

Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
March 2017
US Summary

Programs	Mar 2016	Feb 2017	Mar 2017
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	44,345	42,395	41,970
Average Benefit (\$)	\$126.25	\$124.60	\$125.30
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,311	30,144	30,062
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	22,094	22,075	22,057
Percent Free/Reduced Price	72.89%	73.23%	73.37%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	23,056	22,371	24,815
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	14,518	14,567	14,583
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,338	12,361	12,372
Percent Free/Reduced Price	84.98%	84.86%	84.84%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	46,130	38,181	43,867
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	144,706	129,946	147,003
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,796	6,053	6,965
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.50%	78.67%	78.14%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	7,692	7,255	7,256
Average Benefit (\$)	\$41.72	\$41.59	\$41.22
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	578	611	632
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$19.53	\$21.67	\$20.96
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$18.04	\$18.08	\$18.58
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	92	86	89
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$5,876	\$5,137	\$5,382
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$143,573	\$157,347	\$155,350
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$112	\$210	\$270
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$49,360	\$46,013	\$45,123

March 2017 participation in SNAP was nearly 42 million persons, a decrease of over 2.4 million persons (5.4 percent) from March 2016.

National participation in the WIC program totaled nearly 7.3 million in March 2017, down by 446 thousand persons from the March 2016 participation level