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ALABAMA

$1.16 billion in SNAP issued that year

804,336 people on SNAP per month

87% participation rate

ALABAMA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

14% of households receive SNAP

$15,900 median income of households on SNAP

$52,836 median income of households *not* on SNAP

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households *not* Receiving SNAP
Households:		
With one or more people 60 years and over	33.20%	44.40%
With child(ren) under 18 years	53.40%	24.40%
With disabled individual(s)	38.50%	26.00%
Below poverty level[1]	58.80%	10.10%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	37.70%	74.20%
Black or African American	58.50%	21.80%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.70%	0.80%
Asian	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	0.70%	0.70%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1.10%	2.30%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	30.90%	19.50%
1 worker in the past 12 months	50.00%	32.30%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	19.10%	48.20%

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ALABAMA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

16% of households receive SNAP

$16,690 median income of households on SNAP

$53,018 median income of households *not* on SNAP

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households *not* Receiving SNAP
Households:		
With one or more people 60 years and over	25.80%	43.00%
With child(ren) under 18 years	58.20%	25.10%
With disabled individual(s)	48.90%	31.90%
Below poverty level[1]	57.60%	9.20%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	39.40%	72.80%
Black or African American	58.70%	23.80%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.80%	0.30%
Asian	0.20%	1.00%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	0.20%	0.70%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	2.50%	2.60%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	22.80%	18.00%
1 worker in the past 12 months	52.20%	35.40%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	24.90%	46.60%

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87% participation rate

ALABAMA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

14% of households receive SNAP

$16,234 median income of households on SNAP

$51,957 median income of households *not* on SNAP

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households *not* Receiving SNAP
Households:		
With one or more people 60 years and over	34.80%	40.90%
With child(ren) under 18 years	49.20%	26.60%
With disabled individual(s)	45.40%	28.40%
Below poverty level[1]	54.80%	12.00%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	47.90%	73.70%
Black or African American	46.50%	22.70%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.70%	0.20%
Asian	0.40%	1.70%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	2.70%	0.50%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3.50%	2.00%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	34.20%	19.10%
1 worker in the past 12 months	47.20%	33.50%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	18.50%	47.40%

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ALABAMA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4

14% of households receive SNAP

$14,450 median income of households on SNAP

$50,285 median income of households *not* on SNAP

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households *not* Receiving SNAP
Households:		
With one or more people 60 years and over	28.80%	46.10%
With child(ren) under 18 years	49.90%	26.00%
With disabled individual(s)	47.70%	32.30%
Below poverty level[1]	60.30%	9.90%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	77.90%	90.50%
Black or African American	17.40%	5.90%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.70%	0.80%
Asian	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	1.00%	1.30%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	4.90%	3.20%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	36.20%	20.20%
1 worker in the past 12 months	48.30%	33.20%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	15.50%	46.60%

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ALABAMA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5

12% of households receive SNAP

$19,650 median income of households on SNAP

$61,504 median income of households *not* on SNAP

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households *not* Receiving SNAP
Households:		
With one or more people 60 years and over	29.00%	40.80%
With child(ren) under 18 years	54.60%	26.60%
With disabled individual(s)	44.80%	25.60%
Below poverty level[1]	51.10%	8.40%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	58.50%	79.50%
Black or African American	37.80%	15.30%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.20%	0.80%
Asian	0.90%	1.60%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	0.90%	1.10%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	5.70%	3.30%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	20.10%	16.90%
1 worker in the past 12 months	50.80%	32.90%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	29.10%	50.30%

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87% participation rate

ALABAMA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6

7% of households receive SNAP

$22,375 median income of households on SNAP

$69,219 median income of households *not* on SNAP

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households *not* Receiving SNAP
Households:		
With one or more people 60 years and over	34.40%	39.00%
With child(ren) under 18 years	50.80%	29.60%
With disabled individual(s)	50.20%	24.20%
Below poverty level[1]	48.20%	7.00%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	58.90%	81.60%
Black or African American	31.10%	14.20%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.80%	0.30%
Asian	2.20%	1.60%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	3.40%	1.10%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	5.80%	2.60%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	25.50%	16.00%
1 worker in the past 12 months	47.80%	30.70%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	26.70%	53.40%

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ALABAMA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7

22% of households receive SNAP

$15,008 median income of households on SNAP

$43,630 median income of households *not* on SNAP

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households *not* Receiving SNAP
Households:		
With one or more people 60 years and over	33.10%	41.80%
With child(ren) under 18 years	44.50%	22.60%
With disabled individual(s)	50.70%	29.20%
Below poverty level[1]	57.50%	14.50%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	11.50%	40.60%
Black or African American	86.10%	56.60%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.30%	0.30%
Asian	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	0.70%	0.60%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	0.90%	1.90%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	25.60%	18.50%
1 worker in the past 12 months	55.80%	37.30%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	18.60%	44.20%

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