

Estimated Impact of Temporary Increase in Food Stamp Benefits in HOUSE Economic Recovery Package

(about \$8 per person per month from November 2008 through September 2009)

How to Read This Table:

As soon as November 1st, Michigan would be able to put about \$8 a month in the hands of more than 1.2 million people. By the end of the year the state would see \$108 million in additional food stamps and approximately \$200 million in increased economic activity as a result of the temporary food stamp increase."

	Total Additional Food Stamp Benefits <small>(in millions of dollars)</small>	Estimated Total Economic Stimulus Impact* <small>(in millions of dollars)</small>	Number of People Receiving Increased Benefits <small>(in 000s)</small>
Total U.S.	2.6 billion	5 billion	28,616
Alabama	\$52	\$100	579
Alaska	\$5	\$10	61
Arizona	\$51	\$90	646
Arkansas	\$36	\$70	382
California	\$197	\$360	2,271
Colorado	\$24	\$40	257
Connecticut	\$21	\$40	227
Delaware	\$6	\$10	76
District of Columbia	\$9	\$20	90
Florida	\$119	\$220	1,506
Georgia	\$90	\$170	1,044
Hawaii	\$9	\$20	98
Idaho	\$9	\$20	104
Illinois	\$120	\$220	1,306
Indiana	\$55	\$100	639
Iowa	\$22	\$40	257
Kansas	\$17	\$30	190
Kentucky	\$58	\$110	639
Louisiana	\$62	\$110	653
Maine	\$15	\$30	179
Maryland	\$30	\$50	367
Massachusetts	\$43	\$80	514
Michigan	\$108	\$200	1,283
Minnesota	\$24	\$40	300
Mississippi	\$40	\$70	451
Missouri	\$76	\$140	899
Montana	\$8	\$10	81
Nebraska	\$11	\$20	121

Nevada	\$11	\$20	151
New Hampshire	\$5	\$10	65
New Jersey	\$40	\$70	443
New Mexico	\$23	\$40	243
New York	\$175	\$320	2,005
North Carolina	\$83	\$150	957
North Dakota	\$4	\$10	49
Ohio	\$102	\$190	1,169
Oklahoma	\$41	\$80	417
Oregon	\$42	\$80	483
Pennsylvania	\$105	\$190	1,199
Rhode Island	\$7	\$10	87
South Carolina	\$52	\$100	599
South Dakota	\$6	\$10	64
Tennessee	\$82	\$150	922
Texas	\$245	\$450	2,442
Utah	\$13	\$20	137
Vermont	\$5	\$10	57
Virginia	\$48	\$90	550
Washington	\$53	\$100	566
West Virginia	\$25	\$50	279
Wisconsin	\$33	\$60	447
Wyoming	\$2	\$4	23
Guam	\$2	\$4	29
Virgin Islands	\$1	\$2	13
Puerto Rico	\$88	\$160	NA

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service, "Effects of Changes in Food Stamp Expenditures Across the U.S. Economy" by Kenneth Hanson and Elise Golan, August 2002. USDA research finds a \$1 in food stamps generates \$1.84 in economic activity. Mark Zandi of Moody's Economy.com estimates a similar multiplier (\$1.73) (Mark Zandi, testimony before the House Committee on Small Business, "Economic Stimulus For Small Business: A Look Back and Assessing Need for Additional Relief (July 24, 2008).

Notes: Estimates are based on a 5 percent increase in the maximum food stamp benefit, through 9/30/09 and on CBO cost estimates, 2006 food stamp quality control data, and Food Stamp administrative data. Participants from June 2008 data. If food stamp participation continues to rise, the number of people helped also will grow. We assume that the provision will help households that receive the minimum benefit or participate in Combined Application Projects (CAPs).