






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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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 <i>not</i> Receiving SNAP
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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%

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.