

Louisiana without SNAP?



A 24.2% cut to state discretionary funds — a \$34 million loss — will force DCFS to end Louisiana's SNAP program by Jan. 1, 2019. SNAP benefits (\$1.4B/yr.) are 100% federally funded, but the state bears 50% of administrative costs to run the program.

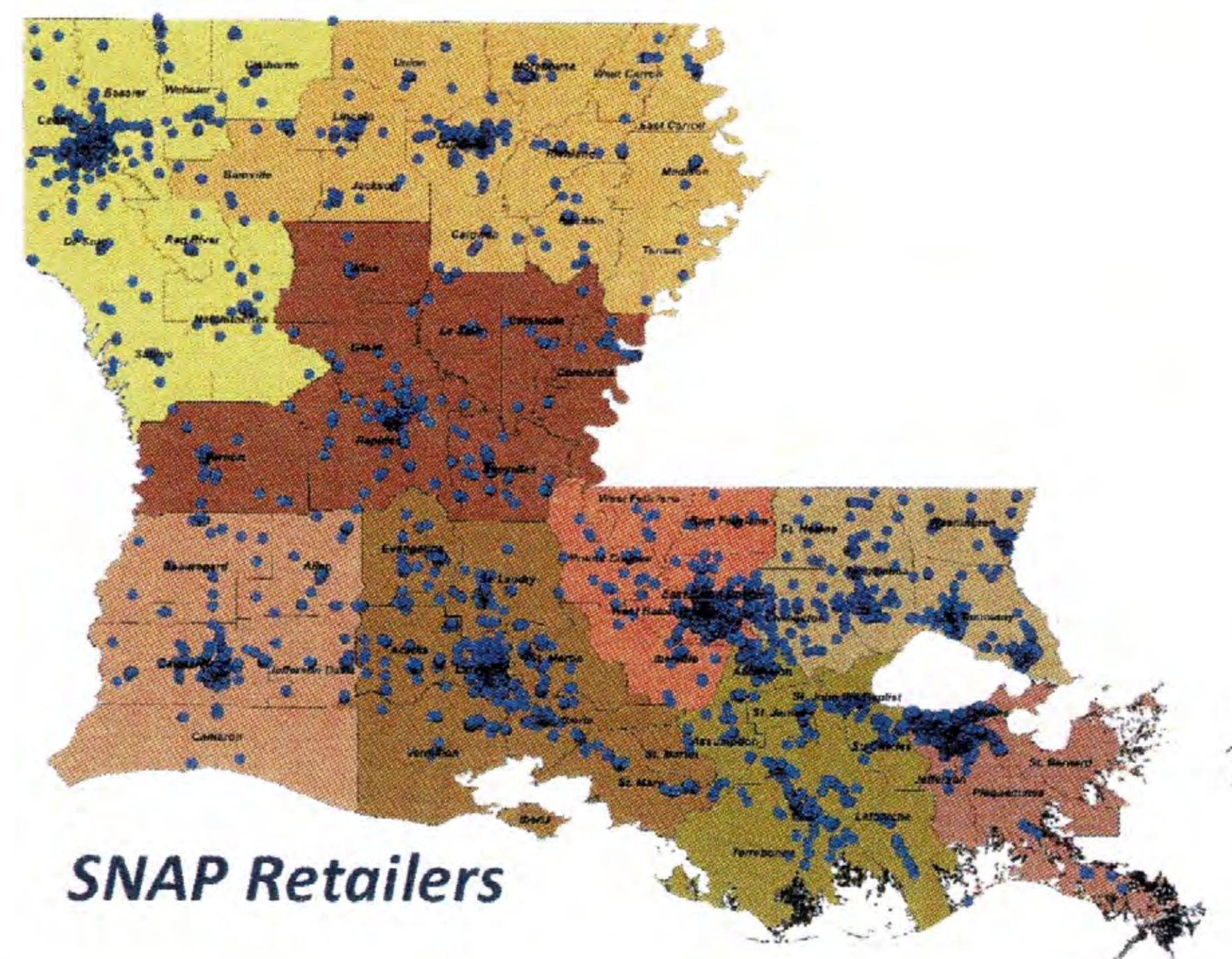
SNAP is a lifeline for nearly 1 in 5 Louisianans.

- There are 400,000 SNAP households and 860,000 SNAP recipients in Louisiana, or 19.3% of the population.
 - About 64% are elderly, children or disabled (nearly 47% are children).
 - About 27% of the households have earned income.

No state has ever eliminated its SNAP program!

Loss of SNAP means...

- Affecting the business of 4,500 SNAP retailers.
- Prompting a loss of \$2.5 Billion per year in economic impact statewide, including a total of 25,000 jobs supported by SNAP.
- Forgoing \$1.4 Billion/year in 100% federal benefits for 860,000 of Louisiana's most vulnerable citizens.
- Potentially laying off more than 1,000 staff.



No SNAP? No DSNAP.

Every region of the state was touched by disaster in SFY 2017, following a pair of floods and a string of tornadoes.



DSNAP benefits totaled \$184 million.

SNAP Shutdown Process & Timeline

9/1/18 - Notify USDA Food and Nutrition Service of planned termination of program, effective 1/1/19. *FNS requires 120-day notice of "major changes" to SNAP programs.*

10/15/18 - Submit layoff plan to Civil Service. *Process usually takes 4-6 weeks, but may take longer due to number of staff impacted.*

11/1/18 - Send advance notice to all SNAP recipients to inform them of SNAP case closures to be effective 1/1/19.

11/1/18 - Press release announcing 12/1/18 as last day to accept new SNAP applications.

11/1/18 - Notify contractors of termination of SNAP contracts, as of 1/1/19.

1/1/19 - Staff are laid off, office buildings are closed (where necessary), contracts are ended or amended, and SNAP is ended.

