

# Federal FY 2005 Enacted Budget

A Review of Major Children's Programs (amounts in thousands)

## United States Department of Agriculture

Agency and Program	(M)andatory or (D)iscretionary Funding	Comparable FFY2004	President's Request FFY2005	Enacted FFY2005	Percent Change
Food Stamp Program - Total Appropriation - The Food Stamp Program is the primary source of nutrition assistance for low-income families. \$3 billion of the total is placed in reserve for use as needed.	( M )	\$30,945,981	\$33,641,798	\$35,154,554	13.6%
<b>Child Nutrition Programs</b> - A variety of child nutrition programs that provide federal cash and commodity assistance to state agencies for serving meals to children while they are in school, in service institutions, or other organized activities away from home.	( M )	\$11,417,441	\$11,380,557	\$11,782,000	3.2%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) - Pays for snacks provided to children in after school programs, provides year-round food assistance to preschool children in nonprofit child care centers, and expands services to homeless children and family day care homes in low-income areas.	( M )	\$1,990,000	\$2,065,000	\$2,059,000	3.5%
School Lunch Program - Provides assistance to all states for serving lunches to all school children.	( M )	\$6,623,000	\$6,786,000	\$6,795,000	2.6%
School Breakfast Program - Provides reimbursement to states for students receiving breakfast at school.	( M )	\$1,752,000	\$1,826,000	\$1,925,000	9.9%
Special Milk Program - Reimburses schools for milk served to low-income and non-needy children.	( M )	\$14,000	\$15,000	\$17,200	22.9%
Summer Food Service Program - Provides for free meals during the summer to children in low-income neighborhoods.	( M )	\$282,000	\$295,000	\$283,000	0.4%
Nutrition Programs Administration - Provides for most operating expenses of the Food and Nutrition Service, which includes the Child Nutrition Programs, WIC, and Food Stamps.	( M )	\$140,000	\$148,000	\$139,937	0.0%

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Commodity Assistance Program - Funding for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program which provides supplemental food to infants and children up to age 6, pregnant and post-partum low-income women living in approved project areas, and for the Emergency Food Assistance Program which provides nutrition assistance to low-income persons.	( D )	\$150,000	\$148,000	\$156,454	4.3%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program - Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides low-income at-risk pregnant and post-partum women, infants, and children with vouchers for food, nutrition education, counseling, and immunization referrals.	( D )	\$4,639,232	\$4,787,250	\$5,235,032	12.8%

Notes:

**Bold** type under the heading "Agency and Program" designates overall funding in that area.

Enacted FFY2005 amounts reflect a .8% reduction in discretionary program funding contained in the initial budget conference report.

Mandatory spending is provided by permanent law rather than annual appropriations. The President and Congress can change the law regarding eligibility criteria or the payment formula, and thus change the level of spending on mandatory programs, but they do not have to take annual action to ensure continuation of spending.

Discretionary spending is decided by the President and Congress through annual appropriations bills.

Percent Change is from Comparable FFY2004 to Enacted FFY2005.

Sources:

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