



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.

	\$6.73 billion in SNAP issued that year		CALIFORNIA 4,112,066 people on SNAP per month		72% participation rate
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CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 12

5% of households receive SNAP

\$23,229 median income of households on SNAP

\$116,730 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	47.10%	33.20%
With child(ren) under 18 years	39.80%	16.90%
With disabled individual(s)	43.80%	16.90%
Below poverty level ¹	40.70%	8.90%

Race/Ethnicity

White	31.00%	57.00%
Black or African American	16.90%	4.60%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3.30%	0.20%
Asian	28.70%	29.40%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.00%	0.50%
Other Race	15.70%	4.30%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	21.60%	10.20%

Work Status

Families With:

No workers in the past 12 months	19.40%	10.80%
1 worker in the past 12 months	40.40%	25.60%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	40.20%	63.50%

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.