

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

Programs	Oct 2016	Sep 2017	Oct 2017
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	43,421	42,003	45,642
Average Benefit (\$)	\$128.12	\$137.22	\$145.17
<b>National School Lunch Program</b>			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,421	29,760	29,932
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	22,035	22,269	22,246
Percent Free/Reduced Price	72.43%	74.83%	74.32%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	22,067	18,525	21,603
<b>School Breakfast Program</b>			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	14,820	14,701	14,891
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,449	12,612	12,705
Percent Free/Reduced Price	84.00%	85.79%	85.32%
<b>Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)</b>			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	40,332	36,305	39,119
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	132,256	122,215	128,092
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,336	6,415	6,528
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.95%	78.37%	78.77%
<b>Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	7,544	7,160	7,109
Average Benefit (\$)	\$39.71	\$41.86	\$41.48
<b>Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	608	666	674
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$21.39	\$23.25	\$20.42
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$18.81	\$19.22	\$18.17
<b>Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	94	89	90
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$5,658	\$5,610	\$5,421
<b>USDA Food Donations (All Programs)</b>			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$171,396	\$230,280	\$197,576
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$64	\$603	\$188
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$56,177	\$38,979	\$48,010

October 2017 participation in SNAP was over 45 million persons, an increase of over 2.2 million persons (5.1 percent) from October 2016, mainly due to Hurricane Disaster Relief

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 7.1 million in October 2017, down by 435 thousand persons from the October 2016 participation level