






## 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.

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|  | <b>\$1.16 billion in SNAP issued that year</b> |  | <b>ALABAMA</b><br>804,336 people on SNAP per month |  | <b>87% participation rate</b> |
|---|--|---|--|---|-------------------------------|

**ALABAMA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7**  
**22%** of households receive SNAP  
**\$15,008** median income of households on SNAP  
**\$43,630** 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 | 33.10% | 41.80% |
| With child(ren) under 18 years            | 44.50% | 22.60% |
| With disabled individual(s)               | 50.70% | 29.20% |
| Below poverty level <sup>1</sup>          | 57.50% | 14.50% |

| Race/Ethnicity                    |        |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| White                             | 11.50% | 40.60% |
| Black or African American         | 86.10% | 56.60% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 0.30%  | 0.30%  |
| Asian                             | N/A    | N/A    |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  | N/A    | N/A    |
| Other Race                        | 0.70%  | 0.60%  |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race)  | 0.90%  | 1.90%  |

| Work Status                             |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|
| Families With:                          |        |        |
| No workers in the past 12 months        | 25.60% | 18.50% |
| 1 worker in the past 12 months          | 55.80% | 37.30% |
| 2 or more workers in the past 12 months | 18.60% | 44.20% |

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>.

<sup>1</sup> 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.