



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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24% of households receive SNAP

\$25,395 median income of households on SNAP

\$50,506 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	19.20%	40.00%
With child(ren) under 18 years	72.00%	34.60%
With disabled individual(s)	43.00%	32.00%
Below poverty level ¹	49.60%	16.40%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	57.80%	64.50%
Black or African American	8.80%	5.30%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.60%	1.10%
Asian	8.30%	7.60%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	20.40%	18.60%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	63.20%	50.20%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	18.80%	13.00%
1 worker in the past 12 months	49.10%	36.20%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	32.10%	50.90%

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.