



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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7% of households receive SNAP

\$38,440 median income of households on SNAP

\$87,411 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	36.30%	38.20%
With child(ren) under 18 years	65.90%	43.40%
With disabled individual(s)	41.70%	24.00%
Below poverty level ¹	35.00%	6.60%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	63.20%	66.50%
Black or African American	7.30%	6.80%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.00%	0.60%
Asian	4.20%	9.50%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	24.20%	13.30%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	45.90%	26.90%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	17.30%	11.10%
1 worker in the past 12 months	40.60%	30.60%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	42.10%	58.30%

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.