



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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8% of households receive SNAP

\$32,606 median income of households on SNAP

\$76,834 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	31.50%	34.60%
With child(ren) under 18 years	59.20%	26.90%
With disabled individual(s)	30.70%	20.10%
Below poverty level ¹	42.20%	9.10%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	54.20%	70.80%
Black or African American	18.40%	7.50%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.70%	0.50%
Asian	7.90%	12.00%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1.10%	0.50%
Other Race	9.10%	5.20%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	35.30%	24.20%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	16.00%	10.20%
1 worker in the past 12 months	44.90%	30.20%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	39.00%	59.50%

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.