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Volunteers shop and pick out items for people in line at the food pantry inside Oakland Hope in Pontiac on Saturday, Nov 1, 2025. Volunteers took the food orders for those in need while others filled the orders of 23 to 30 pounds of food and delivered them to their vehicles waiting in a line out front. With SNAP benefits scheduled to run out because of the government shutdown, places like these in metro Detroit, around the state and the country are more important than ever. ERIC SEALS/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Initiative launched to address growth of AI

Lilly Endowment offers up to \$500K to Indiana colleges

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Lilly Endowment Inc. is launching a new initiative, Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education, to support Indiana colleges and universities in their efforts to address the implications of a rapidly evolving technology in their institutions and the lives of their students.

Through AIHE, the endowment is allocating a total of up to \$500 million in funding to eligible higher education institutions in Indiana, according to a news release.

The aim of the initiative is two-fold: to help Indiana colleges and universities 1) consider more fully the challenges and opportunities that artificial intelligence presents for their institutions and their students, and 2) develop new or enhance existing strategies and programs to improve their students’ education outcomes and their preparation to prosper in the workplace and life in a future that will be increasingly shaped by AI.

“Indiana colleges and universities are facing unprecedented challenges and opportunities arising from advances in AI,” N. Clay Robbins, the endowment’s chairman and CEO, said in the release. “Higher education leaders have told us that their institutions are working as expeditiously as they can to discern how to best take advantage of the opportunities arising from AI and mitigate the potential unintended consequences this increasingly prevalent technology may have in their institutions and the lives of their students.”

The endowment recognizes that some Indiana colleges and universities may be further along than others in their deliberations and development of

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Children account for 38% of SNAP participation

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Major uncertainty continues to surround the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, leaving millions of families across the United States scrambling for alternative sources of healthy, affordable food.

SNAP reached more than 41 million people nationwide in 2024, according to Center on Budget and Policy Priorities,

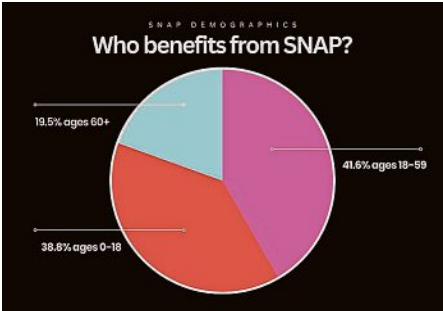
which added the anti-hunger program is “the nation’s most important and effective.”

Still, the demographics behind SNAP might surprise you.

Do children benefit from SNAP?

In the fiscal year of 2023, adults 18–59 were the largest group of SNAP participants, equating to about 16.7 million

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A breakdown of demographics for SNAP. DAILY CHART VIA CANVA

Cause of death yet to be determined for 2-year-old

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RICHMOND — A cause of death for a 2-year-old Richmond girl has yet to be determined.

About 1:45 p.m. on Oct. 6, first responders were called to the 900 block of South 23rd Street after Sky Oakland Unity Loller was found unconscious and unresponsive, police said. She was pronounced dead at Reid Health shortly after arriving there that day.

A dispatch call stated that she had possibly gone into cardiac arrest, though the coroner has not yet determined an exact cause of death.

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tant Chief Adam Blanton did not respond to an email requesting the child’s identity, the address or the factual circumstances of the 911 call for the initial story or since. That information is deemed public information within 24 hours of a call according to Indiana public records laws.

A GoFundMe created by an apparent relative of the girl, Kimberly Loller, has raised \$1,095 with a \$2,200 goal as of Nov. 4. She has not responded to a Pal-Item request for information.

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