



Georgia Summer EBT Poll Results

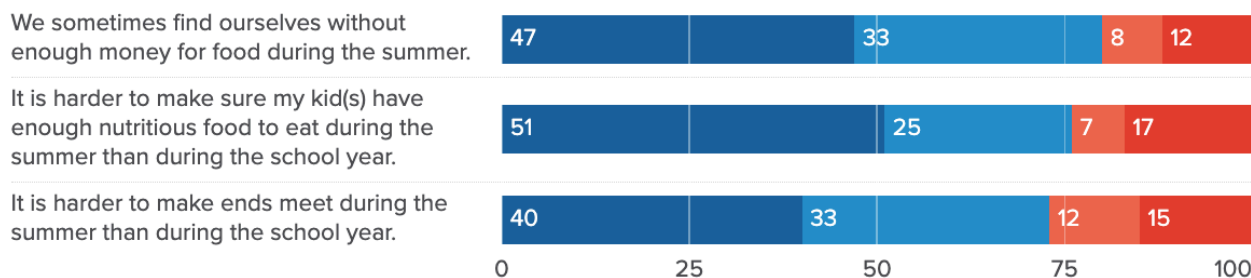
Low-Income Families Struggle to Afford Food in Summer Months; Strong Bipartisan Support Statewide for Georgia's Participation in Summer EBT

Low-Income Families Face Food Hardship In Summertime

A recent poll¹ conducted by Change Research on behalf of No Kid Hungry shows that many low-income Georgia families struggle to afford enough food during the summer. Of those who meet the income threshold for Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (Summer EBT), four-in-five (79%) say they often find themselves without enough money for food during the summer, three-quarters (76%) say they struggle to make sure their children have enough nutritious food when school is out in the summer, and 73% say it is more difficult to make ends meet during the summer.

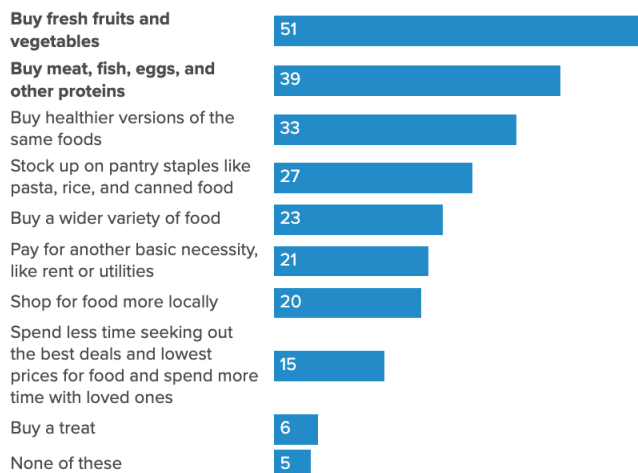
Georgia families eligible for Summer EBT struggle in the summer months

● Strongly agree ● Somewhat agree ● Somewhat disagree ● Strongly disagree



Georgia families eligible for Summer EBT would use the benefits to buy nutritious food. Half (51%) of eligible program participants would use the extra room in their grocery budget to buy fresh fruits and vegetables, and 39% would buy meat and other forms of protein.

Imagine that you have \$120 in your grocery budget for each school-age child during the summertime. Would you be more likely to: (Select all that apply)



“Children are home all day. They eat a lot! Especially tweens! I would use the extra benefit to buy healthy snack options.”

(Mom, 50-64, Chatham County)

“Boy, we'd be getting fast food a whole lot less frequently and would instead be buying a surplus of fresh fruits, vegetables, pastas, meats, etc.”

(Mom, 18-34, Gwinnett County)

¹ Using its Dynamic Online Sampling Engine to obtain a sample reflective of the adult population in Georgia plus an oversample of Summer EBT-eligible respondents, Change Research polled 1,013 adults statewide from December 5-11, 2024. The modeled margin of error is 3.3%. Post-stratification weighting was performed on age, race/ethnicity, sex, education, region, and 2020 Presidential vote choice. Weighting parameters were based on U.S. Census and voter file data. See full methodology details [here](#).

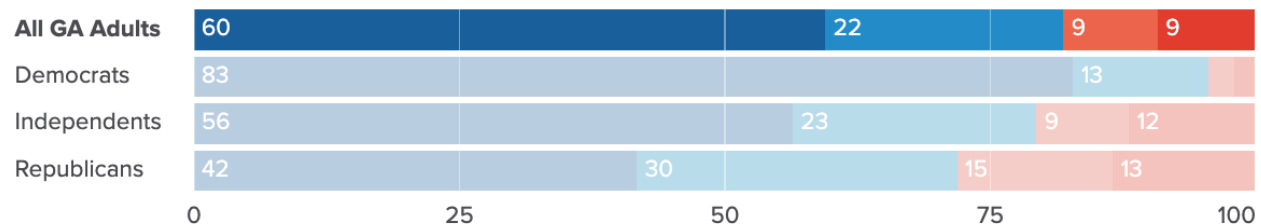
Georgians Want Georgia to Participate in Summer EBT

A strong majority (82%) of adults statewide would like Georgia to participate in Summer EBT, with a majority (60%) saying the state should definitely participate. Support for the program is strong across the full partisan spectrum, including nearly all (96%) self-identified Democrats, 79% of independents, and 82% of Republicans. Three-quarters (76%) say they would be concerned if elected officials in Georgia declined federal funding to help feed children, with half (50%) saying they would be very concerned.

Across the partisan spectrum, Georgians want the state to participate in Summer EBT

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● Yes, definitely ● Yes, probably ● No, probably not ● No, definitely not



Q: A new nationwide Summer EBT program (also known as SunBucks) allows families to receive approximately \$40 per month in federally funded grocery benefits on an Electronic Benefit Transfer card to purchase food for each school-age child who is eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. All but a dozen states are already participating in this program to help ensure that children have a hunger-free summer and return to school well-nourished and ready to learn. In your opinion, should Georgia participate in this program?

Demand for Bipartisan Action on Hunger

Nearly all Georgians agree that child hunger should not exist in the state (94% agree) and that ending childhood hunger in Georgia should be a shared, bipartisan goal (92% agree). They want to see more action from elected officials to end childhood hunger, and four in five (79%) believe that Summer EBT and similar programs are core to achieving this goal.

Georgians want action to combat child hunger

● Strongly agree ● Somewhat agree

