



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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14% of households receive SNAP

\$34,085 median income of households on SNAP

\$66,010 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	28.90%	37.30%
With child(ren) under 18 years	72.70%	42.20%
With disabled individual(s)	31.60%	25.20%
Below poverty level ¹	39.60%	10.60%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	41.40%	50.10%
Black or African American	5.60%	7.70%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3.00%	1.30%
Asian	4.70%	9.60%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	42.10%	27.90%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	75.70%	59.50%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	14.20%	8.70%
1 worker in the past 12 months	43.00%	32.70%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	42.80%	58.50%

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.