

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

Programs	Mar 2017	Feb 2018	Mar 2018
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	42,050	40,116	40,084
Average Benefit (\$)	\$125.08	\$122.11	\$122.80
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,049	29,796	29,700
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	22,050	22,026	21,877
Percent Free/Reduced Price	73.38%	73.92%	73.66%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	24,827	21,243	21,973
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	14,693	14,553	14,582
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,455	12,382	12,380
Percent Free/Reduced Price	84.77%	85.08%	84.90%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	44,395	35,927	41,491
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	151,650	128,992	139,743
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,940	6,097	6,598
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.37%	78.30%	78.04%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	7,281	6,859	6,829
Average Benefit (\$)	\$39.67	\$41.11	\$39.67
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	631	660	665
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$21.41	\$23.77	\$22.96
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$18.99	\$19.70	\$19.89
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	89	83	85
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$5,425	\$5,371	\$5,406
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$155,936	\$124,811	\$129,340
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$271	\$76	\$59
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$44,982	\$44,091	\$47,085

March 2018 participation in SNAP was over 40 million persons, a decrease of over 1.9 million persons (4.6 percent) from March 2017

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 6.8 million in March 2018, down by 452 thousand persons from the March 2017 participation level

