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Department of Transitional Assistance*

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Via email to tara@mcoaonline.com

Tara Hammes, Director
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RE: PRR – SNAP Data

Dear Ms. Hammes:

The Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) responds to the above referenced public records request, received on August 6, 2021 (the “request” or “PRR”), wherein you requested the following records:

July 2021 data containing:

- (1) The average SNAP awards (excluding HIP funds) for a single adult 60 y/o and above, living alone for each city and town in Massachusetts.
- (2) The number of these households in each city/town.
- (3) The number of these recipients in the Commonwealth (not by city/town) who are also receiving the maximum monthly SNAP awards due to supplemental pandemic SNAP benefits.
- (4) The number of these recipients who were already at the maximum award but now receive the additional \$95.

Enclosed is an Excel spreadsheet containing the information you requested, the production of which completes DTA’s response to your request.

DTA reserves the right to retrieve any exempted, privileged, or otherwise protected materials inadvertently included in this production. Any such production is not, and shall not be considered or deemed, a waiver of any applicable privileges or protections from disclosure.

DTA now considers this PRR closed. If you believe the agency has violated G.L. c. 66 section 10, pursuant to G.L. c. 66 section 10A, you may submit an appeal to the Supervisor of Public Records in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth or seek judicial review by commencing a civil action in Suffolk Superior Court.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (617) 348-8520.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Koren Christensen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Koren Christensen
General Counsel

Enclosure

**Average SNAP benefit amounts for single adults 60 years old
and above living alone by Massachusetts City/Town**

City/Town	Households	Average SNAP benefit
ABINGTON	253	\$125
ACTON	151	\$141
ACUSHNET	199	\$128
ADAMS	270	\$116
AGAWAM	581	\$121
AMESBURY	297	\$121
AMHERST	338	\$137
ANDOVER	332	\$139
ARLINGTON	497	\$132
ASHBURNHAM	48	\$135
ASHBY	17	\$140
ASHFIELD	30	\$136
ASHLAND	198	\$127
ATHOL	394	\$120
ATTLEBORO	966	\$131
AUBURN	233	\$127
AVON	120	\$149
AYER	131	\$119
BARNSTABLE	970	\$139
BARRE	77	\$113
BECKET	31	\$124
BEDFORD	132	\$121
BELCHERTOWN	202	\$121
BELLINGHAM	205	\$136
BELMONT	193	\$151
BERKLEY	50	\$114
BERLIN	53	\$95
BERNARDSTON	34	\$87
BEVERLY	775	\$124
BILLERICA	361	\$136
BLACKSTONE	132	\$119
BLANDFORD	12	\$154
BOLTON	18	\$134
BOSTON	23,583	\$144
BOURNE	383	\$131
BOXBOROUGH	24	\$135
BOXFORD	15	\$126
BOYLSTON	35	\$115
BRAINTREE	576	\$147
BREWSTER	115	\$136
BRIDGEWATER	294	\$131
BRIMFIELD	86	\$115
BROCKTON	4,599	\$153

BROOKFIELD	88	\$111
BROOKLINE	661	\$139
BURLINGTON	259	\$139
CAMBRIDGE	1,916	\$137
CANTON	321	\$132
CARLISLE	13	\$128
CARVER	203	\$127
CHARLEMONT	32	\$133
CHARLTON	121	\$117
CHATHAM	77	\$148
CHELMSFORD	366	\$133
CHELSEA	1,357	\$146
CHESHIRE	78	\$108
CHESTER	29	\$111
CHESTERFIELD	15	\$121
CHICOPEE	2,051	\$129
CLINTON	324	\$133
COHASSET	59	\$134
COLRAIN	32	\$109
CONCORD	88	\$137
CUMMINGTON	23	\$83
DALTON	110	\$109
DANVERS	369	\$133
DARTMOUTH	569	\$123
DEDHAM	377	\$143
DEERFIELD	67	\$111
DENNIS	347	\$136
DIGHTON	87	\$123
DOUGLAS	80	\$109
DRACUT	451	\$137
DUDLEY	171	\$128
DUXBURY	107	\$123
EAST BRIDGEWATER	195	\$132
EAST BROOKFIELD	16	\$117
EAST LONGMEADOW	291	\$112
EASTHAM	66	\$142
EASTHAMPTON	376	\$128
EASTON	197	\$134
EDGARTOWN	55	\$143
ERVING	34	\$103
ESSEX	44	\$120
EVERETT	1,069	\$150
FAIRHAVEN	433	\$118
FALL RIVER	3,904	\$132
FALMOUTH	577	\$130
FITCHBURG	1,337	\$135
FOXBOROUGH	228	\$124

FRAMINGHAM	1,220	\$137
FRANKLIN	263	\$125
FREETOWN	107	\$127
GARDNER	586	\$115
GEORGETOWN	99	\$122
GILL	28	\$132
GLOUCESTER	684	\$126
GRAFTON	200	\$128
GRANBY	81	\$134
GRANVILLE	18	\$124
GREAT BARRINGTON	154	\$122
GREENFIELD	666	\$127
GROTON	75	\$132
GROVELAND	56	\$130
HADLEY	92	\$132
HALIFAX	128	\$121
HAMILTON	46	\$131
HAMPDEN	63	\$129
HANOVER	151	\$114
HANSON	105	\$118
HARDWICK	59	\$131
HARVARD	25	\$114
HARWICH	236	\$126
HATFIELD	49	\$132
HAVERHILL	1,674	\$139
HINGHAM	140	\$134
HINSDALE	35	\$136
HOLBROOK	305	\$143
HOLDEN	128	\$144
HOLLAND	45	\$112
HOLLISTON	102	\$146
HOLYOKE	1,880	\$144
HOPEDALE	66	\$130
HOPKINTON	73	\$132
HUBBARDSTON	49	\$121
HUDSON	252	\$126
HULL	242	\$146
HUNTINGTON	41	\$105
IPSWICH	197	\$128
KINGSTON	142	\$130
LAKEVILLE	141	\$122
LANCASTER	72	\$114
LANESBOROUGH	44	\$139
LAWRENCE	4,853	\$165
LEE	113	\$130
LEICESTER	177	\$137
LENOX	99	\$128

LEOMINSTER	911	\$137
LEVERETT	16	\$130
LEXINGTON	207	\$159
LINCOLN	35	\$140
LITTLETON	103	\$125
LONGMEADOW	170	\$128
LOWELL	4,360	\$151
LUDLOW	436	\$126
LUNENBURG	128	\$122
LYNN	4,237	\$147
LYNNFIELD	91	\$138
MALDEN	1,692	\$147
MANCHESTER	40	\$120
MANSFIELD	213	\$129
MARBLEHEAD	195	\$136
MARION	69	\$115
MARLBOROUGH	545	\$132
MARSHFIELD	315	\$129
MASHPEE	251	\$141
MATTAPOISETT	56	\$122
MAYNARD	138	\$126
MEDFIELD	52	\$146
MEDFORD	959	\$143
MEDWAY	100	\$105
MELROSE	385	\$130
MENDON	44	\$124
MERRIMAC	89	\$130
METHUEN	1,221	\$153
MIDDLEBOROUGH	385	\$125
MIDDLETON	64	\$126
MILFORD	366	\$137
MILLBURY	241	\$118
MILLIS	69	\$139
MILLVILLE	29	\$116
MILTON	304	\$142
MONSON	143	\$130
MONTAGUE	267	\$119
NAHANT	51	\$156
NANTUCKET	54	\$141
NATICK	436	\$131
NEEDHAM	230	\$134
NEW BEDFORD	4,315	\$138
NEW MARLBOROUGH	12	\$94
NEWBURY	62	\$124
NEWBURYPORT	245	\$113
NEWTON	826	\$151
NORFOLK	59	\$138

NORTH ADAMS	587	\$117
NORTH ANDOVER	339	\$138
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH	348	\$132
NORTH BROOKFIELD	106	\$116
NORTH READING	116	\$140
NORTHAMPTON	699	\$130
NORTHBOROUGH	97	\$134
NORTHBRIDGE	223	\$123
NORTHFIELD	43	\$123
NORTON	259	\$123
NORWELL	60	\$141
NORWOOD	471	\$129
OAK BLUFFS	55	\$125
OAKHAM	22	\$119
ORANGE	283	\$117
ORLEANS	156	\$127
OTIS	18	\$143
OXFORD	251	\$110
PALMER	388	\$126
PAXTON	52	\$145
PEABODY	1,149	\$132
PEMBROKE	178	\$113
PEPPERELL	139	\$122
PITTSFIELD	1,376	\$127
PLAINVILLE	124	\$140
PLYMOUTH	752	\$127
PLYMPTON	41	\$96
PRINCETON	25	\$115
PROVINCETOWN	134	\$142
QUINCY	2,766	\$143
RANDOLPH	1,253	\$153
RAYNHAM	210	\$130
READING	180	\$135
REHOBOTH	95	\$141
REVERE	1,859	\$145
ROCHESTER	47	\$123
ROCKLAND	297	\$136
ROCKPORT	133	\$134
ROWLEY	59	\$127
ROYALSTON	25	\$88
RUSSELL	25	\$155
RUTLAND	91	\$121
SALEM	1,282	\$143
SALISBURY	232	\$132
SANDISFIELD	13	\$108
SANDWICH	202	\$130
SAUGUS	618	\$134

SAVOY	16	\$129
SCITUATE	148	\$116
SEEKONK	159	\$129
SHARON	194	\$155
SHEFFIELD	38	\$132
SHELBURNE	76	\$150
SHIRLEY	95	\$128
SHREWSBURY	318	\$143
SHUTESBURY	26	\$155
SOMERSET	290	\$116
SOMERVILLE	1,384	\$136
SOUTH HADLEY	260	\$128
SOUTHAMPTON	73	\$116
SOUTHBOROUGH	52	\$147
SOUTHBRIDGE	653	\$139
SOUTHWICK	139	\$125
SPENCER	306	\$127
SPRINGFIELD	7,944	\$145
STERLING	61	\$117
STOCKBRIDGE	48	\$128
STONEHAM	300	\$136
STOUGHTON	634	\$143
STOW	63	\$134
STURBRIDGE	135	\$119
SUDBURY	80	\$123
SUNDERLAND	27	\$133
SUTTON	57	\$123
SWAMPSCOTT	165	\$140
SWANSEA	264	\$125
TAUNTON	1,568	\$134
TEMPLETON	139	\$112
TEWKSBURY	322	\$137
TISBURY	125	\$141
TOPSFIELD	49	\$132
TOWNSEND	92	\$126
TRURO	32	\$127
TYNGSBOROUGH	122	\$139
UPTON	83	\$114
UXBRIDGE	153	\$116
WAKEFIELD	315	\$134
WALES	59	\$127
WALPOLE	188	\$142
WALTHAM	867	\$139
WARE	302	\$128
WAREHAM	693	\$132
WARREN	112	\$119
WARWICK	15	\$133

WATERTOWN	563	\$143
WAYLAND	78	\$137
WEBSTER	504	\$131
WELLESLEY	142	\$139
WELLFLEET	46	\$127
WENDELL	29	\$146
WENHAM	38	\$126
WEST BOYLSTON	71	\$145
WEST BRIDGEWATER	124	\$120
WEST BROOKFIELD	84	\$119
WEST NEWBURY	22	\$130
WEST SPRINGFIELD	846	\$138
WEST STOCKBRIDGE	12	\$109
WEST TISBURY	15	\$131
WESTBOROUGH	135	\$134
WESTFIELD	859	\$133
WESTFORD	144	\$147
WESTMINSTER	61	\$128
WESTON	31	\$136
WESTPORT	270	\$119
WESTWOOD	132	\$124
WEYMOUTH	1,103	\$126
WHITMAN	197	\$130
WILBRAHAM	228	\$121
WILLIAMSBURG	58	\$116
WILLIAMSTOWN	97	\$121
WILMINGTON	134	\$139
WINCHENDON	220	\$125
WINCHESTER	105	\$148
WINTHROP	431	\$137
WOBURN	520	\$137
WORCESTER	6,404	\$144
WORTHINGTON	24	\$142
WRENTHAM	99	\$135
YARMOUTH	518	\$135
Total statewide 60 y/o & above single households	150,558	

Special Information: Household counts below 12 were suppressed to protect privacy and confidentiality. 'Total statewide 60 y/o & above single households' is an aggregated count and includes households that

Emergency Allotment and 15% increase for SNAP recipients 60

SNAP recipients at maximum allotment due to \$95 emergency allotment and 15% increase	SNAP recipients already at maximum benefit allotment prior to the \$95 emergency allotment and 15% increase
150,528	51,724

Metadata Dictionary

Variable Name	Variable Description	Data Type	Data Format
City/Town	City/Town in which household(s) reside	Location	Text
Households	Number of households for given city/town	Numeric	Numeric
Average SNAP benefit	Average SNAP benefit for households in given city/town	Currency	\$\$
SNAP recipients at maximum allotment due to \$95 emergency allotment and 15% increase	Number of SNAP recipients receiving maximum SNAP allotment	Numeric	Numeric
SNAP recipients already at maximum benefit allotment prior to the \$95 emergency allotment and 15% increase	Number of SNAP recipients already at maximum benefit prior to emergency allotment/15% increase	Numeric	Numeric