

**Nutrition Assistance Programs Report**

**May 2018**

**US Summary**

Programs	May 2017	Apr 2018	May 2018
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	41,430	39,604	39,329
Average Benefit (\$)	\$124.18	\$122.34	\$123.18
<b>National School Lunch Program</b>			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	29,029	29,972	28,863
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	21,351	22,156	21,308
Percent Free/Reduced Price	73.55%	73.92%	73.83%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	20,994	21,299	21,007
<b>School Breakfast Program</b>			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	14,459	14,887	14,548
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,284	12,637	12,332
Percent Free/Reduced Price	84.95%	84.89%	84.76%
<b>Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)</b>			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	43,711	38,633	41,603
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	146,718	138,400	146,132
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	7,056	6,433	7,090
Percentage of Meals Served Free	77.75%	77.85%	77.57%
<b>Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	7,216	6,795	6,786
Average Benefit (\$)	\$41.03	\$42.35	\$42.09
<b>Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	638	677	676
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$20.79	\$23.27	\$23.44
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$18.80	\$19.55	\$20.77
<b>Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	88	86	87
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$5,365	\$5,445	\$5,716
<b>USDA Food Donations (All Programs)</b>			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$32,486	\$63,161	\$35,846
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$170	\$192	\$147
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$42,113	\$47,399	\$40,337

May 2018 participation in SNAP was over 39 million persons, a decrease of over 2.1 million persons (5.1 percent) from May 2017

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 6.7 million in May 2018, down by 430 thousand persons from the May 2017 participation level