



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 51

19% of households receive SNAP

\$24,002 median income of households on SNAP

\$54,594 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	32.40%	39.00%
With child(ren) under 18 years	63.60%	36.60%
With disabled individual(s)	34.70%	26.60%
Below poverty level ¹	51.40%	12.30%

Race/Ethnicity

White	62.60%	67.80%
Black or African American	12.10%	8.10%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.70%	1.10%
Asian	5.20%	7.80%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.70%	0.30%
Other Race	14.20%	11.70%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	72.40%	60.90%

Work Status

Families With:

No workers in the past 12 months	22.30%	11.90%
1 worker in the past 12 months	45.40%	35.30%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	32.40%	52.80%

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.