

Media Relations

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UNH Carsey Institute Experts Available to Discuss SNAP Usage and Benefits

Congress Considering \$21 Billion in Cuts to Former Food Stamp Program

DURHAM, N.H. – Researchers from the Carsey Institute at the University of New Hampshire are available to discuss the usage patterns and benefits of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps. Researchers also can discuss trends in child poverty.

The U.S. Senate is expected to consider the senate version of the Farm Bill, which funds SNAP, next week. The proposed Senate legislation cuts the SNAP program by about \$4 billion over the next decade. The U.S. House is expected to take up the House version of the legislation later this month, which proposes a nearly \$21 billion cut over 10 years. Approximately 46 million Americans receive SNAP benefits, more than half of whom are children.

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Carson can discuss patterns of SNAP use by region and place, and trends since the beginning of the recession. She also can discuss the characteristics of who uses SNAP, including median income, family type and poverty status, and households with seniors, children, and disabled members. She also is available to talk about benefits levels and program responsiveness.

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Mattingly can discuss child poverty, how different family policies influence rural, suburban, and urban families, and how families adjust their labor force behavior during times of economic strain. She also examines poverty-related issues, how families cope with economic distress, childhood maltreatment, and foster care across states.

Carsey Research

SNAP

Recent Data Show Continued Growth in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Use

<http://carseyinstitute.unh.edu/publication/recent-data-show-continued-growth-supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-use>

Reliance on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Continued to Rise Post-Recession

<http://carseyinstitute.unh.edu/publication/reliance-supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-continued-rise-post-recession>

More Than One in Ten American Households Relies on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

<http://carseyinstitute.unh.edu/publication/more-one-ten-american-households-relies-supplemental-nutrition-assistance>

Child Poverty

Over Sixteen Million Children in Poverty in 2011

<http://carseyinstitute.unh.edu/publication/over-sixteen-million-children-poverty-2011>

More Poor Kids in More Poor Places: Children Increasingly Live Where Poverty Persists

<http://carseyinstitute.unh.edu/publication/more-poor-kids-more-poor-places-children-increasingly-live-where-poverty-persists>

The Carsey Institute conducts policy research on vulnerable children, youth, and families and on sustainable community development. The institute gives policy makers and practitioners the timely, independent resources they need to effect change in their communities. For more information about the Carsey Institute, go to www.carseyinstitute.unh.edu.

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