



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

\$25,286 median income of households on SNAP

\$59,818 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	25.80%	35.90%
With child(ren) under 18 years	64.40%	28.50%
With disabled individual(s)	32.70%	21.40%
Below poverty level ¹	45.90%	12.50%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	44.20%	55.90%
Black or African American	22.10%	13.10%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.70%	0.80%
Asian	9.10%	15.30%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1.40%	1.30%
Other Race	11.20%	9.60%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	23.10%	21.00%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	18.50%	12.80%
1 worker in the past 12 months	48.10%	34.00%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	33.40%	53.20%

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.