House SNAP Provision Would End Food Assistance To Needy Childless Unemployed Adults

Childless unemployed adults who can’t find at least a half-time job would be thrown off SNAP after three months — regardless of how high local unemployment is — under one part of the House SNAP proposal.*

The People at Risk Are a Diverse Group

The people at risk of losing SNAP do not fit a particular stereotype.

They Are Extremely Poor

While on SNAP, their average income is just 22% of the poverty line for an individual, or $2,500 on an annual basis. About 80 percent have incomes below half the poverty line, or $5,750.

They Face a Continued Shortage of Jobs

Nonfarm payroll employment is 1.4 percent (1.9 million jobs) lower than at the start of the recession. There are still 3 unemployed workers for every job opening.

*For more information see “Cuts in House Leadership SNAP Proposal Would Affect Millions of Low-Income Americans” http://www.cbpp.org/cms/index.cfm?fa=view&id=4009