

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

Programs	Oct 2015	Sep 2016	Oct 2016
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	45,368	43,493	43,216
Average Benefit (\$)	\$126.31	\$126.13	\$127.35
<b>National School Lunch Program</b>			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,843	29,969	30,417
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	22,307	22,027	22,069
Percent Free/Reduced Price	72.32%	73.50%	72.55%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	23,931	20,689	22,499
<b>School Breakfast Program</b>			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	14,773	14,369	14,815
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,479	12,208	12,479
Percent Free/Reduced Price	84.47%	84.96%	84.23%
<b>Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)</b>			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	43,851	40,891	42,613
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	139,037	132,051	130,948
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,396	6,649	6,289
Percentage of Meals Served Free	79.53%	78.48%	79.25%
<b>Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	7,957	7,607	7,507
Average Benefit (\$)	\$44.05	\$44.90	\$42.42
<b>Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	580	606	607
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$20.97	\$22.10	\$21.39
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$18.82	\$19.45	\$18.82
<b>Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	93	95	94
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$6,251	\$5,791	\$5,616
<b>USDA Food Donations (All Programs)</b>			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$192,707	\$221,671	\$171,396
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$147	\$501	\$64
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$58,694	\$43,481	\$56,171

October 2016 participation in SNAP was over 43.2 million persons, a decrease of over 2.1 million persons (4.7 percent) from October 2015.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 7.5 million in October 2016, down by 449 thousand persons from the October 2015 participation level