



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.

	\$0.48 billion in SNAP issued that year		HAWAII 169,045 people on SNAP per month		84% participation rate
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HAWAII CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

9% of households receive SNAP

\$43,345 median income of households on SNAP

\$83,237 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	57.70%	46.00%
With child(ren) under 18 years	46.90%	28.80%
With disabled individual(s)	46.70%	21.90%
Below poverty level ¹	31.60%	7.00%

Race/Ethnicity		
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White	11.00%	25.00%
Black or African American	1.00%	2.20%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.60%	0.20%
Asian	47.20%	52.20%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	19.00%	4.90%
Other Race	0.50%	1.50%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	12.70%	6.60%

Work Status		
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Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	12.40%	12.40%
1 worker in the past 12 months	35.90%	28.10%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	51.70%	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.