



Profile of SNAP Households in 2017

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	\$0.51 billion in SNAP issued that year		ARKANSAS 388,362 people on SNAP per month		72% participation rate
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ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

15% of households receive SNAP

\$17,240 median income of households on SNAP

\$46,007 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	31.80%	44.70%
With child(ren) under 18 years	50.20%	27.70%
With disabled individual(s)	59.20%	35.20%
Below poverty level ¹	54.90%	12.30%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	61.30%	82.10%
Black or African American	34.70%	13.20%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.10%	0.40%
Asian	0.00%	0.70%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	0.80%	0.90%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	2.40%	2.10%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	34.70%	19.30%
1 worker in the past 12 months	42.00%	32.40%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	23.30%	48.30%

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>.

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ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

9% of households receive SNAP

\$21,590 median income of households on SNAP

\$55,311 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	26.60%	38.30%
With child(ren) under 18 years	53.50%	29.00%
With disabled individual(s)	55.90%	30.10%
Below poverty level ¹	47.20%	10.40%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	53.30%	75.20%
Black or African American	39.60%	20.20%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.70%	0.20%
Asian	0.00%	1.60%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	2.20%	1.30%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	7.20%	3.20%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	19.20%	15.00%
1 worker in the past 12 months	61.30%	32.80%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	19.50%	52.20%

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ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

9% of households receive SNAP

\$16,458 median income of households on SNAP

\$55,820 median income of households *not* on SNAP

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Households:		
With one or more people 60 years and over	26.20%	35.20%
With child(ren) under 18 years	55.90%	31.30%
With disabled individual(s)	51.60%	24.90%
Below poverty level ¹	62.20%	9.60%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	84.70%	87.00%
Black or African American	3.30%	2.70%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.90%	1.10%
Asian	1.50%	2.90%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.20%	0.60%
Other Race	5.70%	3.50%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	9.90%	10.40%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	28.50%	14.10%
1 worker in the past 12 months	49.40%	31.90%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	22.10%	53.90%

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ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4

15% of households receive SNAP

\$15,829 median income of households on SNAP

\$45,881 median income of households *not* on SNAP

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With one or more people 60 years and over	28.50%	47.00%
With child(ren) under 18 years	48.70%	24.80%
With disabled individual(s)	54.80%	35.60%
Below poverty level ¹	58.00%	12.30%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	57.40%	78.70%
Black or African American	39.00%	16.80%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.50%	0.40%
Asian	0.20%	0.50%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	1.90%	2.10%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3.90%	3.50%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	25.90%	22.00%
1 worker in the past 12 months	51.00%	33.70%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	23.10%	44.30%

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