



# PROFILE OF SNAP HOUSEHOLDS

## Kentucky Congressional District 2

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the cornerstone of the Nation’s nutrition assistance safety net. Benefits are available to most people who meet the financial and nonfinancial requirements, and the program serves a broad spectrum of low income people. In Fiscal Year 2016, SNAP provided about \$.98 billion dollars in food benefits to a monthly average of 666,264 people in Kentucky. The program served 77.4 percent of those eligible for benefits in Kentucky in 2015. SNAP also has an economic multiplier effect; every dollar in new SNAP benefits results in \$1.80 in total economic activity.

The American Community Survey provides a snapshot of SNAP participants in 2016 for each Congressional District. More detailed information for the Nation and each State is presented in *Characteristics of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Households: Fiscal Year 2016*, available at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/ops/research-and-analysis>.

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Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households not Receiving SNAP	Total
Total Households	35,677	248,504	284,181
With one or more people 60 years and over	27.3%	39.2%	37.7%
With child(ren) under 18 years	54.2%	28.4%	31.7%
With disabled individual(s)	60.2%	31.7%	35.3%
<b>Income and Poverty Status in the past 12 Months<sup>1</sup></b>			
Below poverty level	57.7%	10.1%	16.1%
Median income (2016 dollars)	\$17,835	\$55,268	\$49,960
<b>Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin of Householder</b>			
White	86.2%	92.4%	91.6%
Black or African American	9.7%	5.2%	5.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	.2%	.2%	.2%
Asian	1.8%	.8%	.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A
Some other race	.4%	.3%	.4%
Two or more races	1.6%	1.1%	1.2%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3.4%	1.8%	2.0%
<b>Work Status</b>			
Families	23,611	166,654	190,265
No workers in the past 12 months	22.7%	15.0%	16.0%
1 worker in the past 12 months	49.6%	30.3%	32.7%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	27.7%	54.7%	51.3%

Source: USDA FNS SNAP Program Data (downloaded October 2017), Reaching Those in Need: Estimates of State SNAP Participation Rates (forthcoming); U.S. Census Bureau 2016 American Community Survey (ACS), using 115<sup>th</sup> Congressional District boundaries.

<sup>1</sup> The ACS bases poverty status on annual household income; SNAP eligibility is based on monthly income. Due to this difference in reference periods, poverty status in the ACS may differ from poverty status at the time of SNAP certification.