





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 3

9% of households receive SNAP

\$16,458 median income of households on SNAP

\$55,820 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	26.20%	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%

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.