

**Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
December 2017
US Summary**

Programs	Dec 2016	Nov 2017	Dec 2017
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	42,969	41,659	41,325
Average Benefit (\$)	\$124.42	\$127.72	\$122.81
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	29,903	30,294	30,015
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	21,614	22,180	21,900
Percent Free/Reduced Price	72.28%	73.22%	72.96%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	16,739	20,776	16,291
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	14,430	15,110	14,828
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,228	12,811	12,591
Percent Free/Reduced Price	84.74%	84.79%	84.91%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	38,814	37,406	36,232
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	113,121	126,655	108,286
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,451	6,381	6,067
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.42%	78.81%	78.30%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	7,323	7,049	6,865
Average Benefit (\$)	\$40.84	\$42.63	\$40.34
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	595	667	657
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$20.74	\$22.70	\$23.51
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$18.53	\$19.58	\$19.43
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	89	90	86
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$5,614	\$5,818	\$5,629
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$143,102	\$162,556	\$162,744
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$390	\$225	\$165
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$63,669	\$47,715	\$41,226

December 2017 participation in SNAP was over 41 million persons, a decrease of over 1.6 million persons (3.8 percent) from December 2016

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 6.8 million in December 2017, down by 458 thousand persons from the December 2016 participation level