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Food and Nutrition Service

# 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.

## IOWA

**$0.48 billion in SNAP issued that year**

**365,893 people on SNAP per month**

**88% participation rate**

## IOWA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

**10%** of households receive SNAP

**$24,150** median income of households on SNAP

**$70,060** median income of households *not* on SNAP

| Characteristic | Households Receiving SNAP | Households *not* Receiving SNAP |
|---|---|---|
| **Households:** | | |
| With one or more people 60 years and over | 27.10% | 35.40% |
| With child(ren) under 18 years | 48.50% | 30.40% |
| With disabled individual(s) | 46.70% | 19.50% |
| Below poverty level[1] | 41.00% | 5.40% |
| **Race/Ethnicity** | | |
| White | 79.90% | 92.50% |
| Black or African American | 11.40% | 3.00% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 0.40% | 0.10% |
| Asian | 3.10% | 2.20% |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | N/A | N/A |
| Other Race | 1.50% | 1.00% |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 9.30% | 3.80% |
| **Work Status** | | |
| **Families With:** | | |
| No workers in the past 12 months | 14.00% | 11.40% |
| 1 worker in the past 12 months | 49.10% | 25.10% |
| 2 or more workers in the past 12 months | 36.90% | 63.40% |

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.

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