




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 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 <i>not</i> Receiving SNAP
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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		
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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%

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.