






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.

	\$1.12 billion in SNAP issued that year		MISSOURI 758,918 people on SNAP per month		89% participation rate
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MISSOURI CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1
19% of households receive SNAP
\$19,042 median income of households on SNAP
\$54,032 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	28.10%	35.50%
With child(ren) under 18 years	47.80%	23.00%
With disabled individual(s)	43.10%	22.00%
Below poverty level ¹	51.60%	9.40%

Race/Ethnicity		
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White	17.60%	55.00%
Black or African American	77.40%	38.70%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.60%	0.30%
Asian	2.00%	3.20%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	0.40%	1.00%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1.40%	3.00%

Work Status		
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Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	16.40%	11.10%
1 worker in the past 12 months	54.40%	34.20%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	29.20%	54.70%

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.