



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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3% of households receive SNAP

\$36,866 median income of households on SNAP

\$112,805 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	40.40%	42.90%
With child(ren) under 18 years	58.00%	30.40%
With disabled individual(s)	32.10%	17.80%
Below poverty level ¹	27.00%	5.80%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	35.10%	51.00%
Black or African American	7.70%	2.80%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	36.80%	32.20%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.60%	0.90%
Other Race	13.70%	8.70%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	34.20%	17.50%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	10.10%	9.30%
1 worker in the past 12 months	38.80%	28.00%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	51.10%	62.70%

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.