



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 15

4% of households receive SNAP

\$39,704 median income of households on SNAP

\$121,152 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	28.20%	36.70%
With child(ren) under 18 years	67.80%	37.90%
With disabled individual(s)	33.70%	17.50%
Below poverty level ¹	24.50%	4.30%

Race/Ethnicity

White	33.50%	51.60%
Black or African American	20.90%	5.50%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.60%	0.60%
Asian	14.90%	31.80%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	4.40%	0.60%
Other Race	21.90%	6.20%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	42.10%	16.10%

Work Status

Families With:

No workers in the past 12 months	13.90%	9.00%
1 worker in the past 12 months	50.90%	26.70%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	35.20%	64.30%

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.