

Economic Impact to the City of Seattle, King County, and Washington State of Immigrants Disenrolling from SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

Locality	Number of people receiving SNAP	Estimated number of households receiving SNAP*	Estimated number of households with at least 1 immigrant receiving SNAP**	Average value of SNAP per person annually***	Estimate economic impact if 6% disenroll/forgo SNAP^	Estimate economic impact if 25% disenroll/forgo SNAP^^
Seattle	83,485	40,527	7,295	\$1,467	\$1,149,339	\$4,788,912.37
King County	278,798	116,166	25,092	\$1,467	\$3,953,362	\$16,472,341
Washington State	924,137	368,182	49,705	\$1,467	\$7,831,245	\$32,630,187

*Number of households estimated using U.S. Census Bureau estimate of average household size in locality.

**Number of households with at least 1 immigrant estimated from the number of households receiving SNAP using U.S. Census Bureau estimate of percentage of households with a foreign-born member in locality.

***Calculated using average SNAP benefit per person per meal in Washington state in FY2017 = \$1.34.

^6% drop off estimate given 2% of immigrants apply annually and immigrants who will apply within next 3 years, conservatively assumes that only one person per immigrant household receives SNAP. The amount is the estimated loss in economic activity using USDA multiplier that \$1.00 in SNAP benefits spent generates \$1.79 in economic activity.

^^25% drop off estimate given actual drop off is likely to be much higher, assumes conservatively that only one person per immigrant household receives SNAP. Amount of loss benefits is multiplied by \$1.79 to determine loss of economic activity in locality per USDA figure that \$1.00 in SNAP benefits spent generates \$1.79 in economic activity.

Economic Impact to King County and Washington State of Immigrants Disenrolling from WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)

Locality	Number of people receiving WIC	Estimate number of households receiving WIC*	Estimate number of households with at least 1 immigrant receiving WIC**	Average value of WIC per participant annually***	Estimate economic impact if 6% disenroll/forgo WIC^	Estimate economic impact if 25% disenroll/forgo WIC^^
King County	60,693	25,289	5,462	\$508	\$166,493	\$693,721
Washington State	168,878	67,282	9,083	\$508	\$276,852	\$1,153,551

*Number of households estimated using U.S. Census Bureau estimate of average household size in locality.

**Number of households with at least 1 immigrant estimated from the number of households receiving WIC using U.S. Census Bureau estimate of percentage of households with a foreign-born member in locality.

***Calculated using average WIC monthly benefit per participant in Washington state in FY16 = \$42.30.

^6% drop off estimate given 2% of immigrants apply annually and immigrants who will apply within next 3 years, conservatively assumes that only one person per immigrant household receives WIC. The dollar figure is an estimate of loss sales of WIC supplemental food package items at WIC certified retailers.

^^25% drop off estimate given actual drop off is likely to be much higher, assumes conservatively that only one person per immigrant household receives WIC. The amount is the estimated loss in sales of WIC supplemental food package items for WIC certified retailers.

