



COVID RELIEF: HIGHER FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENTS!

Food stamp recipients will get **MORE** in benefits from January 2021 through June 2021.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- All households will get the **maximum** benefit amount for March 2021. The maximum benefit may continue throughout the pandemic.
- You may receive your benefits in two payments. Your normal benefit amount will come on your regular issuance date. The second payment will come toward the end of the month.
- The Division of Family Children Services (DFCS) should also pay your additional allotment for months that have already passed.

WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT AMOUNT I CAN GET?

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Max Food Stamps	\$234	\$430	\$616	\$782	\$929	\$1,114

HOW DO I APPLY FOR BENEFITS?

- Apply online at www.gateway.ga.gov
- Call DFCS at **(877) 423-4746**
- Email customer_services_dfcs@dhs.ga.gov for an application
- Some DFCS offices have paper applications outside of the county office
- Call Georgia Legal Services Benefits Hotline **1-888-632-6332** (only if you receive Medicare)
- Download, print, and mail a paper application to your local DFCS office: <https://dfcs.georgia.gov/food-stamps>

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HOW CAN GLSP HELP ME? CALL US IF:

- You believe you have been terminated or denied benefits in error
- You disagree with the amount of benefits you get
- You are disabled and cannot complete a review or application due to your disability
- Call GLSP at **1-833-GLSPLAW (457-7529)**

MINI ALERT!! HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR STIMULUS PAYMENTS?

Congress has approved three rounds of stimulus payments to help with the economic fallout of COVID-19. Most people have already received their first two payments, but about 8 million people who do not file taxes have not claimed their payments. If you have not received your full Economic Impact Payments, you must file a 2020 tax return and claim the Rebate Recovery Credit. Filing a tax return can enable people to claim the first \$1,200 stimulus payment, the second \$600 one, plus any missing amounts for dependents.

Sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), find a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance(VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly(TCE) Site Near

You: Sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, and other convenient locations across the country.

To locate the nearest VITA or TCE site near you, use the call **800-906-9887** or visit **<https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/>**

The fastest way for taxpayers to get their refund and to get any future stimulus payments quickly is to request direct deposit into a bank account.

If you don't have a bank account, the Cities for Financial Empowerment's **Bank On** program has [a list of safe, low-fee accounts](#) that can be opened remotely. Requesting direct deposit of a regular tax refund will also give the IRS information that can be used for direct deposit of future stimulus payments, if any.



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If you have a legal issue you need to discuss, contact the Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP), 1-833-GLSP-LAW (457-7529)

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