



WorkPays NY

Connecting New Yorkers to Economic Supports

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What supports are available?



- Home Energy Assistance (HEAP)
- Food Stamps
- Earned Income Tax Credits (Federal and State)
- Other Tax Credits
- Health Insurance
- Child Care Subsidy
- Temporary Assistance

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)



- Helps people with low-moderate income pay energy costs. There are three kinds of benefits:
 - Regular Benefit
 - Emergency Benefit
 - Furnace Repair or Replacement

Food Stamps



- Provide assistance in supplementing a household's food budget:
 - Up to \$200.00 per month for a single individual
 - Up to \$668 per month for a family of four

Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC)



- One of the largest anti-poverty programs in the nation
- Federal and State tax credits to help low-moderate wage earners to maximize their earnings
- Must file federal and State tax returns to get EITC, even if no taxes are owed!

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)



- Provides FREE income tax preparation and e-filing services by trained volunteers
- Available for households with income up to \$50,000
- VITA sites are located in every county across New York state
- Free tax filing can save taxpayers \$150 or more
- Find a VITA site by calling the IRS at 1-800-906-9887, dialing 211, or through myBenefits

Additional Tax Credits



- Child Tax Credit
- Empire State Child Credit
- Education Credits
- Federal and State Child and Dependent Care Credit
- Non-Custodial Parent NYS Earned Income Tax Credit

Temporary Assistance (TA)

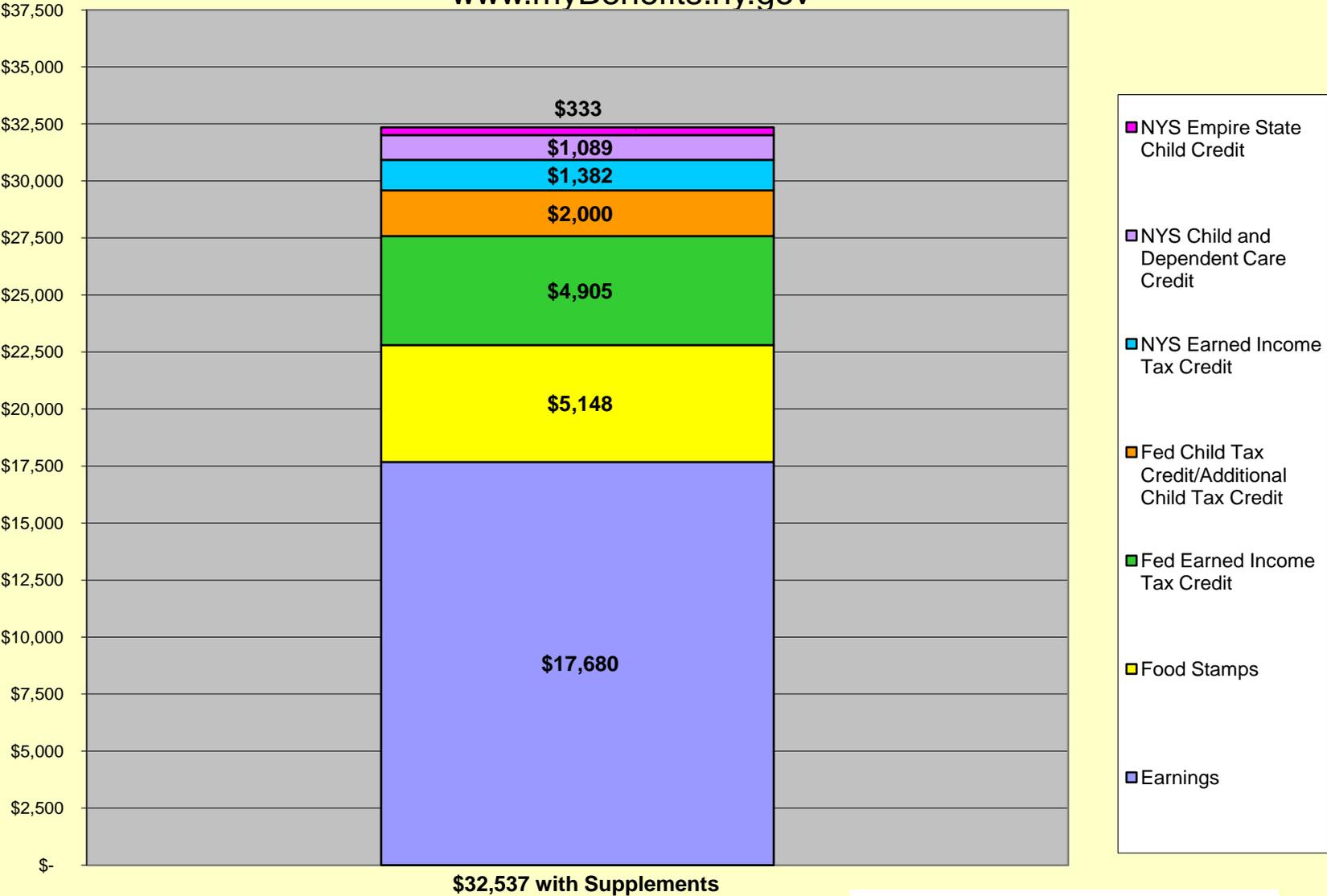


- Short term help for men, women, and children in need of assistance. There are two types of TA:
 - Family Assistance
 - Safety Net Assistance
- Application is made at the local department of social services

Earnings and Average Work Supports for Single-Adult Family of Three Living outside NYC

(One Child Under Four, One Child Over Four)

www.myBenefits.ny.gov



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A single internet portal to available benefits, services and work supports. Resources include:

- Multi-program screening tool for potential eligibility
- Links to program information
- Online application for Food Stamp benefits
- Application and Case Status
- Links to OTDA's **Resources for Working Families**
- Self-Sufficiency Calculator



Screening Component

- Quick, easy and confidential
- Users answer one set of questions
- Customized results page shows potential eligibility for multiple programs, where to apply, and what to bring.
- Among the major programs myBenefits currently screens for:
 - Nutrition Programs
 - Home Energy Assistance (HEAP)
 - Weatherization Program
 - Tax Credits
 - Health Programs
 - Temporary Assistance
 - AIDS Drug Assistance Program

Applying for Food Stamps on myBenefits



- Online Food Stamp application is now available statewide
- Food Stamp application and recertification interviews can be conducted by telephone
- Required documentation may be mailed to DSS
- Check on your case and EBT account using myBenefits



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Welcome to myBenefits!



The fast and easy way to find out about many health and human services programs and how to apply for them - anytime and anywhere.

Click here [to learn more about myBenefits.](#)

Get Started

Am I eligible?

Apply for benefits



Returning Users

Continue your saved application

Check the status of your application

Check your account
Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT)

myBenefits Alerts:

Census 2010: You are New York. Make yourself count.

Apply for Food Stamp Benefits! To find out the best way for you to apply for food stamp benefits, click the Apply for benefits button.

You can prescreen for Temporary Assistance, Food Stamps, Health Insurance, tax credits and other programs to help make ends meet by clicking on the Am I eligible button.

Resources

Information on programs you may be eligible for:

Assistance Programs
[Food Stamps](#)
[Temporary Assistance](#)
[HEAP](#)
[WIC](#)
[School Meals](#)

Health Insurance
[Medicaid](#)
[Child Health Plus \(CHP\)](#)
[Family Health Plus \(FHP\)](#)
[Healthy New York](#)
[EPIC](#)

Tax Credits
[Earned Income](#)
[Child/Dependent Care](#)
[Noncustodial Parent](#)

Additional Resources:

[Resources for Working Families](#)
Additional NYS programs to help you make ends meet.
[New York State Department of Labor](#)
Lost your job? Looking for work?
[New York State Consumer Protection Board](#)
Learn about financial life skills.

Local district workers, providers or community partners

[Visit the Worker Homepage](#)



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