



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 3

11% of households receive SNAP

\$34,203 median income of households on SNAP

\$72,261 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	25.90%	41.80%
With child(ren) under 18 years	60.70%	31.20%
With disabled individual(s)	46.50%	27.70%
Below poverty level ¹	34.90%	10.00%

Race/Ethnicity

White	71.90%	74.20%
Black or African American	5.40%	6.10%
American Indian and Alaska Native	2.70%	1.10%
Asian	7.80%	9.20%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.90%	0.50%
Other Race	6.10%	5.20%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	39.60%	21.40%

Work Status

Families With:

No workers in the past 12 months	18.30%	14.10%
1 worker in the past 12 months	43.40%	32.60%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	38.40%	53.30%

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.