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## Who will the Trump Budget hurt

*(quick examples; not at all comprehensive)*

**Children:** cuts SNAP/food stamps by \$220 billion over 10 years; benefits reduced and replaced in part with “Harvest boxes” of food items; cuts Medicaid and Affordable Care Act and would allow states to restrict eligibility and benefits or increase costs in exchange for limits on federal payments; cuts Department of Education budget by 12%, including K-12 and college programs; eliminates the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (afterschool programs); denies Child Tax Credit to certain low-income immigrant families; Eliminates Social Services Block Grant; cuts Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; cuts the Women, Infants and Children Nutrition program (WIC) by 4.5%. More [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

**Women:** All of the above; proposes cuts in appropriations levels for domestic programs that threaten everything from maternal and child health to education to job training, etc.; flat funds child care funding even though only one in six children in families with incomes low enough to qualify gets help. Eliminates Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. More [here](#).

**Teachers:** Department of Education cut by 12%. See [here](#).

**Minorities:** Disproportionate poverty among communities of color means they will be hurt by cuts to SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, Affordable Care Act, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Low Income K-12 Education funding (Title I), SSI; anti-immigrant measures (more detention beds, deportations, family separation policies, Dept. of Homeland Security funding would increase by 15%); low-income housing cuts and increased rents.

**People with disabilities:** Cuts to Medicaid; work documentation rules proposed for Medicaid, SNAP, and housing; cuts to SSI. See [here](#).

**Tenants:** The Department of Housing and Urban Development is cut by 18%; rents for certain low-income tenants could triple; supply of rental vouchers would decline; contributions to the National Housing Trust Fund (which develops affordable housing units) would be stopped; work reporting rules would be applied to low-income tenants, with bad outcomes as noted above. See [here](#) and [here](#).

**People who drink water and breathe air:** Slashes the Environmental Protection Agency by 31%. See [here](#).

**Seniors who need medicine and can't afford insurance:** Would increase prescription drug costs for seniors in the “doughnut hole” in Medicare prescription drug coverage, costing \$75b over 10 years; allows higher premiums for older people under Affordable Care Act, with little or no protection for pre-existing conditions. See [here](#).

**Federal workers and retirees:** The Trump budget would cut the federal share towards retirement benefits and would freeze federal worker salaries. See [here](#).

**People who can't afford heating bills:** The Trump budget would eliminate the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), a program serving 6.1 million low-income households, one-third of whom had received utility shut-off notices forcing them to choose between heat and food or medicine. See [here](#).

**People who don't want to be sick:** Would end Medicaid expansion now serving 17 million people; reduce or end protections for pre-existing conditions; increase prescription costs for seniors using Medicare; result in 1.7 million people losing Medicaid because of punitive work reporting rules. See [here](#) and [here](#).