



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 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 <i>not</i> Receiving SNAP
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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%

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.