

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

Programs	Sep 2016	Aug 2017	Sep 2017
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	43,493	41,252	42,048
Average Benefit (\$)	\$124.81	\$125.48	\$137.11
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,223	19,924	29,706
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	22,319	15,206	22,031
Percent Free/Reduced Price	73.85%	76.32%	74.16%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	21,037	9,069	18,169
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	14,651	9,372	14,873
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,461	8,014	12,725
Percent Free/Reduced Price	85.06%	85.51%	85.56%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	40,225	43,660	36,716
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	130,561	110,482	121,825
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,631	7,047	6,437
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.59%	74.98%	78.27%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	7,615	7,242	7,134
Average Benefit (\$)	\$46.45	\$41.75	\$41.81
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	606	661	666
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$22.10	\$21.83	\$23.25
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$19.44	\$18.43	\$19.22
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	95	93	89
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$5,791	\$5,881	\$5,612
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$229,459	\$183,628	\$230,534
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$501	\$99	\$603
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$43,481	\$34,326	\$39,153

September 2017 participation in SNAP was over 42 million persons, a decrease of over 1.4 million persons (3.3 percent) from September 2016.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 7.1 million in September 2017, down by 480 thousand persons from the September 2016 participation level