



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.

	\$2.93 billion in SNAP issued that year		ILLINOIS 1,878,519 people on SNAP per month		100% participation rate
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ILLINOIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6

4% of households receive SNAP

\$34,995 median income of households on SNAP

\$101,446 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	39.40%	38.40%
With child(ren) under 18 years	41.30%	34.20%
With disabled individual(s)	44.40%	16.30%
Below poverty level ¹	35.00%	4.30%

Race/Ethnicity		
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White	71.30%	85.60%
Black or African American	12.10%	2.80%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	10.70%	8.00%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	3.60%	2.20%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	18.40%	7.00%

Work Status		
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Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	16.90%	10.70%
1 worker in the past 12 months	46.40%	26.00%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	36.70%	63.30%

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.