



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.

	\$0.65 billion in SNAP issued that year		CONNECTICUT 410,344 people on SNAP per month		91% participation rate
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CONNECTICUT CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5

15% of households receive SNAP

\$32,505 median income of households on SNAP

\$82,670 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	40.70%	42.70%
With child(ren) under 18 years	29.20%	27.60%
With disabled individual(s)	36.90%	19.20%
Below poverty level ¹	31.20%	5.30%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	72.90%	85.30%
Black or African American	13.90%	5.60%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	1.20%	3.60%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	8.40%	4.20%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	40.20%	11.30%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	24.60%	12.50%
1 worker in the past 12 months	52.20%	29.80%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	23.30%	57.70%

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.