

How far could the partial SNAP benefit go at the grocery store? We looked into it

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STORY OVERVIEW

An accountability and service-journalism piece that made an abstract federal-benefits disruption tangible by testing what a \$20 partial payment could buy at three grocery chains.

WHAT THIS SAMPLE DEMONSTRATES

- Original reporting method: designed a simple, repeatable real-world price comparison instead of relying only on official statements.
- Precision: reported the same four-item basket at Smith's, Albertsons, and Walmart, with totals of \$19.47, \$17.95, and \$18.87.
- Scale plus humanity: paired statewide figures—including more than 13,000 affected households—with recipient experiences and community response.
- Clear public value: converted complex benefit policy into an immediate measure readers could understand.

WHY IT FITS GLOBAL ENERGY MONITOR

This sample demonstrates resourcefulness, transparent methodology, numerical accuracy, and the ability to connect policy decisions to lived consequences—strong evidence for research, data verification, and accessible explanatory writing.

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