

Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
March 2016
US Summary

Programs	Mar 2015	Feb 2016	Mar 2016
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	45,642	44,383	44,344
Average Benefit (\$)	\$126.90	\$125.42	\$126.26
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,534	30,539	30,442
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	22,120	22,360	22,176
Percent Free/Reduced Price	72.44%	73.22%	72.85%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	25,834	23,470	22,932
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	13,896	14,368	14,496
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	11,836	12,263	12,323
Percent Free/Reduced Price	85.18%	85.35%	85.01%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	46,052	41,845	46,588
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	137,222	133,097	141,681
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,145	6,079	6,634
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.68%	78.87%	78.42%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	7,945	7,669	7,667
Average Benefit (\$)	\$42.93	\$41.89	\$43.62
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	569	575	578
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$24.10	\$21.50	\$19.42
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$20.46	\$17.84	\$18.05
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	87	89	92
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$5,508	\$5,830	\$5,876
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$138,872	\$137,198	\$142,918
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$75	\$189	\$112
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$33,142	\$50,974	\$49,360

March 2016 participation in SNAP was over 44.3 million persons, a decrease of over 1.3 million persons (2.9 percent) from March 2015.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 7.6 million in March 2016, down by 277 thousand persons from the March 2015 participation level