

## Food Stamps

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The Georgia Food Stamp program provides monthly benefits to low-income households to help pay for the cost of food. A household may be one person living alone, a family, or several, unrelated individuals living together who routinely purchase and prepare meals together.

Anyone may apply for food stamp benefits. The program helps households that have limited income and resources.

[Click here to obtain information about applying for benefits and to find out about eligibility requirements.](#)

When an application which provides the name of the head of household, date and signature of the head of household or another household member is received, either through the mail or in person or by fax, to the Department of Family and Children Services, the application is considered filed. ~~Both~~ A blank application, which includes information on the application process, is available below in Adobe Acrobat format.

### **[Form 297 - Application for Benefits](#)**

*After your application is filed, you or a member of your household must be interviewed by a staff person from DFCS. The person who is interviewed must know about your household situation.*

For an elderly/disabled individuals or individual experiencing problems coming to the office, the interview may be done by a pre-arranged home visit, through the mail or by telephone. Elderly/disabled households may qualify for benefits regardless of their amount of gross income. To apply for benefits contact your county Department of Family and Children Services or access the new online Food Stamp Application.

Georgians now are able to apply for food stamps online with Georgia COMPASS at [www.compass.ga.gov](http://www.compass.ga.gov)! Georgia COMPASS allows customers to apply for Food Stamps online and check their potential eligibility for other DHR social services programs through the Pre-screening tool. Customers, who create an account in Georgia COMPASS, can check the status of their application online. Also, any Food Stamp recipient will be able to make changes to their household circumstances through Georgia COMPASS. DHR is striving to make your experience with us, Faster, Friendlier and Easier! Try Georgia COMPASS today with the link: [www.compass.ga.gov](http://www.compass.ga.gov)

### **Civil Rights-Non-Discrimination Statement for the Food Stamp Program**

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### **[Locate a County DFCS Office](#)**

An interactive map designed to assist you in locating your local county DFCS office.