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General Information:

The Georgia Budget and Policy Institute SNAP Survey was conducted December 7-9, 2025, and included a total of 1,431 (unweighted) registered voters in Georgia. The survey was administered by the School of Public and International Affairs Survey Research Center at the University of Georgia and relied on a sample of registered voters from L2 (L2 is a sampling vendor that maintains a database constructed from state voter registration lists. Through commercial sources, phone numbers have been appended to the individual records (registrants) that make up these lists). Respondents were sent a text message invitation allowing them to voluntarily opt-in and participate in the online survey. Respondents who reported they did not currently live in Georgia were screened out. Interviews were conducted in English. The survey results were weighted using iterative proportional raking in order to ensure the sample was representative of the registered voting population in terms of race, sex, age, and education. The calculated margin of error for the total sample is +/-2.6 points at the 95% confidence level. This would mean that if 50% of respondents indicate a topline view on an issue, we can be 95% confident that the population's view on that issue is somewhere between 52.6% and 47.4%.

Q1. Which name do you most associate with the federal government's food assistance program?

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
SNAP	41.8	37.5	45.5	41.4	45.7	27.2	39.5	45.7	44.0	36.4	34.3	39.2	50.3
EBT	17.4	19.0	16.0	19.0	11.9	31.1	18.1	22.2	17.9	10.4	19.2	17.9	15.6
Food Stamps	30.2	31.6	29.1	33.6	25.8	23.3	34.5	19.5	30.3	38.9	34.1	30.5	26.8
Don't know	10.5	11.8	9.4	6.1	16.6	18.4	7.9	12.6	7.8	14.2	12.4	12.3	7.3

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$25,000	\$25,000-49,999	\$50,000-74,999	\$75,000-99,999	Over \$100,000	Parent	SNAP Recipient
SNAP	64.7	38.1	25.8	28.2	60.1	25.7	36.5	36.4	43.4	48.2	47.1	37.6	34.8
EBT	7.9	22.5	22.2	23.1	7.9	28.5	7.2	12.9	21.9	16.5	20.1	18.5	14.4
Food Stamps	23.8	25.8	39.3	39.4	25.4	22.1	45.9	33.8	22.4	28.2	26.8	34.1	44.4
Don't know	3.6	13.6	12.8	9.2	6.5	23.7	10.5	16.9	12.3	7.1	5.9	9.8	6.3

Note: Entries are column percentages.

Q2. In reference to the SNAP program, please select the option that best describes your household's situation:

1. My household currently receives SNAP benefits
2. My household does not currently receive SNAP benefits, but has received SNAP benefits in the past
3. My household does not receive SNAP benefits, but I know someone who does
4. None of the above situations apply to my household

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
1	9.7	1.2	17.2	4.2	19.2	9.8	18.0	11.5	4.8	6.6	22.0	6.5	2.3
2	9.1	7.8	10.2	8.7	11.0	2.9	8.2	14.2	8.0	5.7	10.9	8.3	8.1
3	29.1	34.7	24.2	29.4	26.6	39.2	21.6	30.7	35.7	25.2	23.1	32.7	31.3
4	52.0	56.3	48.4	57.8	43.1	48.0	52.1	43.6	51.5	62.5	44.1	52.5	58.3

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$25,000	\$25,000-49,999	\$50,000-74,999	\$75,000-99,999	Over \$100,000	Parent
1	15.8	7.8	6.3	3.4	14.9	10.4	50.5	19.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	19.1
2	7.5	11.1	9.2	8.2	7.6	14.9	11.0	18.1	12.8	11.8	3.9	14.9
3	32.7	34.3	22.7	24.1	34.0	27.7	23.1	28.3	24.7	34.1	31.4	24.6
4	44.0	46.9	61.8	64.3	43.4	47.0	15.4	34.5	62.6	53.5	64.8	41.5

Note: Entries are column percentages.

Q3. Approximately 1.4 million Georgians currently receive SNAP benefits. Based on your own knowledge, how would you rate the importance of the SNAP program for Georgia? Would you say this program is very important, moderately important, slightly important, or not important?

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
Very important	61.4	52.7	68.9	50.4	81.0	57.3	47.9	72.9	62.2	59.5	50.6	63.3	68.9
Moderately important	14.9	21.9	8.9	21.8	3.3	14.6	20.7	9.1	14.6	16.8	17.7	15.0	12.8
Slightly important	11.3	13.5	9.4	15.0	3.1	19.4	12.1	5.6	14.2	13.3	11.9	13.4	8.8
Not important	4.2	6.3	2.4	5.8	1.2	4.9	1.3	5.6	5.0	3.8	3.1	4.0	5.3
Don't know	8.2	5.7	10.5	6.9	11.5	3.9	18.0	6.7	3.9	6.6	16.8	4.3	4.3

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$25,000	\$25,000-49,999	\$50,000-74,999	\$75,000-99,999	Over \$100,000	Parent	SNAP Recipient
Very important	84.4	79.6	29.0	29.7	86.3	69.1	55.5	68.4	66.5	56.7	61.8	53.9	64.4
Moderately important	3.0	10.3	28.6	29.5	4.1	10.0	7.1	19.1	9.6	14.0	16.7	20.9	13.0
Slightly important	1.1	5.3	23.8	23.5	.6	10.8	4.9	7.6	15.6	12.9	13.0	7.1	1.1
Not important	1.5	2.0	7.9	9.2	.2	2.8	1.1	1.8	3.2	9.4	5.7	4.9	0.4
Don't know	10.0	2.8	10.6	8.1	8.8	7.2	31.3	3.1	5.0	7.0	2.7	13.2	21.1

Note: Entries are column percentages.

Q4. In your opinion, how deserving are most recipients of SNAP benefits in Georgia? Are they...

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
Very deserving	37.8	30.7	43.9	29.2	54.9	26.5	32.8	42.9	38.5	35.8	30.8	32.9	47.9
Somewhat deserving	26.5	29.5	23.9	27.4	24.1	30.4	25.9	27.6	26.4	25.6	26.1	31.1	22.9
Somewhat undeserving	10.2	11.7	8.9	13.6	4.1	11.8	4.6	5.9	14.2	15.2	9.1	12.5	9.2
Very undeserving	15.3	16.9	13.9	17.8	10.8	16.7	34.4	11.3	10.1	8.9	26.3	13.6	7.5
Don't know	10.2	11.1	9.4	12.0	6.1	14.7	2.3	12.3	10.8	14.6	7.7	9.8	12.4

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$25,000	\$25,000-49,999	\$50,000-74,999	\$75,000-99,999	Over \$100,000	Parent	SNAP Recipient
Very deserving	67.5	40.3	10.6	6.5	64.4	40.0	40.1	35.3	48.2	33.3	38.9	29.9	38.1
Somewhat deserving	16.3	36.8	28.1	32.9	21.1	25.6	11.0	38.4	23.9	31.0	23.3	30.3	30.0
Somewhat undeserving	2.4	7.3	19.1	19.7	1.7	10.8	7.1	11.6	11.5	5.8	10.8	7.1	3.0
Very undeserving	11.6	4.0	26.3	28.0	7.8	6.4	29.7	7.6	11.0	17.0	15.6	23.4	19.6
Don't know	2.4	11.6	15.9	13.0	4.9	17.2	12.1	7.1	5.5	12.9	11.4	9.3	9.3

Note: Entries are column percentages.

Q5. Earlier this year, Congress passed legislation that will reduce funding for state agencies that administer the SNAP program in 2026. Do you support or oppose Georgia allocating an estimated \$50 million in state funds to make up for this shortfall to fully fund administration of the SNAP program?

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
Strongly support	39.8	37.8	41.6	36.2	47.1	34.7	25.6	55.6	36.6	39.2	27.0	40.9	49.5
Somewhat support	20.6	20.4	20.8	20.4	21.4	17.8	33.8	13.9	16.9	21.2	29.4	15.2	17.8
Somewhat oppose	11.7	11.1	12.3	15.9	5.1	8.9	11.5	6.1	15.3	13.0	8.8	18.3	8.6
Strongly oppose	23.2	26.9	20.0	21.9	24.7	26.7	27.2	20.6	25.2	19.9	29.9	19.0	21.0
Don't know	4.6	3.8	5.4	5.6	1.6	11.9	2.0	3.7	5.9	6.6	4.9	6.5	3.0

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$25,000	\$25,000-49,999	\$50,000-74,999	\$75,000-99,999	Over \$100,000	Parent	SNAP Recipient
Strongly support	63.5	43.3	18.0	13.4	61.4	44.2	40.7	46.7	34.4	40.4	45.4	37.3	43.0
Somewhat support	17.1	18.9	24.7	26.5	15.9	19.3	9.3	26.7	38.1	11.1	19.4	19.6	19.3
Somewhat oppose	2.4	10.1	20.9	24.2	2.9	6.0	9.9	11.1	8.3	14.6	9.1	12.4	8.5
Strongly oppose	15.8	21.2	30.1	29.6	18.3	21.7	33.5	12.9	16.5	29.2	23.1	25.7	24.8
Don't know	1.3	6.5	6.3	6.3	1.6	8.8	6.6	2.7	2.8	4.7	3.0	4.9	4.4

Note: Entries are column percentages.

Q6. Thinking about the community where you live, would you say that you have access to affordable and nutritious food?

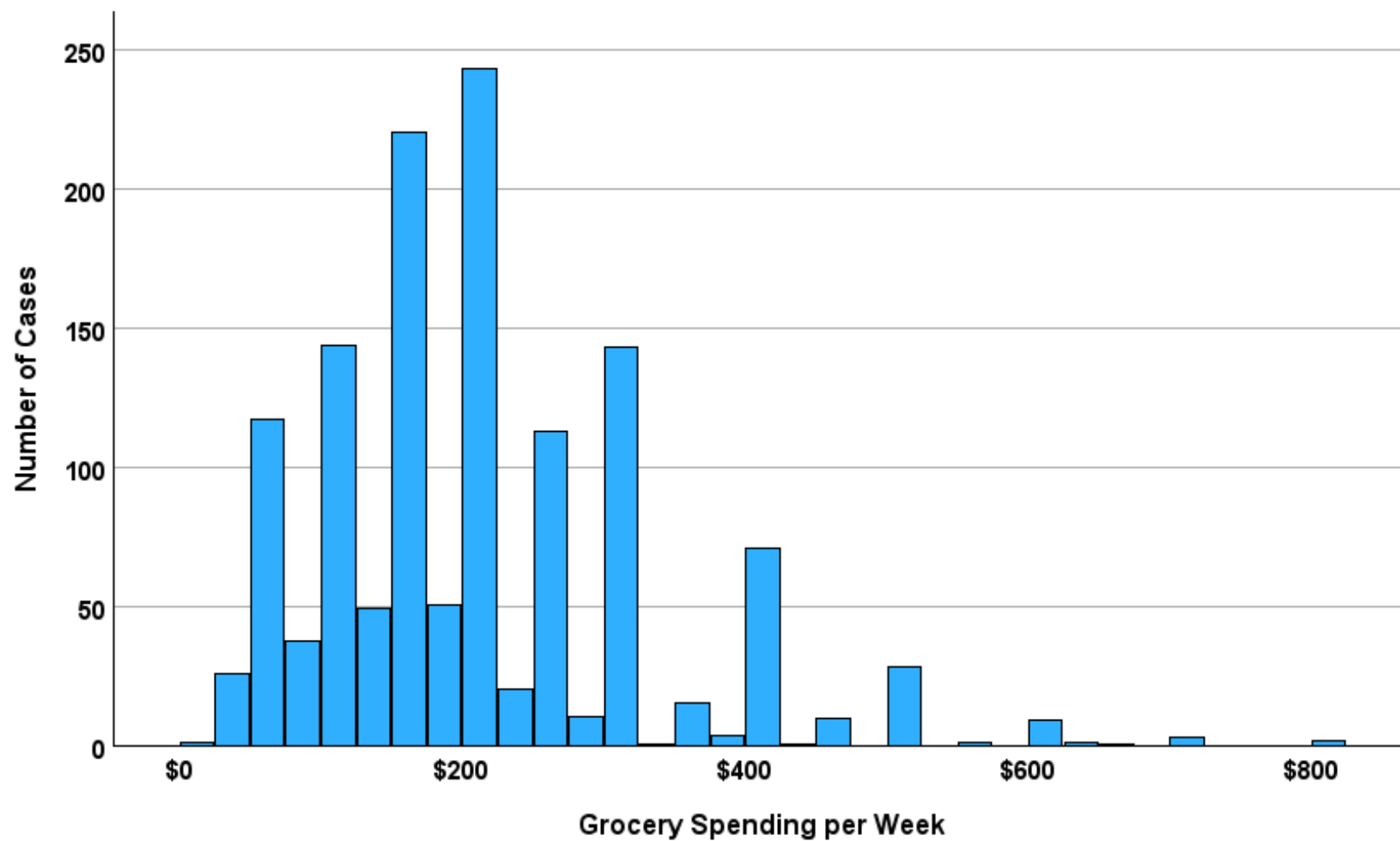
	Topline	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
Yes	77.3	76.5	78.0	79.7	74.0	74.8	87.2	70.3	74.8	79.2	77.6	72.9	80.7
No	16.9	16.3	17.4	15.8	18.0	20.4	12.8	24.6	17.8	10.4	15.7	22.4	13.3
Don't know	5.8	7.2	4.6	4.5	8.0	4.9	0.0	5.1	7.3	10.4	6.7	4.7	6.0

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$25,000	\$25,000-49,999	\$50,000-74,999	\$75,000-99,999	Over \$100,000	Parent	SNAP Recipient
Yes	81.4	72.8	78.0	80.1	79.7	65.7	66.5	60.2	77.9	82.5	84.9	74.4	62.1
No	14.5	22.9	15.0	13.8	15.6	27.0	29.1	30.5	16.1	13.5	9.6	20.3	34.2
Don't know	4.1	4.3	7.0	6.2	4.8	7.3	4.4	9.3	6.0	4.1	5.5	5.3	3.7

Note: Entries are column percentages.

Q7. Approximately how much money do you spend on groceries for yourself and your household each week?

Summary Statistics: Mean: \$200.48; Median: \$200.00; Standard Deviation: 115.0



Q8. Thinking about your current financial situation, how concerned are you that you may not be able to afford the following things over the next 12 months? [Notes: Entries are the percentage of respondents indicating category was an affordability challenge; respondents could choose as many categories as apply.]

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
Housing	32.7	31.9	33.4	27.1	44.3	24.3	50.5	44.5	24.5	13.0	41.9	35.4	22.5
Healthcare	42.4	38.7	45.7	36.4	54.7	34.0	42.8	49.1	44.5	31.3	42.6	51.3	34.7
Food	33.8	33.3	34.2	40.3	40.4	22.7	30.9	46.8	30.0	26.3	40.3	40.4	22.7
Transportation	21.5	25.2	18.3	21.3	23.3	13.6	27.5	25.1	18.3	15.5	21.2	30.0	14.6
Childcare	7.2	6.9	7.3	4.1	11.9	9.7	7.5	14.2	5.3	1.3	3.1	10.1	8.1

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$25,000	\$25,000-49,999	\$50,000-74,999	\$75,000-99,999	Over \$100,000	Parent	SNAP Recipient
Housing	38.9	30.3	28.8	22.2	40.4	36.5	39.8	48.4	56.0	28.2	18.3	34.3	47.0
Healthcare	47.6	51.6	31.4	31.1	50.9	46.4	48.9	54.7	61.0	43.9	27.7	35.8	42.8
Food	32.7	39.4	29.8	25.9	36.4	44.6	56.6	60.4	30.7	26.9	18.3	37.8	62.6
Transportation	19.3	26.4	20.2	20.1	20.8	26.1	39.6	39.6	17.0	17.1	9.2	23.2	33.1
Childcare	5.1	13.1	3.8	6.5	6.8	9.2	6.6	7.6	3.7	11.2	4.6	12.8	7.1

Q9. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: It is the role of government to make sure that no one should have to worry about whether they can put food on the table.

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
Strongly agree	37.9	36.5	39.2	28.3	53.3	42.7	25.6	50.1	37.6	35.5	29.7	40.5	42.6
Somewhat agree	21.2	18.3	23.7	20.8	23.7	13.6	20.3	18.8	21.6	24.2	22.0	18.5	22.9
Somewhat disagree	16.5	15.8	17.2	20.8	7.8	23.3	24.6	11.0	14.0	18.9	16.6	18.5	14.8
Strongly disagree	23.2	28.5	18.6	29.2	14.9	13.6	29.5	18.8	25.5	19.5	29.9	22.3	18.4
Don't know	1.2	0.9	1.3	1.0	0.4	6.8	0.0	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.8	0.2	1.3

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$25,000	\$25,000-49,999	\$50,000-74,999	\$75,000-99,999	Over \$100,000	Parent	SNAP Recipient
Strongly agree	60.7	48.7	10.6	8.0	61.0	46.0	44.0	48.9	28.0	36.8	36.8	32.7	44.4
Somewhat agree	23.5	23.7	17.9	18.1	25.1	18.1	15.9	16.0	32.6	20.5	22.2	19.5	15.9
Somewhat disagree	3.4	16.2	28.2	31.1	4.8	13.7	4.9	14.7	23.9	9.9	18.5	14.6	7.4
Strongly disagree	12.2	9.1	42.2	41.6	8.9	18.5	33.0	19.6	14.7	31.6	21.5	32.0	30.4
Don't know	0.2	2.3	1.1	1.3	0.2	3.6	2.2	0.9	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.9

Note: Entries are column percentages.

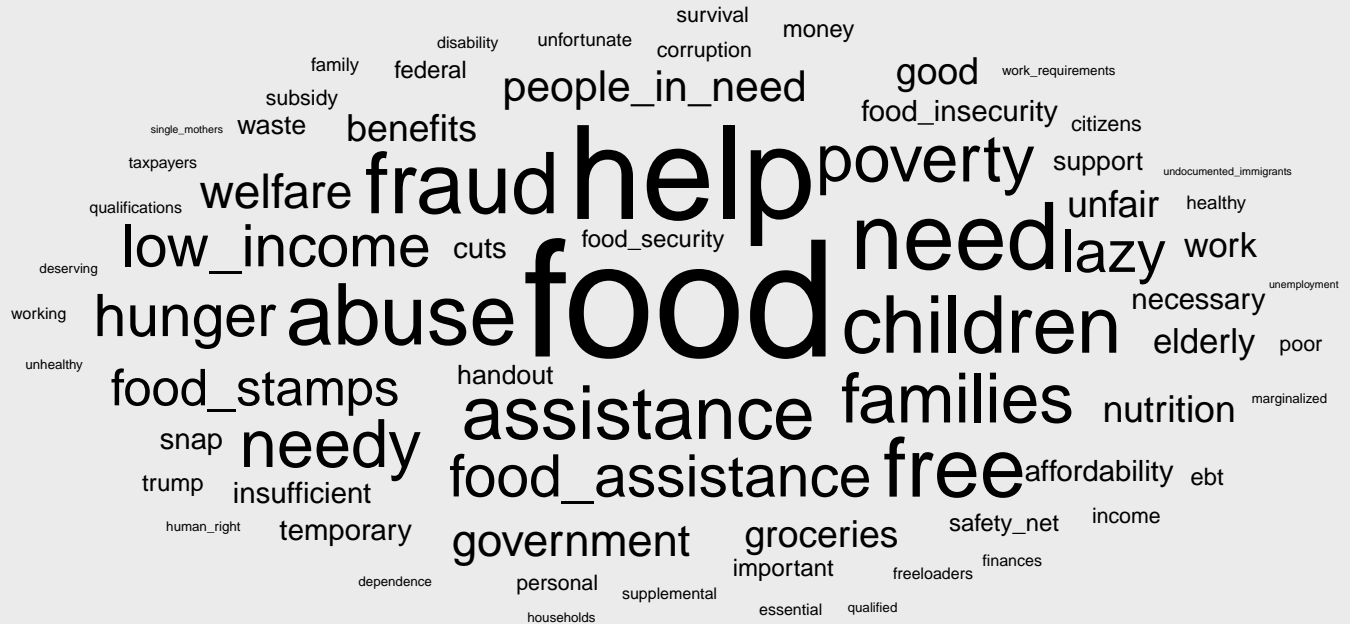
Q10. Research from the U.S. Department of Agriculture which oversees SNAP has found that for every \$1.00 that SNAP recipients receive, up to \$1.50 is generated in economic returns. Do you support or oppose increased government expenditures for SNAP?

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
Strongly support	33.7	31.8	35.4	27.4	46.4	25.2	31.1	42.5	31.3	29.1	29.9	29.4	40.6
Somewhat support	23.7	23.0	24.4	25.3	18.4	36.9	24.6	21.7	24.7	24.1	25.4	21.3	24.3
Somewhat oppose	9.4	12.2	6.9	13.3	2.9	7.8	2.3	7.0	12.3	14.9	5.8	11.0	11.0
Strongly oppose	19.8	21.5	18.3	24.0	13.7	14.6	31.8	11.0	20.3	17.7	26.5	22.0	12.2
Don't know	13.4	11.6	14.9	10.0	18.6	15.5	10.2	17.9	11.4	14.2	12.4	16.4	11.8

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$25,000	\$25,000-49,999	\$50,000-74,999	\$75,000-99,999	Over \$100,000	Parent	SNAP Recipient
Strongly support	62.8	31.7	11.2	6.7	60.6	25.7	30.9	31.6	50.0	31.2	34.3	27.2	26.0
Somewhat support	16.7	29.5	25.5	26.4	19.1	29.7	14.9	37.8	23.9	18.8	23.6	22.8	30.9
Somewhat oppose	1.9	9.1	16.1	18.3	2.1	8.0	6.1	6.2	6.4	15.9	9.6	7.5	6.7
Strongly oppose	12.4	7.1	35.4	35.0	9.7	11.6	35.4	12.0	11.5	13.5	23.8	28.9	23.4
Don't know	6.2	22.7	11.9	13.6	8.6	24.9	12.7	12.4	8.3	20.6	8.7	13.6	13.0

Note: Entries are column percentages.

Q11. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think about SNAP?



DEMOGRAPHIC TOPLINES

	Percentage
Sex:	
Male	46.6
Female	53.4
Race:	
White	58.6
Black	34.2
Other	7.2
Age:	
18-29	21.3
30-44	26.1
45-64	30.5
65+	22.1
Education:	
High school or less	31.6
Some college	31.2
BA/Graduate	37.3
Ideology:	
Liberal	33.0
Moderate	28.0
Conservative	39.1
Income:	
Under \$25,000	14.7
\$25,000-\$49,000	18.3
\$50,000-\$74,999	17.7
\$75,000-\$99,999	13.8
Over \$100,000	35.5
Political Party:	
Republican	38.6
Democrat	43.9
Independent	17.4
Parent:	
Yes	35.9
No	64.1
SNAP Recipient (Past or Present):	
Yes	18.8
No	81.2