

Your Food Stamp Benefits Are Going Up!

Why are my benefits going up?

- There is a new law called the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. You might have heard it called the **stimulus package**.
- Because of the law, you get more food stamp benefits to help you during this economic recession.

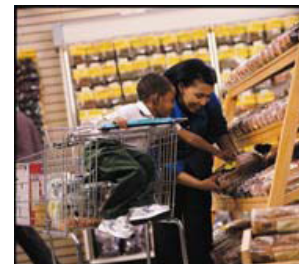


How can I use the extra benefits?

- Use your extra benefits to **buy food** at your grocery store.

How do I get the extra benefits?

- You get the extra benefits starting **April 2009**. The extra benefit amount you get from the stimulus will not go back down.
- The extra benefits will be **added automatically** to your EBT card. You do not have to do anything.



How much extra do I get?

- **Look at the table** below to see how much more you *may* get each month.
- For example: If there are 3 people in your household and right now you get \$250 each month, then in April, you would get \$313 each month. ($\$250 + \$63 = \313)



- Please note: households with 1 or 2 people who get the minimum benefit of \$14 a month may only get a slight increase of \$16 a month starting in April.

People in Household	Increase
1	+\$24
2	+\$44
3	+\$63
4	+\$80
5	+\$95
6	+\$114
7	+\$126
8	+\$144
Each extra person	+\$18



If you have questions or if you would like help applying for food stamps, please contact D.C. Hunger Solutions at 202-986-2200, ext. 3023.

