






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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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
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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%

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.