






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.

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

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.