

**Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
October 2018
US Summary**

Programs	Oct 2017	Sep 2018	Oct 2018
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	45,628	38,577	38,515
Average Benefit (\$)	\$144.70	\$123.29	\$124.98
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,342	29,770	29,689
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	22,629	22,246	21,882
Percent Free/Reduced Price	74.58%	74.73%	73.71%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	22,973	17,868	23,299
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	15,143	14,819	14,883
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,947	12,673	12,603
Percent Free/Reduced Price	85.50%	85.52%	84.68%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	39,583	33,356	38,714
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	142,746	122,854	150,467
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,659	6,204	7,197
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.79%	78.19%	78.48%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	7,142	6,705	6,689
Average Benefit (\$)	\$40.20	\$46.03	\$38.35
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	673	702	694
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$21.37	\$21.82	\$24.00
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$18.88	\$21.31	\$20.44
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	90	85	88
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$5,505	\$5,788	\$5,836
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$198,200	\$203,165	\$202,669
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$188	\$1,137	\$4,184
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$45,943	\$53,951	\$72,328

October 2018 participation in SNAP was over 38 million persons, a decrease of over 7.1 million persons (15.5 percent) from October 2017. October 2017 saw a large monthly increase due to multiple hurricanes.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 6.6 million in October 2018, down by 453 thousand persons from the October 2017 participation level