




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.

	\$0.74 billion in SNAP issued that year		MISSISSIPPI 537,370 people on SNAP per month		83% participation rate
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MISSISSIPPI CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1
12% of households receive SNAP
\$19,022 median income of households on SNAP
\$52,423 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	31.10%	42.50%
With child(ren) under 18 years	55.50%	27.90%
With disabled individual(s)	50.60%	28.50%
Below poverty level ¹	53.00%	11.00%

Race/Ethnicity		
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White	45.40%	74.10%
Black or African American	52.60%	23.40%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	0.00%	0.50%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	0.50%	1.00%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1.50%	2.00%

Work Status		
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Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	27.60%	15.10%
1 worker in the past 12 months	49.40%	32.50%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	23.00%	52.40%

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.