

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

Programs	Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	37,897	36,511	36,322
Average Benefit (\$)	\$122.08	\$121.35	\$120.97
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	29,643	20,805	29,182
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	22,169	16,051	21,690
Percent Free/Reduced Price	74.79%	77.15%	74.33%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	17,750	9,363	18,156
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	14,722	10,279	14,539
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,591	8,836	12,338
Percent Free/Reduced Price	85.53%	85.97%	84.86%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	33,143	37,856	32,894
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	122,987	110,661	128,387
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,316	7,276	6,782
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.15%	74.15%	78.00%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	6,706	6,393	6,349
Average Benefit (\$)	\$46.08	\$39.28	\$43.33
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	702	719	716
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$21.91	\$24.84	\$25.02
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$21.48	\$22.48	\$22.70
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	85	85	83
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$5,812	\$6,328	\$6,320
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$202,982	\$180,783	\$195,735
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$1,137	\$618	\$3,491
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$53,856	\$50,221	\$62,514

September 2019 participation in SNAP was over 36 million persons, a decrease of over 1.5 million persons (4.1 percent) from September 2018.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 6.3 million in September 2019, down by 357 thousand persons from the September 2018 participation level