



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 2

22% of households receive SNAP

\$16,008 median income of households on SNAP

\$42,997 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	29.80%	43.20%
With child(ren) under 18 years	57.00%	25.10%
With disabled individual(s)	45.50%	29.30%
Below poverty level ¹	60.30%	15.20%

Race/Ethnicity

White	12.00%	39.50%
Black or African American	87.20%	58.70%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.40%	0.40%
Asian	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	0.30%	0.30%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	0.40%	1.20%

Work Status

Families With:

No workers in the past 12 months	27.30%	18.40%
1 worker in the past 12 months	48.00%	35.30%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	24.70%	46.20%

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.