

**Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
October 2019
US Summary**

| Programs | Oct 2018 | Sep 2019 | Oct 2019 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) | | | |
| Participants (thousands) | 39,221 | 36,375 | 36,407 |
| Average Benefit (\$) | \$119.40 | \$124.79 | \$122.57 |
| National School Lunch Program | | | |
| Average Daily Participation (thousands) | 30,129 | 29,515 | 30,064 |
| Participating Children (Free/Reduced) | 22,185 | 21,950 | 22,032 |
| Percent Free/Reduced Price | 73.63% | 74.37% | 73.28% |
| Total Snacks Served (in thousands) | 23,594 | 18,102 | 23,062 |
| School Breakfast Program | | | |
| Average Daily Participation (thousands) | 15,124 | 14,700 | 15,285 |
| Participating Children (Free/Reduced) | 12,793 | 12,485 | 12,845 |
| Percent Free/Reduced Price | 84.59% | 84.93% | 84.03% |
| Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) | | | |
| Meals Served in Homes (thousands) | 39,145 | 33,070 | 37,594 |
| Meals Served in Centers (thousands) | 153,387 | 129,453 | 145,747 |
| Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands) | 7,280 | 6,795 | 7,203 |
| Percentage of Meals Served Free | 78.45% | 77.91% | 78.71% |
| Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) | | | |
| Participants (thousands) | 6,690 | 6,381 | 6,317 |
| Average Benefit (\$) | \$37.35 | \$44.52 | \$37.69 |
| Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) | | | |
| Participants (thousands) | 709 | 716 | 720 |
| Average Benefit (WIC) | \$24.10 | \$25.02 | \$22.66 |
| Average Benefit (Elderly) | \$20.59 | \$22.69 | \$23.04 |
| Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) | | | |
| Participants (thousands) | 88 | 83 | 86 |
| Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands) | \$5,864 | \$6,309 | \$6,698 |
| USDA Food Donations (All Programs) | | | |
| Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands) | \$203,164 | \$195,756 | \$208,411 |
| Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands) | \$4,184 | \$3,491 | \$1,549 |
| TEFAP (dollars in thousands) | \$72,328 | \$62,486 | \$53,266 |

October 2019 participation in SNAP was over 36 million persons, a decrease of over 1.4 million persons (3.9 percent) from October 2018.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 6.3 million in October 2019, down by 373 thousand persons from the October 2018 participation level