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**THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM:  
Important Sources of Information on the Program and Policy**

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- F. Other Reports from Mathematica Policy Research ([www.mathematica-mpr.com/Publications/publications.asp](http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/Publications/publications.asp); Select "Nutrition" as topic of interest and "Food Stamps" as the subtopic and a list of reports will be available. For those reports without a web address, you may order them from MPR on the internet [www.mathematica-mpr.com/3rdLevel/orderpub.htm](http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/3rdLevel/orderpub.htm) or by phone at (609) 275-2350).
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  2. *Food Stamp Program: Implementation of the Employment and Training Program for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents* (GAO-01-391R); February 27, 2001
  3. *States Seek to Reduce Payment Errors and Program Complexity* (GAO-01-272); January 19, 2001

4. *Food Assistance: Reducing the Trafficking of Food Stamp Benefits* (T-RCED-00-250); July 19, 2000
5. *Food Stamp Program: Data on Assistance to the Elderly* (RCED-00-223R); June 28, 2000
6. *Food Stamp Program: Better Use of Electronic Data Could Result in Disqualifying More Recipients Who Traffic Benefits* (RCED-00-61); March 7, 2000
7. *Food Stamp Program: How States Are Using Federal Waivers of the Work Requirements* (RCED-00-5); October 29, 1999
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9. *Food Stamp Program: Various Factors Have Led to Declining Participation* (RCED-99-185); July 2, 1999
10. *Welfare Reform: Few States are Likely to Use Simplified Food Stamp Programs* (RCED-99-43); January 29, 1999
11. *Food Stamp Program: Information on Employment and Training Activities* (RCED-99-40); December 14, 1998
12. *Food Stamp Overpayments: Households in Different States Collect Benefits for the Same Individual* (RCED-98-228); August 6, 1998.
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**II. Data:**

- A. Characteristics of Food Stamp Households (annual series; reports from 1997 through 2000 are posted at [www.fns.usda.gov/oane](http://www.fns.usda.gov/oane) with earlier years available in hard copy from Office of Analysis Nutrition and Evaluation, Food and Nutrition Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22303)
- B. State Activity Reports (annual series; available through federal fiscal year 1999 from FNS's Program Accountability Division, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302): aggregate annual data by state on participation, issuances, administrative costs, fair hearing results, fraud investigations, administrative disqualifications, and claims establishment and collections.

- C. Program participation data: monthly state data for FY1998 through FY2001 and national data on participation, costs, and benefits provided to food stamp beneficiaries for years 1969 through 2001 ([www.fns.usda.gov/pd/fspmain.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/fspmain.htm))
  - D. Food Stamp Statistical Summary of Project Area Operations Report (available from FNS's Program Information Division, Data Base Monitoring Branch, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302): reports on individual and household participation and total issuance by county for most states in the months of January and July, divided only by public assistance and non-public assistance households.
  - E. States collect a variety of other data for reports to USDA or for their own internal use; data reported to USDA is often held by the Food Stamp Program's Program Accountability Division, the Data Base Monitoring Branch of the Program Information Division, or the Office of Analysis, Nutrition, and Evaluation.
- III. Recent Regulations ([www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/regulations/FSPReg.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/regulations/FSPReg.htm) or available through [www.gpo.gov](http://www.gpo.gov)). Although some of these regulations have implementation dates in the future, many codify parts of the PRWORA that became effective in 1996:**
- A. Claims collection: 65 Fed. Reg. 41752 (July 6, 2000); correction of typographical errors and effective date published at 65 Fed. Reg. 47587 (August 2, 2000).
  - B. Non-discretionary Provisions of PRWORA: 65 Fed. Reg. 64581 (October 30, 2000).
  - C. Noncitizen Eligibility and Certification Provisions of PRWORA (the "NECP Rule"): 65 Fed. Reg. 70134 (November 21, 2000).
  - D. Personal Responsibility Provisions of PRWORA: 66 Fed. Reg. 4438 (January 17, 2001) Note: the effective date for this rule has been postponed from April 2, 2001, until July 31, 2001, and the date by which states must implement had been postponed until October 1, 2001. 66 Fed. Reg. 8886 (February 5, 2001); 66 Fed. Reg. 29661 (June 1, 2001).
  - E. Additional final rules expected this summer: Work Provisions of PRWORA (based on proposed rules published at 64 Fed. Reg. 72195 (December 23, 1999) and interim final rules published at 64 Fed. Reg. 48246 (September 3, 1999)) and Change Reporting (based on proposed rules published at 61 Fed. Reg. 66233 (December 17, 1996) and extensive guidance issued in the interim (see below).
  - F. Miscellaneous final rules published or expected on technical issues involving retailers, wholesalers, and electronic benefit transfer (EBT), including:



1. Revisions to the Retail Food Store Definition and Program Authorization Guidance, 66 Fed. Reg. 2795 (January 12, 2001)(Note: the effective date of this provision has been postponed twice).
2. Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Systems Interoperability and Portability, 65 Fed. Reg. 49719 (August 15, 2000)(interim final rule).

#### **IV. Guidance:**

##### **A. Reporting and Budgeting Issues:**

1. *Questions and Answers on the Noncitizen Eligibility and Certification Provision (NECP) Final Rule* (March 20, 2001); [www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/NCEP\\_Q&As.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/NCEP_Q&As.htm)
2. *Universal Quarterly Reporting Waivers* (January 10, 2001); [www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/WELFARE/universal\\_quarterly\\_rpt.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/WELFARE/universal_quarterly_rpt.htm)
3. *Guidance on Treatment of Unearned Income from Private Sources* (January 10, 2001); [www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/WELFARE/unearned\\_income.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/WELFARE/unearned_income.htm)
4. *Quarterly Reporting and Clarification and Expansion of Waivers* (December 9, 1999); [www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/Clintoninitiative/Support/QR%20Expansion.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/Clintoninitiative/Support/QR%20Expansion.htm)

##### **B. Other Financial Eligibility Issues:**

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- 2 *Questions and Answers on Categorical Eligibility for Food Stamps* (October 21, 1999); [www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/WELFARE/SUPPORT/CatElQ&As.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/WELFARE/SUPPORT/CatElQ&As.htm)
3. *General Assistance and Public Assistance Diversion Payments* (June 16 and July 2, 1998); [www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/budget/budget.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/budget/budget.htm)

##### **C. Improving Program Access:**

1. *Questions & Answers on the Final Rule on Noncitizen, Eligibility and Certification Provisions of PRWORA--Second Section* (June 2001); [www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/NCEP\\_Q&As2.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/NCEP_Q&As2.htm)

2. *Improving Food Stamp Program Access: State Best Practices* (August 2000); [www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/Access/catalog.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/Access/catalog.pdf)
3. *The Nutrition Safety Net: Help for the Elderly and Disabled* (February 24, 2000); [www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/Clintoninitiative/AccessGuide/elderly.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/Clintoninitiative/AccessGuide/elderly.htm)

D. Immigrants' Eligibility:

1. Sonya Schwartz, *Immigrant Access to Food Stamps: Overcoming Barriers to Participation* (Food Research and Action Center, October 30, 2001); [www.frac.org/text\\_documents/sonya.pdf](http://www.frac.org/text_documents/sonya.pdf)
2. *INS Guidance on Public Charge, "A Quick Guide to 'Public Charge' and Receipt of Public Benefits* (October 18, 1999); [www.ins.usdoj.gov/graphics/publicaffairs/summaries/public.htm](http://www.ins.usdoj.gov/graphics/publicaffairs/summaries/public.htm)
3. *Miscellaneous Policy Clarifications Relating to Immigrants* [www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/WELFARE/SUPPORT/immigrants.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/WELFARE/SUPPORT/immigrants.htm)
4. *Joint Guidance on Citizenship, Immigration Status, and Social Security Numbers*; [www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/TRI-AGENCY/JointGuidanceonCitizenship.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/TRI-AGENCY/JointGuidanceonCitizenship.htm)

E. Three-Month Cut-off for Childless Adults Ages 18 to 49:

1. *Guidance for States on Use of Discretionary Food Stamp Program Time Limit Exemptions* (February 27, 1998); [www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/WELFARE/SUPPORT/15pctex.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/WELFARE/SUPPORT/15pctex.htm)
2. *Memos on FY2001 and FY2000 Allocation of the 15% Exemptions and Work Requirement Waivers as well as Miscellaneous Guidance on the 3-Month Time Limit and the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program* (April 3, 1997); [www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/WELFARE/SUPPORT/work\\_requirements.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/WELFARE/SUPPORT/work_requirements.htm)
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F. Miscellaneous Policy:

1. *Letter to States on Adjustment of Food Stamp Quality Control Liabilities* (January 18, 2001); Copies available at FNS's Program Accountability Division, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302

2. *Cumulative Questions and Answers on Certification and Work Issues in PRWORA* (July 1999);  
[www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/WELFARE/PRWORA/cumulat%20contents.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/MENU/ADMIN/WELFARE/PRWORA/cumulat%20contents.htm)
3. *Cumulative Questions and Answers on Food Stamp Fraud, Disqualifications, and Recipient Claims* (January 29, 1998);  
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## **VI. Information State and Local Agencies are Required to Maintain:**

### **A. Sources of information on individual households:**

1. Requirement to document case files: 7 C.F.R. § 273.2(f)(6)
2. Requirement to retain information: 7 C.F.R. §§ 272.1(e) and (f)
3. Households contemplating hearing requests: 7 C.F.R. § 273.15(i)(1)
4. Households that have requested hearings: 7 C.F.R. § 273.15(l)(1)

### **B. Sources of information on state policies:**

1. Sources of state policy: 7 C.F.R. § 272.3(a)
2. Public access to state policies: 7 C.F.R. §§ 272.1(d) and 295
3. Hearing procedures: 7 C.F.R. § 273.15(i)(3)
4. Waivers: 7 C.F.R. § 272.3(c)(2) and (d) *see also* FNS's data base of state waivers at: [www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/Regulations/FSPReg.htm#WaivDB1](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/Regulations/FSPReg.htm#WaivDB1)

### **C. Sources of Information on State Agencies' Operations**

1. Summaries of hearing decisions: 7 C.F.R. § 273.15(q)(5)
2. Management Evaluation (ME) reviews: 7 C.F.R. §§ 275.5-275.9
3. Quality Control (QC) reviews of "negative" cases: 7 C.F.R. § 275.13
4. Corrective Action Plans (CAPs): 7 C.F.R. §§ 275.16-175.19
5. Data analysis and evaluation requirements: 7 C.F.R. § 275.15
6. Complaint analyses: 7 C.F.R. § 271.6(a)(3); *see also* 7 C.F.R. §§ 271.6(a) and (b) (setting out state and federal complaint procedures, respectively)
7. Record retention requirements: 7 C.F.R. § 275.4
8. Federal statistical reports: 7 C.F.R. §§ 295.4 and 295.5