

**Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
December 2016
US Summary**

Programs	Dec 2015	Nov 2016	Dec 2016
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	45,189	43,197	42,969
Average Benefit (\$)	\$125.98	\$124.66	\$124.45
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,325	30,478	29,919
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	21,873	22,061	21,653
Percent Free/Reduced Price	72.13%	72.38%	72.37%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	17,232	21,887	16,643
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	14,397	14,961	14,336
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,245	12,626	12,180
Percent Free/Reduced Price	85.05%	84.39%	84.96%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	41,255	38,404	39,860
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	116,555	125,073	112,088
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,337	6,300	6,357
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.92%	78.83%	78.42%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	7,759	7,436	7,297
Average Benefit (\$)	\$42.69	\$42.02	\$41.90
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	575	607	595
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$21.53	\$21.60	\$20.47
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$18.21	\$18.50	\$17.99
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	92	93	89
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$6,099	\$5,780	\$5,576
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$129,540	\$177,368	\$143,736
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$348	\$435	\$390
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$57,294	\$71,792	\$63,816

December 2016 participation in SNAP was over 42.9 million persons, a decrease of over 2.2 million persons (4.9 percent) from December 2015.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 7.2 million in December 2016, down by 462 thousand persons from the December 2015 participation level