



H.R. 1 (2025) Impact on Marylanders: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

August 5, 2025

Background:

What is SNAP and who does it serve?

**SNAP is vital to America's social safety net.
It makes sure families can put food on their
tables when they're struggling financially.**

SNAP provides an average monthly benefit
amount of

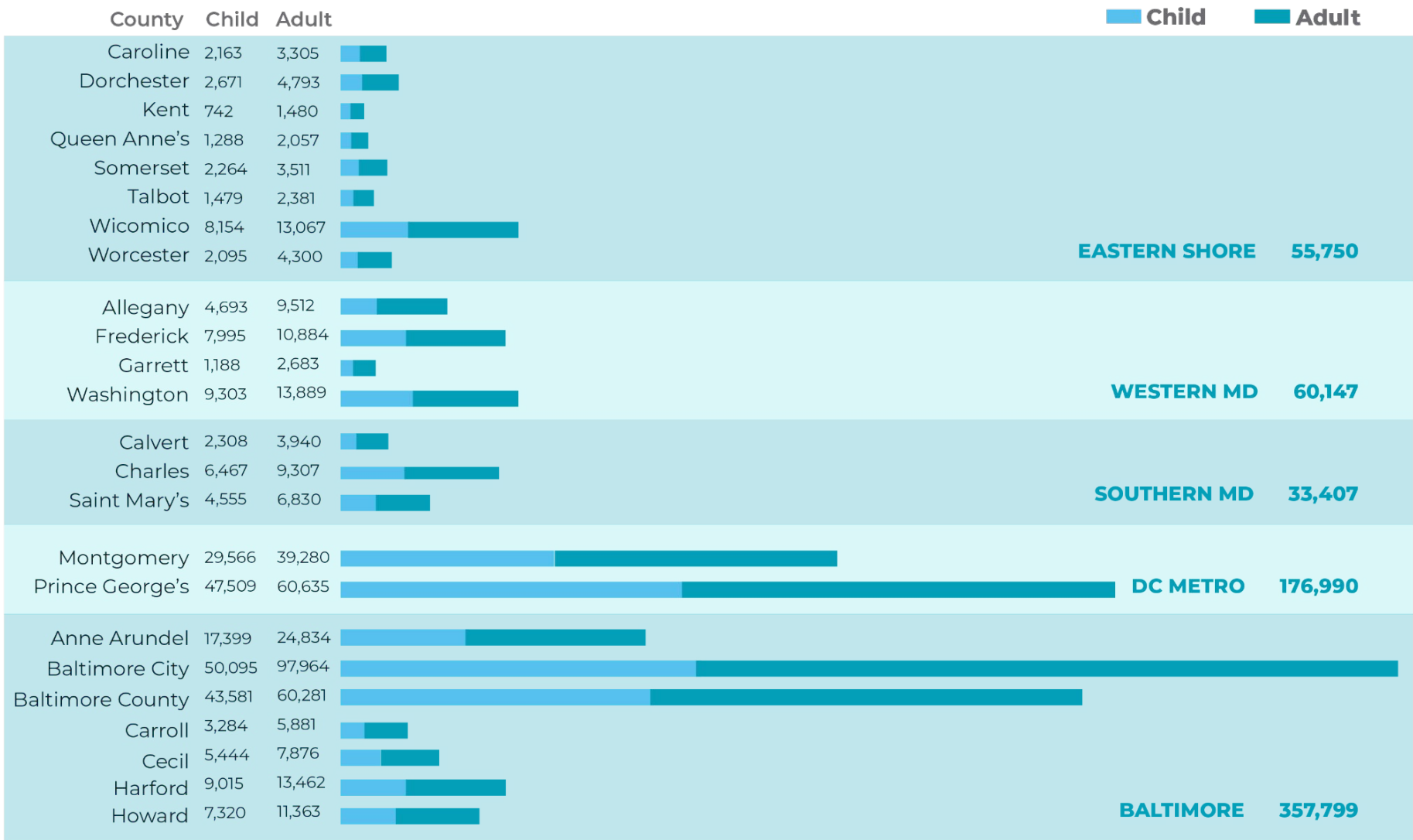
\$180

per Maryland customer to put food on the table.

SNAP served over
680,000
Marylanders

on average per month in SFY 2025.

SNAP Customers Served Monthly Average



Total Served

Child **270,578**

Adult **413,515**

All **684,093**

Totals represent monthly average customers served in State Fiscal Year 2025 to date (July 2024 - April 2025). Children are age 0-17.

More than 59%

of our SNAP customers are
families with children.

262,248

SNAP customers in May 2025 were
children under age 18.

More than 39%

of our SNAP customers are
working families.

121,615

SNAP customers in May 2025 were **seniors** age 62 and older.

128,705

SNAP customers in May 2025 were **people with disabilities.**

28,843

SNAP customers in May 2025 were **unhoused**.

Additional SNAP Context:

- Directly boosts **farmers**.
- Supports **small and local businesses** who make up over 3,800 SNAP retailers in Maryland.

We project issuing over
\$1.6 billion

in SNAP benefits to Marylanders in
State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026.

SNAP Funding Before H.R. 1 (2025):

- SNAP benefits were 100% federally funded.
- Administrative costs were split 50/50 between the federal government and the states.

What's Next:

How H.R. 1 (2025) Impacts
SNAP Customers in
Maryland

**Eligibility
Obstacles**

**Reduced
Benefit Value**

**Increased
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Jul. 2025

Oct. 2026

Oct. 2027

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H.R. 1 Provisions Effective

July 4, 2025

Eligibility Obstacles

These provisions will burden Maryland families with additional red tape and new barriers to access SNAP benefits:

- The Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) **work requirement age range expands** from 18-54 to 18-64.
- Those under 65 responsible for a child are now only exempt from work requirement if the child is under the age of 14 (previously under 18).



Eligibility Obstacles

Work requirement expansions **will impose expensive paperwork and red tape on an estimated 79,696 customers** to meet and prove their SNAP eligibility.

- Work requirement exemptions will end for veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and young adults who aged out of out-of-home care and who are under the age 24.
- As of now the federal government has not provided details on how the new work requirement provisions will be implemented.



Eligibility Obstacles

Further barriers: Limits **SNAP eligibility for New Americans** to lawful permanent residents, Cuban or Haitian entrants, and individuals from the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.



Reduced Benefit Value

Further benefit reduction: Restricts the utility allowance to only households with a member who is elderly or disabled.

- Marylanders who paid for utilities were eligible for higher SNAP benefit amounts through a \$557 Standard Utility Allowance.
 - H.R.1 ends the allowance unless the household includes a person who is elderly or disabled.
- This change will mean **thousands of Marylanders will see lower SNAP benefit amounts each month.**



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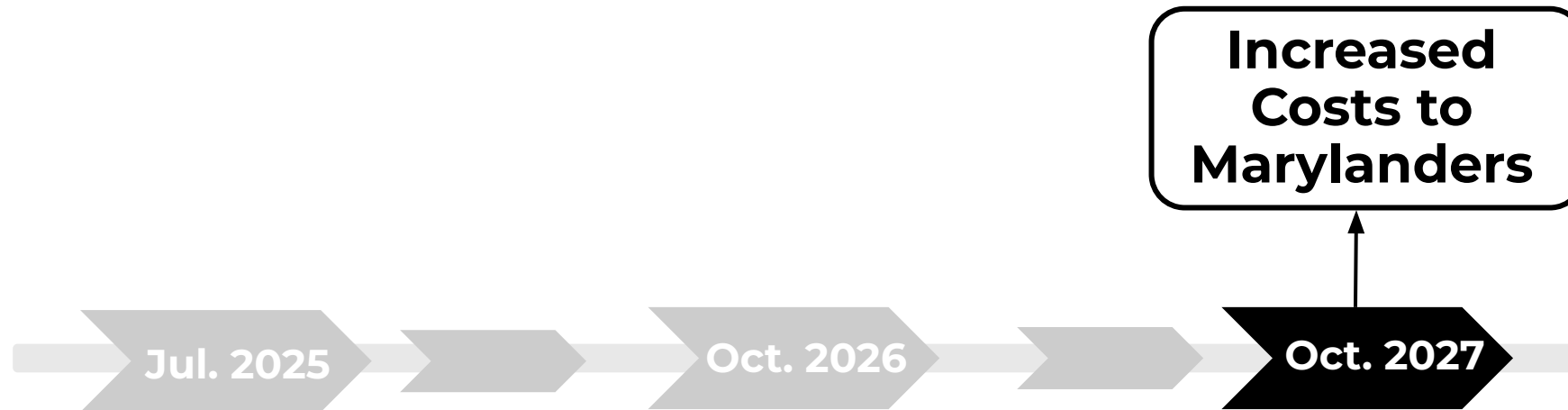
Increased Costs to Marylanders

The **state's share of SNAP administrative costs will rise** from 50% to 75% beginning in the 2nd quarter of SFY27.

- Maryland currently spends \$115 million in General Funds to administer SNAP.
- Maryland will spend an additional \$57.5 million per year for a new state total of \$172.5 million per year in General Funds beginning SFY27.



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Increased Costs to Marylanders

Before H.R. 1, the federal government paid 100% of SNAP benefits. New provisions will require Maryland to pay a portion of benefit costs based on our Payment Error Rate (PER).

- On Oct. 1, 2027 **Maryland could be responsible for 15% of benefit costs, or \$240 million** in SNAP benefits based on $PER \geq 10\%$.
- Our current federally assessed FFY24 PER is 13.64%.



Increased Costs to Marylanders

States will pay **for a portion of SNAP benefits** based on their Payment Error Rate (PER):

PER < 6%	0% state match
PER ≥ 6% but < 8%	5% state match
PER ≥ 8 but < 10%	10% state match
PER ≥ 10%	15% state match



SFY26 Projected State Costs

FY26 administrative costs: \$115 million

FY26 benefits costs: \$0

FY26 Total State Costs: \$115 million

FY27 administrative costs: \$172.5 million

FY27 benefits costs: \$240 million

FY27 Total State Costs: \$412.5 million*

Projected ongoing annual cost beginning FY27.



What This Means for a Maryland Customer:

- Sophia Maryland



Google Gemini AI Generated (July 21, 2025)

Sophia Maryland

- 62 years old.
- Is responsible for her 15 year old grandchild.
- Pays an electric bill.
- Her \$180 per month SNAP benefit amount rises each year with the cost of food.

Sophia Maryland

- Beginning October 2025, Sophia will spend **more time complying with administrative red tape** to prove she's working, volunteering, or training for the workforce.
- Although she is responsible for caring for her grandchild, she is **no longer exempt from work requirements** based on her grandchild's age.
- The \$557 Standard Utility Allowance deduction is gone. This decreases Sophia's SNAP benefit amount.

Moving With Urgency:

What Actions Are We Taking
Now?

One Application:

- On July 15, 2025, Governor Moore launched the Maryland Benefits One Application.
- The new mobile-friendly application invites Marylanders to apply **at one time** and **in one place** for vital benefits including Medicaid; SNAP; Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); Energy Assistance; and Women, Infants, Children (WIC).

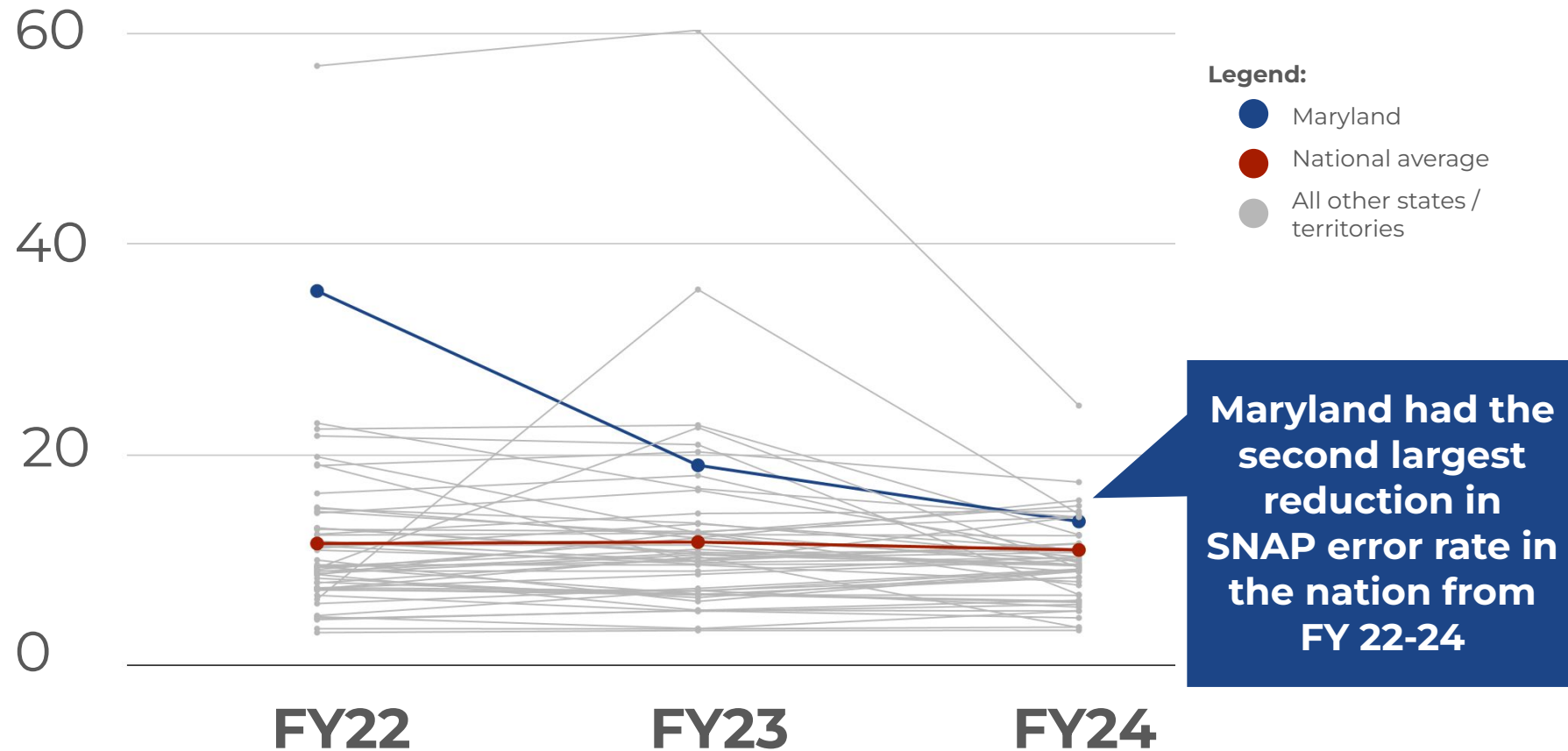
Reduce Maryland's SNAP Payment Error Rate:

- The Moore-Miller Administration inherited a FFY 2022 SNAP payment error rate of 35.56%; the second-highest in the nation.

Reduce Maryland's SNAP Payment Error Rate:

- In the first nine months of FFY23, we reduced our payment error rate by nearly half to 18.98%.
- In FFY24 we reduced our payment error rate by an additional 5.34%, down to 13.64%

Reduce Maryland's SNAP Payment Error Rate:



Source: US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, SNAP Payment Error Rates, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/qc/per>.

Reduce Maryland's SNAP Payment Error Rate:

- We continue to reduce payment errors and ensure Marylanders get timely and accurate benefit amounts.

Known Unknowns:

- The federal government has not shared guidance on implementing work requirements.
- There will likely be legal challenges to the SNAP provisions of H.R.1.

Questions?

