



## SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

# Monitoring usage of benefits

### OUT-OF-STATE TRANSACTIONS

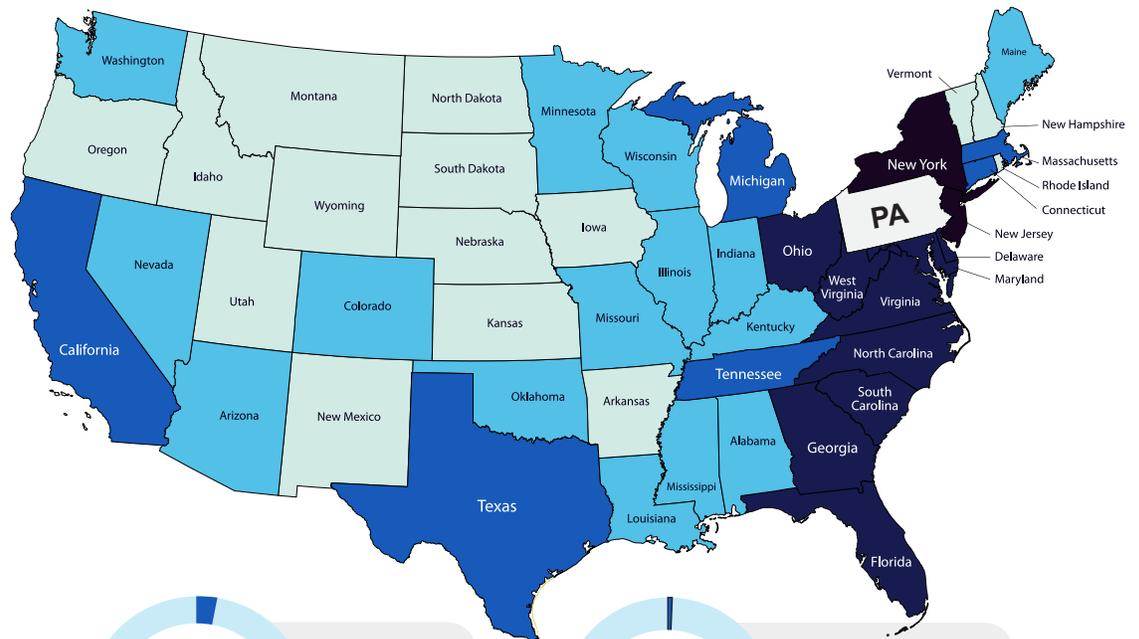
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits are federal. It is a federal requirement that recipients be allowed to use their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards out of state. Most commonly, Pennsylvania recipients use their cards in neighboring states, where those who live along the border may work or shop for groceries. The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services audits suspicious activity and, when determined necessary, revokes benefits.

### FISCAL YEAR 2014-15

MOST \$ SPENT

LEAST \$ SPENT

SINCE FEBRUARY 2012, DHS HAS FLAGGED 38,616 CASES WITH OUT-OF-STATE TRANSACTIONS FOR REVIEW AND AVOIDED COSTS TOTALING \$26.9 MILLION.



AVERAGE SPENT  
PER OUT-OF-STATE  
TRANSACTION

**\$36**

3 MOST COMMON  
LOCATIONS

- WALMART
- SHOPRITE
- SAVE A LOT

**2.7**  
PERCENT

OF TOTAL  
DOLLARS  
SPENT OUT  
OF STATE

**0.6**  
PERCENT

OF TOTAL  
DOLLARS SPENT  
IN NON-BORDER  
STATES

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