



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 21

22% of households receive SNAP

\$26,136 median income of households on SNAP

\$49,682 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	21.10%	35.70%
With child(ren) under 18 years	76.90%	45.50%
With disabled individual(s)	31.70%	22.30%
Below poverty level ¹	50.70%	14.00%

Race/Ethnicity

White	62.30%	76.20%
Black or African American	6.90%	2.90%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.40%	0.70%
Asian	2.20%	4.50%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	25.40%	13.40%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	77.70%	65.70%

Work Status

Families With:

No workers in the past 12 months	18.50%	10.10%
1 worker in the past 12 months	47.70%	35.60%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	33.80%	54.30%

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.