






Profile of SNAP Households in 2017

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the cornerstone of the Nation's nutrition assistance safety net. The program serves a broad spectrum of low income people as benefits are available to most people who meet the financial and non-financial requirements.

	\$1.16 billion in SNAP issued that year		ALABAMA 804,336 people on SNAP per month		87% participation rate
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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 <i>not</i> Receiving SNAP
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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		
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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		
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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%

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau 2017 American Community Survey (ACS), using 115th Congressional District boundaries; USDA SNAP program data; and participation rates from Reaching Those in Need: Estimates of State SNAP Participation Rates in 2016. For more information on SNAP households see <https://www.fns.usda.gov/research-analysis>.

¹ 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.