



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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4% of households receive SNAP

\$41,801 median income of households on SNAP

\$127,402 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	50.20%	32.30%
With child(ren) under 18 years	56.90%	35.60%
With disabled individual(s)	44.60%	15.20%
Below poverty level ¹	25.70%	6.00%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	28.30%	33.80%
Black or African American	10.10%	2.50%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	30.70%	53.90%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1.70%	0.40%
Other Race	20.60%	5.80%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	27.70%	10.90%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	20.10%	7.50%
1 worker in the past 12 months	34.00%	32.80%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	45.90%	59.70%

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.