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**Ohio Distributed \$122.6 Million in First Month of Summer EBT**

*Families encourage to check benefits*

COLUMBUS, OHIO – Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Director Matt Damschroder announced that the department had distributed \$122.6 million in Summer EBT benefits, also known as SUN Bucks, from June 11 through July 4, 2025.

“To date, we have provided nearly \$123 million in food assistance to Ohio children through the SUN Bucks program,” said Damschroder. “The program is available through August 15, and I encourage anyone who believes they may be eligible and hasn’t received benefits, to apply.”

The Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children, also known as Summer EBT or SUN Bucks, is a federal program that provides assistance to eligible families with school-aged children while those schools are closed for the summer. Eligible families will receive a one-time benefit of \$120 for each eligible child.

More than 1 million children have received benefits so far in 2025. Most of the benefits were automatically distributed to families on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), cash assistance (Ohio Works First), and those who are income-eligible and receiving Medicaid benefits. For those on SNAP, benefits were loaded onto the family’s Ohio Direction Card. Those who received 2024 summer benefits had 2025 benefits loaded onto their existing card. New recipients will receive a benefit card by mail. Like SNAP, the money can be used to buy food at grocery stores, farmers’ markets, and other authorized retailers.

Nearly \$73 million of the \$122.6 million distributed has been spent through July 4. While families have 122 days from when benefits are received to spend the money, Damschroder





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encouraged everyone with children who believes they might be eligible to check their accounts to see if they are eligible and/or received their funds. Information on how to apply can be found at <https://sebt.ohio.gov/>.

Individuals who've lost their 2024 Summer EBT card can order a replacement by calling 866-386-3071. Before calling, go to <https://sebt.ohio.gov/faqs/> to learn more about what information is needed. Current SNAP recipients can use the Connect EBT app or access their online account for more information.

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*The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services manages vital programs that strengthen Ohio families. These include job training and employment services, unemployment insurance, cash and food assistance, adult protective services, and child support services.*

