



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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13% of households receive SNAP

\$26,902 median income of households on SNAP

\$61,604 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	26.20%	39.40%
With child(ren) under 18 years	65.80%	34.10%
With disabled individual(s)	48.50%	25.80%
Below poverty level ¹	47.80%	12.40%

Race/Ethnicity

White	70.70%	80.20%
Black or African American	11.30%	5.00%
American Indian and Alaska Native	2.50%	1.00%
Asian	2.50%	4.70%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	9.80%	6.10%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	38.60%	29.00%

Work Status

Families With:

No workers in the past 12 months	28.80%	15.90%
1 worker in the past 12 months	44.30%	36.40%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	26.90%	47.60%

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.