






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 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 <i>not</i> 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%

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.