



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 39

6% of households receive SNAP

\$35,443 median income of households on SNAP

\$92,236 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	27.70%	43.40%
With child(ren) under 18 years	67.40%	34.90%
With disabled individual(s)	35.40%	20.40%
Below poverty level ¹	38.70%	7.00%

Race/Ethnicity

White	51.50%	54.30%
Black or African American	1.70%	2.30%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3.20%	0.60%
Asian	16.00%	32.50%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	24.70%	7.80%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	56.20%	25.90%

Work Status

Families With:

No workers in the past 12 months	12.20%	10.60%
1 worker in the past 12 months	37.20%	27.70%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	50.50%	61.60%

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.