



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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8% of households receive SNAP

\$35,899 median income of households on SNAP

\$76,857 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	32.30%	42.50%
With child(ren) under 18 years	59.40%	34.40%
With disabled individual(s)	36.40%	21.30%
Below poverty level ¹	36.50%	9.20%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	60.20%	68.60%
Black or African American	1.60%	1.80%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.50%	0.60%
Asian	1.70%	5.80%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.90%	0.20%
Other Race	33.50%	19.90%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	60.30%	37.30%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	13.40%	10.90%
1 worker in the past 12 months	35.00%	28.70%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	51.70%	60.40%

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.