

REPLACE STOLEN BENEFITS FOR VICTIMS OF SNAP THEFT

“I was so happy to have that money and for it to be gone in... a blink of an eye, I felt like somebody stabbed me in the heart,” she said. “To me it felt like a million dollars — \$600, I can feed my kids.”

- MOM TO BOSTON
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About \$1 million stolen every month from low-income households on SNAP in Massachusetts.

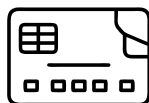


Congress ended replacement of SNAP benefits stolen after December 20, 2024.



Families are stolen from every day

[7,800 families](#) had SNAP stolen and not replaced from January to March 2025. [Victims of theft](#) skip meals and bill payments, incur debt, and use rent funds to buy food.



Chip EBT cards are long term solution

to protect low-income consumers against thieves who take advantage of magnetic-stripe-only EBT cards. We support Gov. Healey's proposed funding in FY25 supp budget (H.4003) for chip cards - but issuing cards to 665,000 SNAP households will take months.



State replacement funding needed now

to reimburse victims of theft until state can implement chip EBT cards.

Please provide funding in FY25 supplemental budget to replace stolen SNAP

Victims of theft should not be left footing the bill when SNAP food benefits are stolen through no fault of their own.