



Profile of SNAP Households in 2018

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.

	\$2.78 billion in SNAP issued that year		ILLINOIS 1,826,011 people on SNAP per month		100% participation rate
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ILLINOIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4
15% of households receive SNAP
\$30,864 median income of households on SNAP
\$60,605 median income of households *not* on SNAP

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households <i>not</i> Receiving SNAP
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Households:	34,375	199,469
With one or more people 60 years and over	35.6%	31.0%
With child(ren) under 18 years	60.5%	31.5%
With disabled individual(s)	31.3%	14.5%
Below poverty level ¹	35.6%	9.3%

Race/Ethnicity	Households Receiving SNAP	Households <i>not</i> Receiving SNAP
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White	60.1%	65.5%
Black or African American	5.1%	4.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	3.0%	4.0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	30.5%	22.3%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	82.4%	54.2%

Work Status	Households Receiving SNAP	Households <i>not</i> Receiving SNAP
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Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	16.1%	9.3%
1 worker in the past 12 months	48.4%	30.5%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	35.5%	60.1%

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau 2018 American Community Survey (ACS), using 115th Congressional District boundaries; USDA SNAP program data; and participation rates from Estimates of State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation Rates in 2017. 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.