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# Office of Family Independence

- The Office of Family Independence's goal is to strengthen Georgians by providing individuals and families access to services that promote self-sufficiency and independence.
- **Programs offered:**
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - Medical Assistance
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)



# SNAP

August 2021

## Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps)

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SNAP provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of needy families so they can purchase healthy food and move towards self-sufficiency.

**\$473**

Avg. monthly  
benefit  
(August 2021)

**724K**

Number of  
SNAP families

**\$342M**

Monthly avg.  
SNAP benefits  
issued

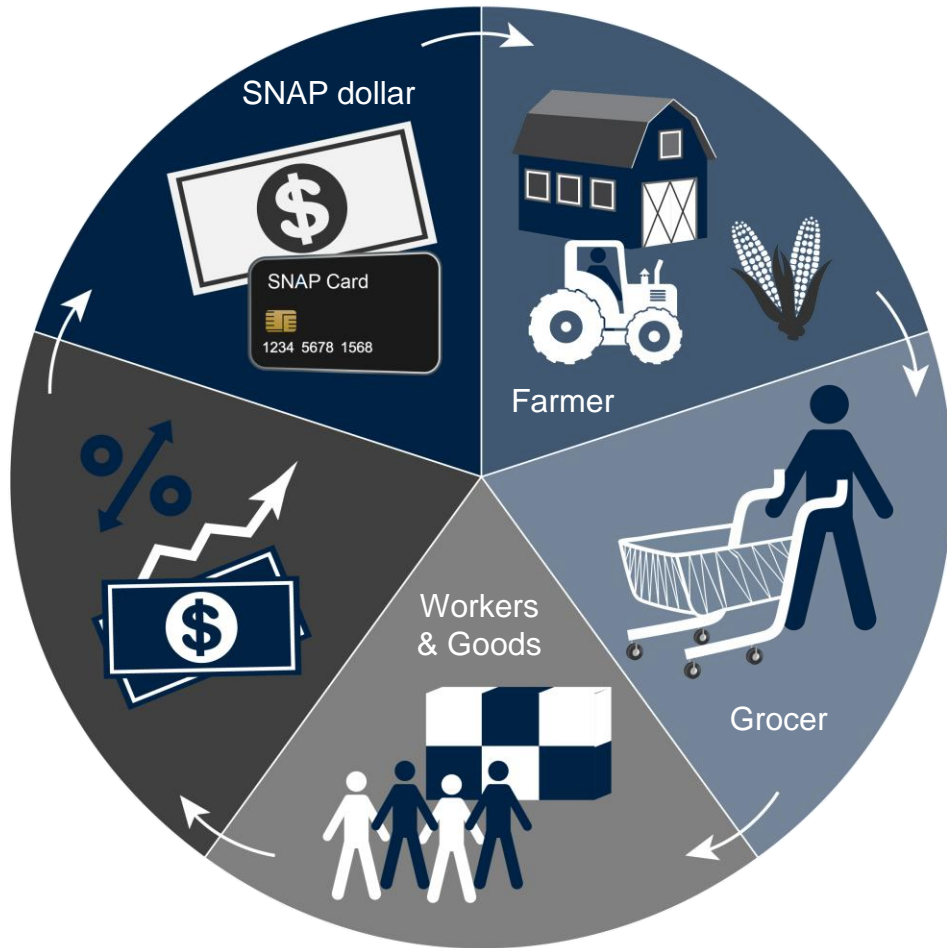
**100% Federal**  
• Benefits Funding Source

**69K**  
• Applications processed

**\$250 per month\***  
• Maximum Benefit for a  
Household of One  
\*Effective October 1, 2021

**112K**  
• Renewals Processed

# Economic Impact of SNAP in Georgia



Moody's Analytics estimates that **\$1** in SNAP benefits generates **\$1.70** in economic activity.



SNAP households receive benefits on electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards, which can be used only to purchase food at one of the **263,100** authorized retail locations around the country – including some **10,300** in Georgia.



# MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

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## Medicaid

Medicaid provides health coverage to low-income families, pregnant women and adults who are determined to be aged, blind or disabled. DFCS is a contractor of the Department of Community Health, providing eligibility determinations to applicants of the program.

**1,033,217** ◀ Average number of Georgia families receiving Medicaid services each month in (June 2021)

In September 2017, Georgia implemented a statewide eligibility system, **Georgia Gateway**. The system is a collaborative system between multiple state agencies that determines constituents' eligibility for social benefits.

 Mix of Federal & State Funds

- Benefits Funding Source

 1,033,217

- Number of Families

 2,080,980

- Number of individuals

 183,516

- Average number of children receiving PeachCare

# TANF

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## Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) provides time-limited cash assistance to Georgia's neediest families.

**\$257**

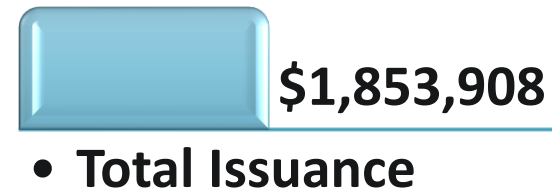
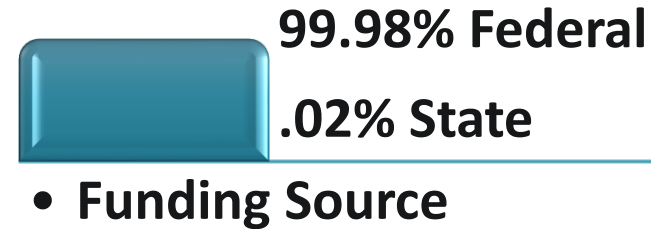
Avg. monthly  
benefit  
(AUG. 2021)

**1,393**

Monthly  
# of  
Mandatory  
Work  
Cases

**5,813**

Child-only  
TANF  
cases



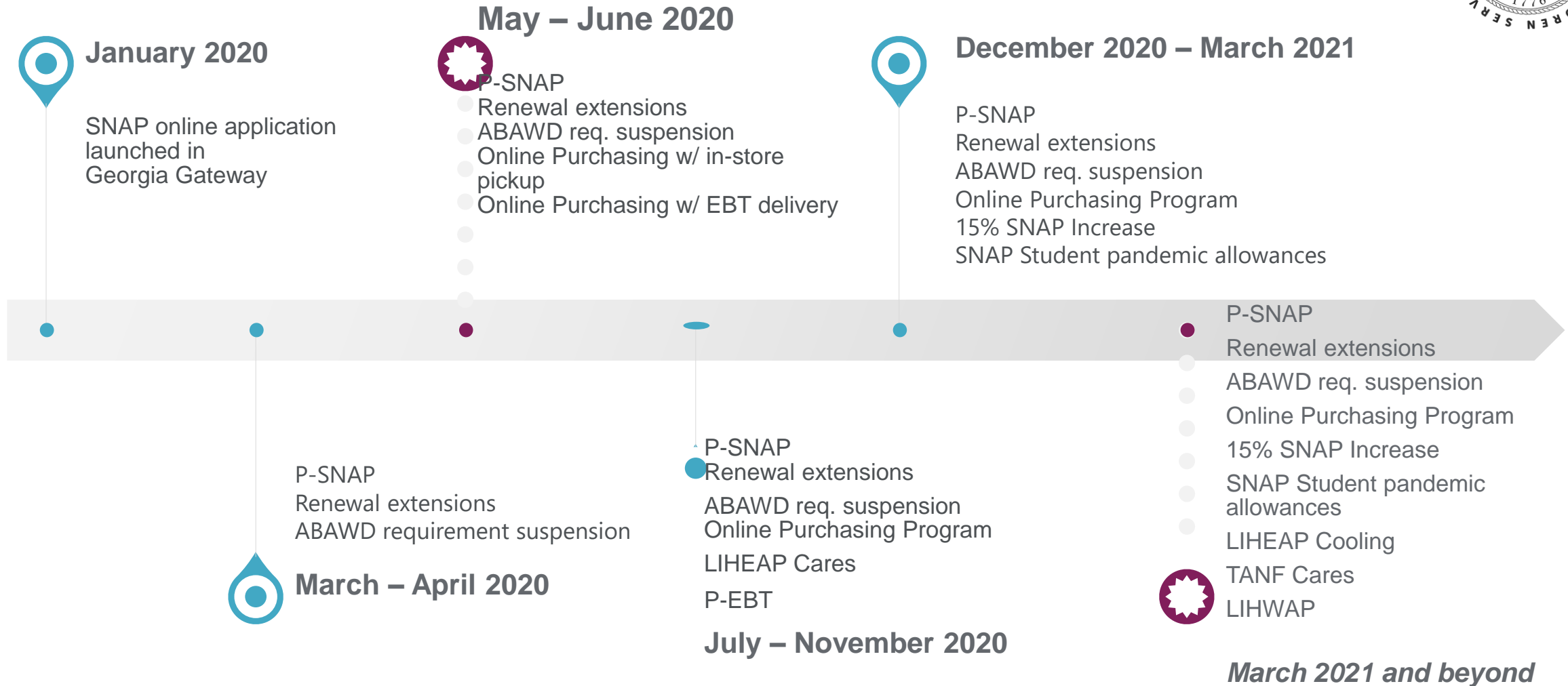
# Pandemic Response



# COVID-19

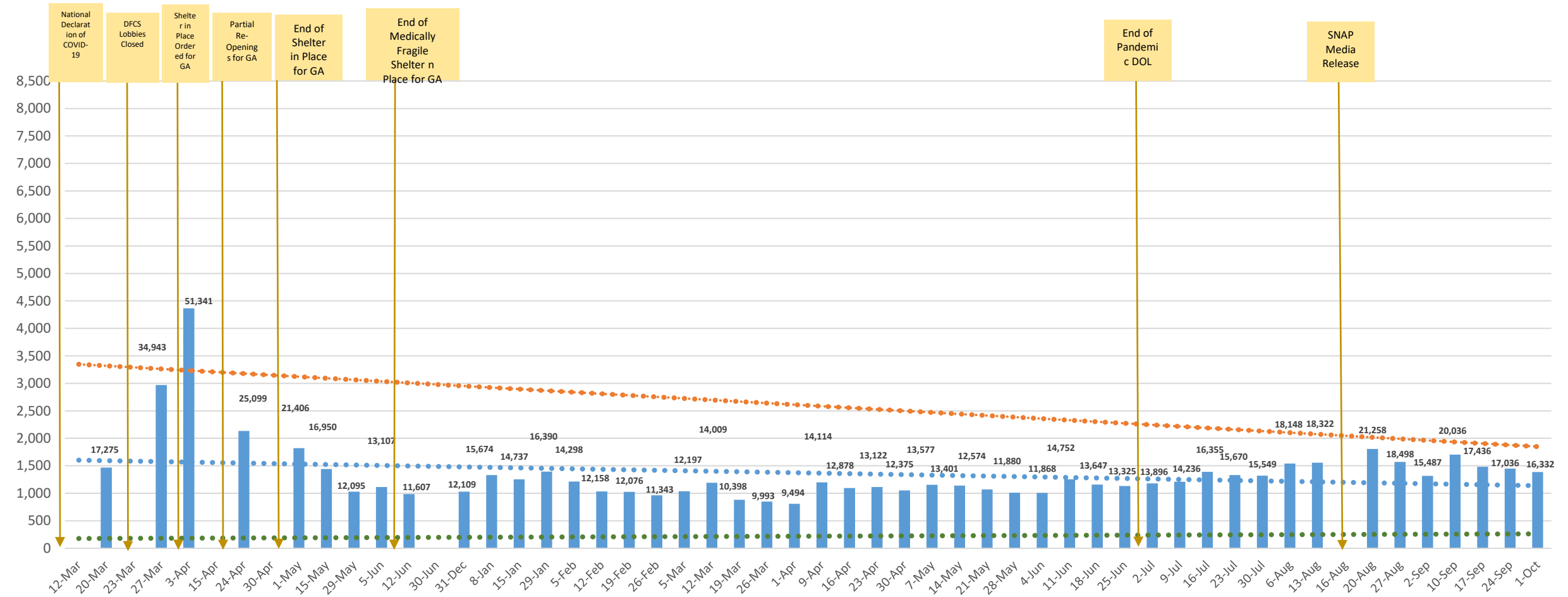


## • Agency Pandemic Response



# DIVISION OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES

## SNAP Applications Received by Date and Submission Mode



Note: Bars represent Weekly Totals

Linear (Paper)    Linear (Customer Portal)    Linear (Weekly Totals)



The United States Department of Agriculture (**USDA**) Food and Nutrition Services (**FNS**) recently approved a request to *Waive Interview at Certification and Recertification when ID is Verified and Mandatory Verifications Complete.*

The waiver was effective as of **September 1** and expires on December 31

**Justification:**

Spike in applications - Staff are getting upwards of 15-20 SNAP expedites a day



# Thank You

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