

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

Programs	Sep 2017	Aug 2018	Sep 2018
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	42,489	38,874	38,577
Average Benefit (\$)	\$135.13	\$123.33	\$123.32
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	29,900	20,764	29,590
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	22,456	15,967	22,079
Percent Free/Reduced Price	75.10%	76.89%	74.62%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	18,272	9,480	18,680
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	14,760	9,929	14,729
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,698	8,484	12,555
Percent Free/Reduced Price	86.03%	85.45%	85.23%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	36,278	41,814	34,221
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	120,810	112,437	122,236
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,361	7,258	6,265
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.49%	74.60%	78.14%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	7,163	6,801	6,680
Average Benefit (\$)	\$42.34	\$39.23	\$44.59
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	666	700	702
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$23.65	\$23.69	\$21.82
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$19.79	\$20.76	\$21.29
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	89	89	85
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$5,666	\$6,076	\$5,787
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$235,758	\$167,787	\$197,157
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$146	\$2,413	\$1,137
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$38,897	\$50,271	\$53,935

September 2018 participation in SNAP was over 38 million persons, a decrease of over 3.9 million persons (9.2 percent) from September 2017

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 6.6 million in September 2018, down by 483 thousand persons from the September 2017 participation level