \$ 1,656,109.43 | 47,786 | 0.07% |
| Ohio | \$ 1,421,897.71 | 40,887 | 0.06% |
| California | \$ 1,388,134.79 | 38,819 | 0.06% |
| Alabama | \$ 946,376.75 | 27,258 | 0.04% |
| Michigan | \$ 818,027.91 | 22,598 | 0.04% |
| West Virginia | \$ 690,503.62 | 24,198 | 0.03% |
| Indiana | \$ 688,934.79 | 18,495 | 0.03% |
| Kentucky | \$ 673,281.97 | 20,503 | 0.03% |
| Illinois | \$ 647,024.49 | 18,325 | 0.03% |
| Arizona | \$ 565,305.66 | 17,657 | 0.02% |
| Louisiana | \$ 529,143.96 | 15,169 | 0.02% |
| Connecticut | \$ 519,225.54 | 13,279 | 0.02% |
| Massachusetts | \$ 451,938.36 | 11,811 | 0.02% |
| Colorado | \$ 446,239.70 | 13,149 | 0.02% |
| Mississippi | \$ 402,737.35 | 11,908 | 0.02% |
| Missouri | \$ 360,448.99 | 10,757 | 0.02% |
| Nevada | \$ 353,878.57 | 11,660 | 0.02% |
| Delaware | \$ 348,353.94 | 10,460 | 0.02% |
| Washington | \$ 344,936.14 | 9,132 | 0.02% |
| Oklahoma | \$ 289,452.35 | 8,711 | 0.01% |
| Arkansas | \$ 282,893.28 | 8,236 | 0.01% |

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| District of Columbia | \$ 246,079.20 | 8,029 | 0.01% |
| Wisconsin | \$ 243,139.47 | 7,458 | 0.01% |
| Minnesota | \$ 225,760.94 | 5,483 | 0.01% |
| Kansas | \$ 180,087.76 | 5,245 | 0.01% |
| Iowa | \$ 176,293.13 | 4,504 | 0.01% |
| Oregon | \$ 153,757.57 | 5,349 | 0.01% |
| New Mexico | \$ 137,359.70 | 4,096 | 0.01% |
| Maine | \$ 127,270.76 | 3,157 | 0.01% |
| Utah | \$ 122,266.87 | 3,553 | 0.01% |
| Hawaii | \$ 112,132.00 | 3,111 | 0.00% |
| New Hampshire | \$ 111,741.55 | 2,674 | 0.00% |
| Rhode Island | \$ 108,124.13 | 2,994 | 0.00% |
| Nebraska | \$ 104,856.75 | 2,802 | 0.00% |
| Virgin Islands | \$ 86,353.15 | 1,403 | 0.00% |
| Alaska | \$ 72,344.43 | 1,324 | 0.00% |
| Vermont | \$ 68,718.67 | 1,845 | 0.00% |
| Montana | \$ 63,186.69 | 1,610 | 0.00% |
| North Dakota | \$ 59,206.88 | 1,512 | 0.00% |
| Idaho | \$ 58,321.76 | 1,552 | 0.00% |
| Wyoming | \$ 47,305.74 | 1,286 | 0.00% |
| South Dakota | \$ 46,707.33 | 1,221 | 0.00% |
| Guam | \$ 3,725.61 | 89 | 0.00% |
| Totals | \$ 2,282,361,231.06 | 60,759,125 | 100.00% |
| Total Spent Within NC | \$ 2,189,803,182.93 | 58,251,387 | 95.94% |
| Total Spent Out of State | \$ 92,558,048.13 | 2,507,738 | 4.06% |
| Internet Transactions (separate) | \$ 211,584,960.19 | 3,053,764 | |

Where North Carolina SNAP Households Use Their SNAP Benefits: By Retailer Type

January–June 2022

See next page for definitions of store types

Notes from USDA:

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| Store Type | Dollar Volume | Percentage |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Supermarket | \$ 1,023,503,617.93 | 45.9% |
| Super Store | \$ 884,035,953.85 | 39.7% |
| Combination Grocery/Other | \$ 125,400,510.56 | 5.6% |
| Convenience Store | \$ 88,150,656.04 | 4.0% |
| Internet Retailer | \$ 40,043,485.12 | 1.8% |
| Medium Grocery Store | \$ 26,454,069.56 | 1.2% |
| Large Grocery Store | \$ 20,376,895.75 | 0.9% |
| Small Grocery Store | \$ 6,536,185.42 | 0.3% |
| Seafood Specialty | \$ 5,833,887.77 | 0.3% |
| Meat/Poultry Specialty | \$ 5,358,191.19 | 0.2% |
| Military Commissary | \$ 1,658,370.69 | 0.1% |
| Bakery Specialty | \$ 682,962.39 | 0.0% |
| Fruits/Veg Specialty | \$ 354,666.90 | 0.0% |
| Farmers' Market | \$ 325,566.86 | 0.0% |
| Direct Marketing Farmer | \$ 266,453.47 | 0.0% |
| Delivery Route | \$ 212,880.87 | 0.0% |
| Drug and/or Alcohol Treatment Program | REDACTED | |
| Homeless Meal Provider | REDACTED | |
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| Food Buying Co-op | REDACTED | |

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Combination Grocery/Other: (CO) Primary business is sale of general merchandise but also sell a variety of food products. Such stores include independent drug stores, dollar stores, and general stores.

Direct Marketing Farmer: (DF) Designation applies to direct marketing farmers; these are individual producers of agricultural products, particularly fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as meat, fish, dairy, and/or grains that are sold to the general public through a direct marketing venue such as a roadside farm stand, pick-your own operation, and/or market stall within a farmers' market.

Farmers' Market: (FM) A single or multi-stall market that sells agricultural products, particularly fresh fruit and vegetables, to the general public at a single or multiple locations. This designation applies to any organization that operates a farmers' market location.

Large Grocery Store: (LG) A store that carries a wide selection of all four staple food categories. They may sell ineligible items as well, but their primary stock is food items.

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Supermarket: (SM) Establishments commonly known as supermarkets, food stores, grocery stores and food warehouses primarily engaged in the retail sale of an extensive variety of grocery and other store merchandise.

Super Store/Chain Store: (SS) Very large supermarkets, "big box" stores, super stores and food warehouses primarily engaged in the retail sale of a wide variety of grocery and other store merchandise.

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July—December 2022

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| Store State | Dollar Volume | Number of Purchases | Percentage of Dollar Volume |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| North Carolina | \$ 2,529,413,651.06 | 63,428,895 | 96.16% |
| South Carolina | \$ 32,561,148.78 | 813,736 | 1.24% |
| Virginia | \$ 18,055,757.39 | 433,605 | 0.69% |
| Florida | \$ 8,416,349.37 | 204,125 | 0.32% |
| Georgia | \$ 7,668,706.92 | 199,538 | 0.29% |
| New York | \$ 4,462,253.67 | 130,786 | 0.17% |
| Tennessee | \$ 4,398,967.92 | 104,389 | 0.17% |
| Texas | \$ 2,905,724.09 | 64,986 | 0.11% |
| Maryland | \$ 2,451,427.31 | 59,797 | 0.09% |
| Pennsylvania | \$ 2,253,916.13 | 62,196 | 0.09% |
| New Jersey | \$ 2,075,212.28 | 58,209 | 0.08% |
| Ohio | \$ 1,599,144.81 | 44,653 | 0.06% |
| California | \$ 1,429,442.16 | 33,940 | 0.05% |
| Alabama | \$ 918,314.51 | 25,771 | 0.03% |
| Michigan | \$ 899,905.60 | 24,402 | 0.03% |
| Illinois | \$ 827,034.68 | 20,245 | 0.03% |
| West Virginia | \$ 775,203.82 | 26,356 | 0.03% |
| Kentucky | \$ 750,894.03 | 21,141 | 0.03% |
| Indiana | \$ 680,314.33 | 17,389 | 0.03% |
| Connecticut | \$ 570,977.82 | 13,321 | 0.02% |
| Louisiana | \$ 524,687.83 | 14,486 | 0.02% |
| Massachusetts | \$ 510,618.84 | 12,800 | 0.02% |
| Arizona | \$ 505,796.53 | 13,202 | 0.02% |
| Colorado | \$ 441,779.85 | 11,699 | 0.02% |
| Mississippi | \$ 438,951.90 | 12,126 | 0.02% |
| Missouri | \$ 429,478.68 | 12,202 | 0.02% |
| Delaware | \$ 396,312.20 | 11,422 | 0.02% |
| Nevada | \$ 355,001.91 | 10,245 | 0.01% |
| Washington | \$ 322,420.82 | 7,665 | 0.01% |
| District of Columbia | \$ 278,475.64 | 9,002 | 0.01% |
| Wisconsin | \$ 272,195.03 | 7,980 | 0.01% |

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| Arkansas | \$ 271,572.76 | 7,671 | 0.01% |
| Oklahoma | \$ 269,249.26 | 7,408 | 0.01% |
| Minnesota | \$ 259,521.38 | 6,004 | 0.01% |
| Iowa | \$ 179,956.78 | 4,713 | 0.01% |
| Kansas | \$ 178,258.66 | 4,785 | 0.01% |
| Maine | \$ 158,231.29 | 4,063 | 0.01% |
| Oregon | \$ 157,707.88 | 4,326 | 0.01% |
| New Hampshire | \$ 144,297.10 | 3,414 | 0.01% |
| Hawaii | \$ 119,787.60 | 2,871 | 0.00% |
| Utah | \$ 115,432.37 | 3,359 | 0.00% |
| Rhode Island | \$ 114,943.03 | 3,248 | 0.00% |
| Nebraska | \$ 112,252.79 | 2,904 | 0.00% |
| New Mexico | \$ 111,762.96 | 3,419 | 0.00% |
| Virgin Islands | \$ 82,173.46 | 1,453 | 0.00% |
| Montana | \$ 65,597.95 | 1,500 | 0.00% |
| Vermont | \$ 65,125.04 | 1,698 | 0.00% |
| Idaho | \$ 64,208.30 | 1,313 | 0.00% |
| Alaska | \$ 60,390.54 | 1,068 | 0.00% |
| South Dakota | \$ 55,475.22 | 1,397 | 0.00% |
| North Dakota | \$ 55,211.56 | 1,109 | 0.00% |
| Wyoming | \$ 44,848.25 | 1,235 | 0.00% |
| Guam | \$ 11,107.21 | 244 | 0.00% |
| Totals | \$ 2,630,287,177.30 | 65,979,511 | 100.00% |
| Total Spent Within NC | \$ 2,529,413,651.06 | 63,428,895 | 96.16% |
| Total Spent Out of State | \$ 100,873,526.24 | 2,550,616 | 3.84% |
| Internet Transactions (separate) | \$ 282,203,523.22 | 3,711,028 | |

Where North Carolina SNAP Households Use Their SNAP Benefits: By Retailer Type

July—December 2022

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| Store Type | Dollar Volume | Percentage |
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| Supermarket | \$ 1,162,917,024.95 | 45.27% |
| Super Store | \$ 1,041,339,831.35 | 40.53% |
| Combination Grocery/Other | \$ 139,804,627.51 | 5.44% |
| Convenience Store | \$ 101,970,545.08 | 3.97% |
| Internet Retailer | \$ 41,670,729.63 | 1.62% |
| Medium Grocery Store | \$ 31,754,637.39 | 1.24% |
| Large Grocery Store | \$ 22,973,611.81 | 0.89% |
| Small Grocery Store | \$ 8,268,910.88 | 0.32% |
| Seafood Specialty | \$ 6,749,534.07 | 0.26% |
| Meat/Poultry Specialty | \$ 6,674,960.74 | 0.26% |
| Military Commissary | \$ 2,553,764.11 | 0.10% |
| Bakery Specialty | \$ 758,105.39 | 0.03% |
| Fruits/Veg Specialty | \$ 539,993.88 | 0.02% |
| Farmers' Market | \$ 498,723.74 | 0.02% |
| Direct Marketing Farmer | \$ 415,698.63 | 0.02% |
| Delivery Route | \$ 184,835.79 | 0.01% |
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Specialty Food Store - Meat/Poultry Products: (ME) Food stores specializing in the sale of meat products. May also carry non-food items or other food items, but such stock is incidental.

Specialty Food Store - Seafood Products: (SE) Food stores specializing in the sale of seafood products. May also carry non-food items or other food items, but such stock is incidental.

Supermarket: (SM) Establishments commonly known as supermarkets, food stores, grocery stores and food warehouses primarily engaged in the retail sale of an extensive variety of grocery and other store merchandise.

Super Store/Chain Store: (SS) Very large supermarkets, "big box" stores, super stores and food warehouses primarily engaged in the retail sale of a wide variety of grocery and other store merchandise.