

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

Programs	Sep 2015	Aug 2016	Sep 2016
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	45,415	43,626	43,494
Average Benefit (\$)	\$126.04	\$125.76	\$126.17
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,409	20,026	29,863
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	22,311	15,288	21,945
Percent Free/Reduced Price	73.37%	76.34%	73.49%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	20,945	9,524	20,660
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	14,344	9,462	14,292
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,209	8,058	12,149
Percent Free/Reduced Price	85.11%	85.16%	85.01%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	42,195	45,649	40,716
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	126,620	108,983	131,695
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,375	6,994	6,667
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.64%	75.01%	78.40%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	7,994	7,653	7,577
Average Benefit (\$)	\$43.55	\$40.04	\$45.20
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	578	600	606
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$21.59	\$20.79	\$22.10
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$19.55	\$18.40	\$19.43
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	93	96	95
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$6,091	\$5,912	\$5,791
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$238,405	\$188,689	\$221,689
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$49	\$73	\$501
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$39,219	\$42,433	\$43,481

September 2016 participation in SNAP was over 43.4 million persons, a decrease of over 1.9 million persons (4.2 percent) from September 2015.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 7.5 million in September 2016, down by 416 thousand persons from the September 2015 participation level