

CALCULATING THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) PROGRAM ACCESS INDEX: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR 2015

Introduction

The Program Access Index (PAI) is one of the measures the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) uses to reward States for high performance in the administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (also known as the 2002 Farm Bill) directed USDA to establish a number of indicators of effective program performance and to award bonus payments to States with the best and most improved performance. The PAI is designed to indicate the degree to which low-income people have access to SNAP benefits.

The PAI is not, strictly speaking, a measure of participation among people eligible for benefits. For most purposes, the participation rate among people eligible for benefits is a better measure of program performance.¹ FNS uses the poverty-based PAI because it is the best measure available in time to meet the law's requirements. The 2002 Farm Bill that authorizes the State performance awards requires payment by the end of the fiscal year following the period of performance – by September 2016 for performance during calendar year 2015, for example. The timing of the release of the official poverty statistics each year enables calculation of a PAI in time to meet the law's requirements. There is not enough time to complete the more precise estimates of the number of people eligible for SNAP benefits. Waiting for the more precise estimates is

inconsistent with the law and would also delay payments to States.

FNS issued a final rule on February 7, 2005, codifying the procedures for calculating and awarding performance bonuses for calendar year 2005 and beyond. For this access measure, FNS uses the American Community Survey (ACS) for poverty count estimates.² In addition, the final rule changed the name of the measure to the PAI.

The purpose of this step-by-step guide is to describe the calculation of the PAI in detail. It includes all of the data, adjustments, and calculations used in determining the PAI for every State in 2015.

Calculating the PAI

In general, the PAI is a simple index of the average monthly number of SNAP participants over the course of a calendar year to the number of people with income below 125 percent of the official poverty line in each State. FNS computes average monthly participation over a calendar year – rather than the Federal fiscal year – to better align the participation count with the annual poverty measure.

FNS makes an adjustment to the counts of participants, the numerator of this index, to

¹ See for example *Reaching Those in Need: State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation Rates in 2013* by Karen E. Cunyngnam, available online at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/ops/ReachIng2013.pdf>

² FNS did a comparative analysis of the merits of the American Community (ACS) and Current Population (CPS) surveys and determined that the ACS provided a better basis for the calculation of the Program Access Index beginning with the 2005 high-performance bonuses. See *Estimating the Number of People in Poverty for the Program Access Index: The American Community Survey vs. the Current Population Survey* available online at www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/080206a.pdf

better reflect State performance in the administration of SNAP. FNS subtracts out estimates of the number of people who received SNAP disaster assistance. Disaster assistance is approved in limited circumstances and operates under special rules that differ from regular SNAP rules. The adjustment is intended to account for only those disaster assistance recipients who are new to the program – not existing participants who are issued replacement benefits. The quality of this adjustment depends in part on the accuracy of data reported by States to FNS on the operations of disaster assistance programs.

FNS makes two adjustments to the poverty counts in the denominator of the index. Participants in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are subtracted from the number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty in each State. Participants in FDPIR would qualify for SNAP but have opted to take the FDPIR commodity

package instead. In addition, poor Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients in California are subtracted from the number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty. By law, SSI recipients in California are ineligible for SNAP because they receive a State-funded cash supplement for food. The number of participants in FDPIR and California SSI recipients offers no information on the effectiveness of State SNAP agency operations.

FNS awards performance bonuses to the four States with the highest PAI and to the four States with the most improved PAI, provided that a State is eligible to receive such a bonus. A State agency is not eligible for a bonus payment in any fiscal year for which it has a liability amount as a result of an excessive payment error rate in the same year. If a State qualifies under both the best and most improved criteria, it is awarded the bonus for most improved, and the State with the next highest PAI is awarded a bonus for best performance.

Step-by-Step Guide

The following provides a step-by-step description of the calculation of the PAI, using the calculation of the 2015 PAI for North Carolina as an example. The column references in the following example, along with the calculations for all States, can be found in the accompanying table: *SNAP Program Access Index Calculation: 2015*. The example below may contain discrepancies due to rounding.

Description	Example (North Carolina)
<p>Step 1: Determine annual number of SNAP participants (CY 2015)</p> <p>The number of annual SNAP participants is the sum of the monthly counts from January to December 2015. The monthly counts are extracted from the Food and Nutrition Service National Data Bank. The annual total is displayed in Column B of the table.</p>	<p>Column B:</p> <p>19,636,861</p>
<p>Step 2: Determine number of FDPIR participants (CY 2015)</p> <p>The number of annual FDPIR participants is the sum of the monthly counts from January to December 2015. The monthly counts are extracted from the Food and Nutrition Service National Data Bank. The annual total is displayed in Column C of the table.</p>	<p>Column C:</p> <p>8,916</p>

<p>Step 3: Determine number of disaster assistance participants (CY 2015)</p> <p>The number of disaster assistance participants is also extracted from the Food and Nutrition Service National Data Bank. State and disaster specific adjustments are made to reflect the disaster policy in effect. For disasters that lasted more than a month, the reduction in participation is adjusted to reflect that. The annual total for all States is displayed in Column D of the table.</p>	<p>Column D:</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Step 4: Calculate adjusted number of annual participants (CY 2015)</p> <p>The adjusted annual number of participants is the annual number of SNAP participants (Column B) minus the number of disaster assistance recipients (Column D).</p>	<p>Column E:</p> <p>19,636,681 - 0 =19,636,681</p>
<p>Step 5: Calculate adjusted average monthly participants (CY 2015)</p> <p>The adjusted monthly average number of participants is equal to the adjusted annual number of SNAP participants (Column E) divided by 12.</p>	<p>Column F:</p> <p>19,636,681 ÷ 12 = 1,636,405</p>
<p>Step 6: Determine the number of individuals with income below 125 percent of poverty</p> <p>Estimates of the number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty are published annually by the Bureau of the Census and are available online via the American FactFinder Web site (http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml). The 2015 ACS estimates are displayed in Column G.</p>	<p>Column G:</p> <p>2,133,530</p>
<p>Step 7: Calculate adjustment for SSI recipients in California</p> <p>This adjustment is based on the number of SSI recipients among the population with income below 125 percent of the official poverty threshold in California. This statistic is derived through Census data.</p>	<p>Column H:</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Step 8: Calculate monthly FDPIR participants (CY 2015)</p> <p>The monthly average number of FDPIR participants is equal to the annual number of FDPIR participants (Column C) divided by 12.</p>	<p>Column I:</p> <p>8,916 ÷ 12 = 743</p>

<p>Step 9: Calculate adjusted number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty</p> <p>The adjusted number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty is equal to the official counts of persons below 125 percent of poverty (Column G) minus the Monthly FDPIR Participants (Column I). For California, the adjusted number of people in poverty (Column J) is equal to the official counts of persons below 125 percent of poverty (Column G) minus the Monthly FDPIR Participants (Column I) minus the SSI adjustment (Column H). The SSI adjustment is not applied in any other State.</p>	<p>Column J:</p> <p>2,133,530 -743 -N/A = 2,132,787</p>
<p>Step 10: Calculate the Program Access Index for 2015</p> <p>The final PAI is an index of the adjusted count of participants to the adjusted estimate of persons living below 125 percent of the official poverty line. It is calculated by dividing adjusted monthly SNAP participants (Column F) by the adjusted poverty count (Column J).</p>	<p>Column K:</p> <p>1,636,405 ÷ 2,132,787 = 0.767</p>
<p>Step 11: Rank Order States by Program Access Index</p> <p>State rankings are determined in descending order, from highest to lowest.</p>	<p>Column L:</p> <p>26</p>
<p>Step 12: Determine the Program Access Index for 2014</p> <p>The 2014 PAI was calculated in the same fashion, using prior year data.</p>	<p>Column M:</p> <p>0.722</p>
<p>Step 13: Calculate the difference between 2015 and 2014 PAIs</p> <p>The difference is equal to the 2015 PAI (Column K) minus the 2014 PAI (Column M). This provides the percentage point difference between 2015 and 2014. A positive difference indicates improvement; a negative difference indicates a reduction.</p>	<p>Column N:</p> <p>0.767 - 0.722 = 0.0453</p>
<p>Step 14: Rank Order States by “Improvement” - the difference in 2015 and 2014 PAIs</p> <p>State rankings are determined in descending order, from highest to lowest.</p>	<p>Column O:</p> <p>7</p>

Note: N/A means “Not Applicable”.

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Calculation of SNAP Program Access Index: 2015

Worksheet Name	Column	Description
PAI Calculation	B	Annual count of SNAP participants (set equal to column N of Annual SNAP Participants Worksheet)
	C	Annual count of FDPIR participants (set equal to column N of Annual FDPIR Participants Worksheet)
	D	Annual count of disaster assistance recipients (set equal to column F of Disaster Assistance Worksheet)
	E	Adjusted annual count of SNAP participants (set equal to column B - Column D)
	F	Adjusted monthly average count of SNAP participants (set equal to column E divided by 12)
	G	Count of persons in households with income less than 125% of poverty from 2015 ACS American FactFinder: 2015 ACS
	H	CA Adjustment: Number of CA persons who receive SSI and have income less than 125% of poverty from 2015 ACS
	I	Monthly FDPIR Participants (set equal to column C divided by 12)
	J	Adjusted count of persons in households with income below 125% of poverty (set equal to column G - column H - column I)
	K	Program Access Index, 2015 (set equal to column F divided by column J)
	L	2015 PAI Rank
	M	Program Access Index, 2014 (compare to current year for improvement)
	N	Improvement in Program Access Index from prior year (set equal to column K - column M)
	O	Improvement Rank
SNAP Participants		Counts of individual SNAP participants by State and month in calendar year 2015. Extracted from National Data Bank in August 2016. Annual total shown in last column.
FDPIR Participants		Counts of individual participants in Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations by State and month in calendar year 2015. Extracted from National Data Bank in August 2016. Annual total shown in last column.
Disaster Assistance		Counts of individual recipients of disaster assistance; includes only new participants, excludes replacement issuances. Extracted from National Data Bank in August 2016.
2015 ACS Poverty		Counts of individuals with income below 125 percent of poverty in 2015. Extracted from the American FactFinder website (http://factfinder.census.gov)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Program Access Index (PAI) Calculation: 2015

State	Annual SNAP Participants ²	Annual FDIPIR Participants ²	Disaster Assistance	Adjusted Annual SNAP Participants ²	Adjusted Monthly SNAP Participants	ACS 125% Poverty Count	CA SSI Adjustment	Monthly FDIPIR Participants	Adjusted Poverty Count	2015 PAI	2015 PAI Rank	2014 PAI	Improvement	Improvement Rank
Alabama	10,604,330	-	-	10,604,330	883,694	1,129,280	-	-	1,129,280	0.783	24	0.761	0.0219	15
Alaska	976,674	6,003	-	976,674	81,390	100,422	-	500	99,922	0.815	17	0.788	0.0263	13
Arizona	11,844,737	143,371	-	11,844,737	987,061	1,490,362	-	11,948	1,478,414	0.668	37	0.666	0.0015	30
Arkansas	5,540,590	-	-	5,540,590	461,716	729,974	-	-	729,974	0.633	41	0.675	-0.0423	47
California	53,069,469	60,970	2,679	53,066,790	4,422,233	7,768,650	419,886	5,081	7,343,683	0.602	45	0.565	0.0372	9
Colorado	5,878,866	4,949	-	5,878,866	489,906	812,553	-	412	812,141	0.603	44	0.591	0.0127	21
Connecticut	5,285,166	-	-	5,285,166	440,431	478,550	-	-	478,550	0.920	9	0.912	0.0086	25
Delaware	1,786,522	-	-	1,786,522	148,877	146,612	-	-	146,612	1.015	3	1.042	-0.0263	43
District of Columbia	1,686,972	-	-	1,686,972	140,581	136,322	-	-	136,322	1.031	2	1.093	-0.0616	48
Florida	43,909,400	-	-	43,909,400	3,659,117	4,194,063	-	-	4,194,063	0.872	13	0.836	0.0369	10
Georgia	21,388,335	-	-	21,388,335	1,782,361	2,201,142	-	-	2,201,142	0.810	18	0.795	0.0149	18
Hawaii	2,223,210	-	-	2,223,210	185,268	184,671	-	-	184,671	1.003	4	0.929	0.0742	2
Idaho	2,330,482	20,683	-	2,330,482	194,207	322,009	-	1,724	320,285	0.606	43	0.616	-0.0097	37
Illinois	24,316,353	-	-	24,316,353	2,026,363	2,233,291	-	-	2,233,291	0.907	10	0.860	0.0477	6
Indiana	9,726,453	-	-	9,726,453	810,538	1,219,906	-	-	1,219,906	0.664	38	0.684	-0.0199	41
Iowa	4,653,375	-	-	4,653,375	387,781	493,318	-	-	493,318	0.786	23	0.805	-0.0188	40
Kansas	3,232,581	6,877	-	3,232,581	269,382	490,927	-	573	490,354	0.549	47	0.566	-0.0170	39
Kentucky	8,947,666	-	-	8,947,666	745,639	1,000,159	-	-	1,000,159	0.746	32	0.774	-0.0280	44
Louisiana	10,344,197	-	-	10,344,197	862,016	1,128,564	-	-	1,128,564	0.764	29	0.760	0.0035	28
Maine	2,365,499	-	-	2,365,499	197,125	229,862	-	-	229,862	0.858	15	0.928	-0.0702	50
Maryland	9,333,498	-	-	9,333,498	777,792	747,057	-	-	747,057	1.041	1	1.005	0.0357	11
Massachusetts	9,359,740	-	-	9,359,740	779,978	973,763	-	-	973,763	0.801	20	0.863	-0.0619	49
Michigan	18,562,219	23,996	-	18,562,219	1,546,852	1,961,687	-	2,000	1,959,687	0.789	22	0.813	-0.0241	42
Minnesota	5,887,693	31,921	-	5,887,693	490,641	750,284	-	2,660	747,624	0.656	39	0.664	-0.0081	36
Mississippi	7,558,932	11,487	-	7,558,932	629,911	819,297	-	957	818,340	0.770	25	0.803	-0.0336	46
Missouri	10,148,772	-	-	10,148,772	845,731	1,142,790	-	-	1,142,790	0.740	33	0.709	0.0315	12
Montana	1,404,291	38,000	-	1,404,291	117,024	192,976	-	3,167	189,809	0.617	42	0.605	0.0118	23
Nebraska	2,096,138	16,049	-	2,096,138	174,678	305,376	-	1,337	304,039	0.575	46	0.557	0.0172	17
Nevada	5,139,791	18,148	-	5,139,791	428,316	561,034	-	1,512	559,522	0.766	28	0.683	0.0828	1
New Hampshire	1,255,126	-	-	1,255,126	104,594	138,076	-	-	138,076	0.758	31	0.701	0.0563	4
New Jersey	10,810,600	-	-	10,810,600	900,883	1,257,255	-	-	1,257,255	0.717	34	0.704	0.0125	22
New Mexico ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	36,236,627	4,714	32	36,236,595	3,019,716	3,817,118	-	393	3,816,725	0.791	21	0.791	0.0005	32
North Carolina	19,636,861	8,916	-	19,636,861	1,636,405	2,133,530	-	743	2,132,787	0.767	26	0.722	0.0453	7
North Dakota	640,097	61,549	-	640,097	53,341	105,089	-	5,129	99,960	0.534	48	0.520	0.0138	20
Ohio	19,914,352	-	-	19,914,352	1,659,529	2,180,344	-	-	2,180,344	0.761	30	0.758	0.0030	29
Oklahoma	7,220,456	380,330	-	7,220,456	601,705	816,349	-	31,694	784,655	0.767	27	0.756	0.0108	24
Oregon	9,260,741	9,548	-	9,260,741	771,728	788,531	-	796	787,735	0.980	5	0.942	0.0379	8
Pennsylvania	22,094,723	-	-	22,094,723	1,841,227	2,107,958	-	-	2,107,958	0.873	12	0.819	0.0544	5
Rhode Island	2,090,315	-	-	2,090,315	174,193	183,385	-	-	183,385	0.950	6	0.942	0.0080	27
South Carolina	9,996,318	-	-	9,996,318	833,027	1,030,953	-	-	1,030,953	0.808	19	0.743	0.0649	3
South Dakota	1,176,249	99,232	-	1,176,249	98,021	152,366	-	8,269	144,097	0.680	36	0.713	-0.0328	45
Tennessee	14,398,347	-	-	14,398,347	1,199,862	1,425,698	-	-	1,425,698	0.842	16	0.849	-0.0070	35
Texas	44,626,846	1,699	-	44,626,846	3,718,904	5,669,421	-	142	5,669,279	0.656	40	0.642	0.0140	19
Utah	2,693,417	3,217	-	2,693,417	224,451	446,870	-	268	446,602	0.503	49	0.494	0.0083	26
Vermont	1,004,202	-	-	1,004,202	83,684	90,330	-	-	90,330	0.926	8	0.930	-0.0035	33
Virginia	10,211,472	-	-	10,211,472	850,956	1,202,425	-	-	1,202,425	0.708	35	0.723	-0.0155	38
Washington	12,723,200	40,055	-	12,723,200	1,060,267	1,122,481	-	3,338	1,119,143	0.947	7	0.921	0.0260	14
West Virginia	4,393,154	-	-	4,393,154	366,096	415,363	-	-	415,363	0.881	11	0.861	0.0200	16
Wisconsin	9,438,522	39,502	-	9,438,522	786,544	906,049	-	3,292	902,757	0.871	14	0.876	-0.0049	34
Wyoming	392,538	11,556	8	392,530	32,711	85,897	-	963	84,934	0.385	50	0.385	0.0006	31
US	539,816,114	1,042,772	2,719	539,813,395	44,984,450	60,020,389	419,886	86,898	59,513,605	0.756		0.741	0.0153	

1. Due to ongoing data issues, FNS did not calculate a PAI for New Mexico.

2. Total Annual SNAP and FDIPIR Participants represent the sum of monthly participation and does not represent an actual individual count of participants; individuals who participate in multiple months are included in the total more than once.

Note: ACS: American Community Survey. FDIPIR: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. CA SSI: Recipients of Supplemental Security Income in California.

2015 SNAP Participants

NATIONAL DATA BANK VERSION 8.2 PUBLIC USE
 SC6 - STATES ASCENDING - MONTHLY/ANNUAL DATA
 Part. People Actual/Final

State/Territory	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-14	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-14	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Total ²
Alabama	894,443	888,274	885,245	883,325	881,147	883,164	883,077	883,258	882,759	881,402	879,861	878,375	10,604,330
Alaska	79,734	80,826	81,429	84,291	85,117	86,215	84,479	83,988	82,834	69,996	78,257	79,508	976,674
Arizona	1,007,623	992,386	983,861	974,806	978,128	983,839	984,598	992,876	995,531	991,567	983,641	975,881	11,844,737
Arkansas	476,089	475,704	466,445	461,999	459,893	461,080	461,166	458,309	458,032	457,380	453,286	451,207	5,540,590
California	4,400,060	4,397,992	4,410,913	4,415,987	4,421,016	4,429,146	4,433,744	4,441,949	4,442,010	4,436,189	4,423,656	4,416,807	53,069,469
Colorado	500,125	494,727	498,271	493,102	494,150	492,908	489,675	488,427	484,767	481,892	479,102	481,720	5,878,866
Connecticut	443,804	440,941	443,111	441,892	439,722	440,216	438,918	440,074	440,819	439,210	439,325	437,134	5,285,166
Delaware	153,612	150,906	149,905	149,432	146,947	149,593	148,094	146,933	149,075	147,127	146,441	148,457	1,786,522
District of Columbia	142,476	141,281	140,817	139,973	139,880	140,407	141,468	140,883	140,985	140,654	139,510	138,638	1,686,972
Florida	3,668,493	3,642,572	3,624,900	3,607,878	3,630,463	3,646,571	3,650,705	3,653,696	3,677,655	3,708,499	3,699,420	3,698,548	43,909,400
Georgia	1,800,006	1,782,600	1,779,106	1,775,099	1,785,403	1,796,931	1,783,872	1,787,148	1,782,829	1,774,540	1,774,065	1,766,736	21,388,335
Hawaii	192,916	191,527	188,085	185,668	185,006	185,301	184,465	183,649	182,927	182,226	181,275	180,165	2,223,210
Idaho	199,944	199,709	198,878	197,356	195,814	194,288	192,455	191,295	190,459	189,385	189,896	191,003	2,330,482
Illinois	2,056,333	2,048,833	2,060,572	2,045,280	2,044,847	2,039,556	2,024,423	2,013,711	2,014,280	2,007,492	1,986,957	1,974,069	24,316,353
Indiana	847,287	839,656	836,108	822,483	818,856	814,915	813,123	808,064	803,182	799,663	764,670	758,446	9,726,453
Iowa	395,994	396,501	392,714	390,277	387,794	386,392	384,643	384,595	383,937	384,685	383,140	382,703	4,653,375
Kansas	276,863	275,885	274,479	272,697	271,883	270,870	267,753	269,842	266,830	265,478	262,259	257,742	3,232,581
Kentucky	788,177	777,300	774,763	763,927	761,750	758,560	744,583	737,149	722,464	713,911	708,026	697,056	8,947,666
Louisiana	856,114	845,883	843,459	846,775	854,073	855,741	865,685	871,708	876,911	879,541	869,943	878,364	10,344,197
Maine	201,557	199,850	202,099	201,151	199,508	199,815	197,987	196,771	193,720	192,404	190,203	190,434	2,365,499
Maryland	781,136	778,493	776,006	775,307	781,337	777,387	778,671	781,497	780,140	779,303	776,164	768,057	9,333,498
Massachusetts	785,945	778,558	769,780	766,820	772,458	776,941	781,015	784,678	785,879	786,492	786,705	784,469	9,359,740
Michigan	1,587,586	1,583,866	1,578,381	1,569,228	1,564,370	1,554,285	1,544,844	1,538,126	1,526,238	1,513,129	1,506,532	1,495,634	18,562,219
Minnesota	499,523	494,770	495,801	493,929	492,264	493,625	491,267	487,815	486,694	485,317	480,912	485,776	5,887,693
Mississippi	643,651	638,502	631,050	628,098	628,737	628,633	628,303	629,081	627,469	628,354	625,332	621,722	7,558,932
Missouri	847,620	842,509	846,729	844,467	844,083	844,851	846,529	846,970	845,105	843,876	841,146	854,887	10,148,772
Montana	121,648	121,789	121,552	118,791	117,421	116,843	116,305	115,139	114,253	113,462	113,170	113,918	1,404,291
Nebraska	174,483	173,508	173,617	172,752	172,934	173,608	174,963	176,663	176,472	176,363	174,887	175,888	2,096,138
Nevada	412,056	413,476	416,579	420,848	423,364	427,405	431,289	435,785	438,211	439,498	441,006	440,274	5,139,791
New Hampshire	107,922	107,217	107,499	107,244	106,022	105,326	104,657	103,531	102,838	101,894	100,509	100,467	1,255,126
New Jersey	910,897	903,626	904,816	904,012	896,036	896,318	899,713	906,370	897,652	899,481	893,942	897,737	10,810,600
New Mexico ¹	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
New York	3,055,942	3,045,194	3,050,058	3,039,251	3,027,230	3,028,373	3,017,604	3,001,608	3,001,849	2,996,649	2,982,398	2,990,471	36,236,627
North Carolina	1,645,161	1,632,755	1,631,349	1,627,167	1,626,420	1,636,572	1,641,853	1,643,059	1,643,364	1,647,808	1,643,503	1,617,850	19,636,861
North Dakota	53,005	53,265	53,568	53,760	53,185	53,293	53,217	52,980	53,323	53,271	53,344	53,886	640,097
Ohio	1,690,273	1,680,384	1,691,441	1,671,103	1,695,975	1,659,826	1,648,146	1,638,850	1,631,559	1,629,349	1,634,213	1,643,233	19,914,352
Oklahoma	594,033	590,243	587,269	591,425	594,979	600,596	604,684	608,832	610,694	613,397	612,746	611,558	7,220,456
Oregon	786,186	785,435	781,935	778,397	790,867	771,832	769,512	767,181	762,308	759,386	755,784	751,918	9,260,741
Pennsylvania	1,815,533	1,810,998	1,814,734	1,815,225	1,828,419	1,830,489	1,844,556	1,858,713	1,863,656	1,873,447	1,870,415	1,868,538	22,094,723
Rhode Island	177,356	174,800	175,292	174,610	173,923	173,977	173,617	173,977	173,722	173,148	172,938	172,955	2,090,315
South Carolina	809,700	807,128	804,886	797,735	793,353	797,304	797,185	799,056	797,596	793,218	1,094,116	905,041	9,996,318
South Dakota	99,759	99,383	98,954	98,970	98,168	98,227	97,981	98,067	97,267	96,692	96,421	96,360	1,176,249
Tennessee	1,260,071	1,226,271	1,232,834	1,216,681	1,205,546	1,207,553	1,204,648	1,191,281	1,185,463	1,168,238	1,150,153	1,149,608	14,398,347
Texas	3,715,414	3,684,002	3,676,661	3,651,040	3,676,984	3,710,572	3,731,919	3,742,946	3,754,421	3,777,317	3,755,821	3,749,749	44,626,846
Utah	227,251	226,479	228,396	227,497	226,945	224,862	223,055	222,482	222,170	222,981	220,017	221,282	2,693,417
Vermont	87,270	86,363	85,569	84,686	83,920	83,218	82,314	82,340	82,184	82,364	82,133	81,841	1,004,202
Virginia	867,297	856,500	855,200	854,306	851,735	851,860	850,187	850,011	847,063	844,204	842,957	840,152	10,211,472
Washington	1,145,530	1,082,108	1,071,764	1,063,849	1,059,863	1,046,925	1,046,483	1,047,512	1,041,550	1,043,008	1,035,860	1,038,748	12,723,200
West Virginia	369,156	369,201	374,145	370,039	368,144	368,477	366,447	362,549	361,313	359,001	359,648	362,034	4,393,154
Wisconsin	820,056	815,604	812,728	805,038	797,339	790,537	810,851	775,302	765,008	756,434	748,780	740,845	9,438,522
Wyoming	32,351	32,419	32,888	32,604	32,535	32,968	34,087	31,714	31,950	32,729	32,907	33,386	392,538
US	45,505,461	45,158,199	45,116,641	44,908,277	44,965,953	44,978,191	44,973,815	44,928,440	44,879,417	44,833,051	44,917,392	44,651,277	539,816,114

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2015 Food Distribution Program On Indian Reservations Participants

NATIONAL DATA BANK VERSION 8.2 PUBLIC USE
 SC6 - STATES ASCENDING - MONTHLY/ANNUAL DATA
 Number of Participants

State/Territory	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Total ²
Alabama	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Alaska	465	456	493	479	480	503	549	511	503	486	507	571	6,003
Arizona	12,029	11,010	11,565	11,705	11,681	12,275	12,884	12,696	12,122	11,920	11,596	11,888	143,371
Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
California	5,547	4,937	5,134	5,138	5,070	5,154	5,176	4,971	5,147	5,100	5,031	4,565	60,970
Colorado	390	343	396	394	400	428	451	418	444	421	443	421	4,949
Connecticut	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Delaware	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
District of Columbia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Florida	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Georgia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Hawaii	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Idaho	1,684	1,616	1,531	1,705	1,704	1,795	1,830	1,754	1,825	1,890	1,754	1,595	20,683
Illinois	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Indiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Iowa	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Kansas	616	559	528	556	528	529	579	606	584	600	607	585	6,877
Kentucky	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Louisiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maryland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Massachusetts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Michigan	2,053	1,910	2,082	2,177	1,964	2,020	1,924	1,952	1,905	1,951	1,951	2,107	23,996
Minnesota	2,747	2,440	2,642	2,798	2,696	2,755	2,734	2,544	2,704	2,672	2,617	2,572	31,921
Mississippi	1,014	860	972	958	906	901	908	900	969	1,036	1,044	1,019	11,487
Missouri	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Montana	3,216	3,044	3,106	3,036	3,004	3,129	3,332	3,263	3,274	3,252	3,098	3,246	38,000
Nebraska	1,408	1,175	1,319	1,279	1,279	1,271	1,368	1,385	1,398	1,498	1,355	1,314	16,049
Nevada	1,558	1,576	1,497	1,538	1,473	1,408	1,574	1,487	1,449	1,568	1,530	1,490	18,148
New Hampshire	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Jersey	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Mexico ¹	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
New York	443	315	387	385	293	322	397	361	419	464	489	439	4,714
North Carolina	752	594	805	819	753	603	683	733	751	878	902	643	8,916
North Dakota	5,013	4,594	4,900	5,079	4,765	5,092	5,419	5,454	5,383	5,215	5,344	5,291	61,549
Ohio	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Oklahoma	31,344	27,380	29,485	29,945	30,062	31,557	32,857	32,963	33,027	33,844	33,836	34,030	380,330
Oregon	827	737	785	845	756	774	779	754	805	845	834	807	9,548
Pennsylvania	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Rhode Island	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Carolina	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Dakota	8,761	7,644	8,253	8,124	7,927	8,307	8,824	8,256	8,499	8,292	8,448	7,897	99,232
Tennessee	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Texas	144	138	169	159	145	162	165	133	99	126	124	135	1,699
Utah	207	116	192	219	230	243	280	321	324	362	448	275	3,217
Vermont	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Washington	3,535	3,324	3,323	3,232	3,111	3,204	3,430	3,200	3,482	3,543	3,268	3,403	40,055
West Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Wisconsin	3,354	3,074	3,209	3,307	3,070	3,265	3,253	3,193	3,485	3,524	3,254	3,514	39,502
Wyoming	912	719	881	938	930	902	1,078	1,115	1,035	1,067	1,012	967	11,556
US	88,019	78,561	83,654	84,815	83,227	86,599	90,474	88,970	89,633	90,554	89,492	88,774	1,042,772

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2015 Disaster Assistance Recipients

NATIONAL DATA BANK VERSION 8.2 PUBLIC USE
 SC6 - STATES ASCENDING - MONTHLY/ANNUAL DATA
 Total Number of New Persons Issued D-SNAP Benefits

State/Territory	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Total
Alabama	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Alaska	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Arizona	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
California	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,679	--	--	--	2,679
Colorado	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Connecticut	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Delaware	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
District of Columbia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Florida	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Georgia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Hawaii	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Idaho	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Illinois	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Indiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Iowa	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Kansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Kentucky	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Louisiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maryland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Massachusetts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Michigan	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Minnesota	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Mississippi	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Missouri	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Montana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Nebraska	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Nevada	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Hampshire	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Jersey	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Mexico ¹	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New York	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	32	--	--	--	32
North Carolina	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
North Dakota	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Ohio	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Oklahoma	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Oregon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Pennsylvania	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Rhode Island	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Carolina	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Dakota	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Tennessee	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Texas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Utah	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Vermont	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Washington	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
West Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Wisconsin	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Wyoming	--	--	--	--	--	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	8
US	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	2,711	0	0	0	2,719

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2015 American Community Survey Poverty Counts

GEO_NAME	B17002_2_EST	B17002_3_EST	B17002_4_EST	B17002_5_EST	
State	Population under 50 percent of poverty	Population between 50 and 74.9 percent of poverty	Population between 75 and 99.9 percent of poverty	Population between 100 and 124.9 percent of poverty	Total Population below 125 percent of Poverty
Alabama	385,733	229,648	260,635	253,264	1,129,280
Alaska	30,067	19,222	25,243	25,890	100,422
Arizona	547,868	261,529	349,646	331,319	1,490,362
Arkansas	228,019	140,843	181,646	179,466	729,974
California	2,568,959	1,396,792	1,925,927	1,876,972	7,768,650
Colorado	273,501	143,700	196,348	199,004	812,553
Connecticut	174,686	88,889	103,334	111,641	478,550
Delaware	53,449	31,279	29,632	32,252	146,612
District of Columbia	58,611	22,101	29,788	25,822	136,322
Florida	1,329,921	811,389	975,576	1,077,177	4,194,063
Georgia	761,945	443,453	489,590	506,154	2,201,142
Hawaii	74,746	34,854	38,384	36,687	184,671
Idaho	96,781	60,654	88,116	76,458	322,009
Illinois	784,584	424,230	494,444	530,033	2,233,291
Indiana	422,132	235,089	275,960	286,725	1,219,906
Iowa	164,920	87,945	114,549	125,904	493,318
Kansas	159,767	91,257	117,855	122,048	490,927
Kentucky	332,398	226,880	234,777	206,104	1,000,159
Louisiana	399,056	237,874	253,016	238,618	1,128,564
Maine	67,868	47,944	56,808	57,242	229,862
Maryland	275,043	128,847	166,886	176,281	747,057
Massachusetts	355,730	173,893	222,448	221,692	973,763
Michigan	673,796	406,215	449,634	432,042	1,961,687
Minnesota	233,791	128,930	183,710	203,853	750,284
Mississippi	301,574	154,922	180,632	182,169	819,297
Missouri	378,734	213,071	283,690	267,295	1,142,790
Montana	63,304	39,363	44,620	45,689	192,976
Nebraska	96,268	64,051	71,002	74,055	305,376
Nevada	188,103	102,413	127,727	142,791	561,034
New Hampshire	46,789	26,851	32,406	32,030	138,076
New Jersey	437,079	217,404	291,631	311,141	1,257,255
New Mexico ¹	--	--	--	--	--
New York	1,335,126	754,277	880,629	847,086	3,817,118
North Carolina	697,968	411,025	498,842	525,695	2,133,530
North Dakota	39,134	18,295	22,741	24,919	105,089
Ohio	771,435	418,169	484,811	505,929	2,180,344
Oklahoma	265,938	158,369	186,521	205,521	816,349
Oregon	271,974	155,143	179,912	181,502	788,531
Pennsylvania	725,873	423,710	480,412	477,963	2,107,958
Rhode Island	58,599	39,101	43,335	42,350	183,385
South Carolina	344,307	205,846	240,562	240,238	1,030,953
South Dakota	55,221	25,379	33,471	38,295	152,366
Tennessee	472,717	276,329	328,854	347,798	1,425,698
Texas	1,783,216	1,098,706	1,373,595	1,413,904	5,669,421
Utah	142,038	78,803	111,013	115,016	446,870
Vermont	27,015	12,853	21,446	29,016	90,330
Virginia	439,350	213,625	256,371	293,079	1,202,425
Washington	405,847	204,242	247,712	264,680	1,122,481
West Virginia	143,749	85,039	92,795	93,780	415,363
Wisconsin	292,435	161,839	223,690	228,085	906,049
Wyoming	25,822	17,953	19,650	22,472	85,897
TOTAL					60,020,389

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