

Apply for Public Benefits

This page describes some common public benefits. You may be eligible for some or all of these benefits.

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SNAP, TANF, and Medical Assistance

 The maximum **SNAP** amount you can get based on your household size is:

Household Size	You can get SNAP if your monthly household income is less than...	Maximum monthly benefit amount
1	\$1,064	\$234
2	\$1,437	\$430
3	\$1,810	\$616
4	\$2,184	\$782
5	\$2,557	\$929

 The maximum **TANF** amount you can get based on your household size is:

Household Size	You can get TANF if your monthly household income is less than...	Maximum monthly benefit amount
1	\$574	\$414
2	\$675	\$515
3	\$818	\$658
4	\$964	\$804
5	\$1,088	\$928

 You or your family may be eligible for **Medicaid or Alliance** health insurance based on your income and household size. *Children and pregnant women may be eligible even if the household income is higher than the table below.*

Household Size	You can get Medicaid or Alliance if your monthly household income is less than....
1	\$2,147
2	\$2,903
3	\$3,660
4	\$4,417
5	\$5,173

Disability Benefits

Adults:

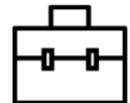
If you have a long-term medical condition that makes it impossible to work, you may be eligible for disability benefits. Disability benefits include SSI (Supplemental Security Income) and SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance).

Children:

If your child has a serious long-term medical condition, they may be eligible for SSI.



Unemployment Insurance



If you lost your job and it was not your fault, you may be eligible for Unemployment Insurance.

To apply, visit www.dcnetworks.org and click on the tab labeled “Claim Unemployment Benefits” or call 202-724-7000.

You may also be eligible for additional unemployment benefits related to the pandemic. However, these pandemic-related programs will end on September 4, 2021. You can learn more about these programs here:

<https://does.dc.gov/service/unemployment-compensation-process>

How do I apply for food stamps, TANF, Medicaid, and Alliance?

You can apply for all of these benefits at the same time! There are two steps to apply:

Step 1: Get the documents you need. *Don't send the originals! Take a picture or make a copy.*

Your photo ID	Your Social Security Card (if you have one)	Proof of income (such as pay stubs)	Your utility bill or other proof of address	Birth certificates of everyone in your household
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Step 2: Apply.

You can apply for all public benefits, including food stamps, TANF, Medicaid, and D.C. Healthcare Alliance on the same application. Apply in one of five ways:



In person: Go to one of these service centers. Ask for a receipt when you apply.

- **Anacostia Service Center**
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE
(202) 645-4614
- **Congress Heights Service Center**
4001 South Capitol Street SW
(202) 645-4546
- **H Street Service Center**
645 H Street NE
(202) 698-4350
- **[Closed] Fort Davis Service Center**
3851 Alabama Avenue SE
(202) 645-4500
- **[Closed] Taylor Street Service Center**
1207 Taylor Street NW
(202) 576-8000



Smartphone: Download the **District Direct** app in the app store. Apply through your phone. Write down your confirmation number.



Online: Apply online through <https://districtdirect.dc.gov/ua/>. Write down your confirmation number. Save a copy of what you submit.



Mail: Get the application at <https://dhs.dc.gov/page/apply-recertify-benefits>. Send in the application and copies of your documents to a Service Center (listed to the left). Keep proof that you mailed in your application. Not recommended



Fax: Fax the completed application to DHS ESA at **(202) 671-4400**.

How do I apply for disability benefits like SSI and SSDI?

Step 1: Get the documents you need. *Don't send the originals! Take a picture or make a copy.*

Your photo ID and birth certificate	Your Social Security Card (if you have one)	Asset and work history information	Your utility bill or other proof of address	Medical records that you already have in your possession
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Step 2: Apply. You can apply for disability benefits, including SSI and SSDI, in the following ways:



Phone: Call to make an appointment to file for disability benefits over the phone.

You can call:

- The national SSI number: 1-800-772-1213 (or TTY 1-800-325-0778); **or**
- Your local office. You can find their number at <https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp>.



Online: Apply online through <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/#anchor6>. Write down your confirmation number. Save a copy of what you submit.



Mail (not recommended): Get the application at <https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ssa-16-bk.pdf>. Send it to your local Social Security office along with copies of your documents. Keep proof you mailed it in.



Need help? Call Legal Aid at (202) 628-1161 or go to <https://www.legalaiddc.org/online-intake/>.