



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.

	\$4.74 billion in SNAP issued that year		NEW YORK 2,910,894 people on SNAP per month		93% participation rate
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NEW YORK CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 11
13% of households receive SNAP
\$20,723 median income of households on SNAP
\$81,879 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	50.50%	44.20%
With child(ren) under 18 years	41.70%	33.90%
With disabled individual(s)	46.90%	19.70%
Below poverty level ¹	48.10%	8.90%

Race/Ethnicity		
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White	50.50%	76.30%
Black or African American	21.80%	6.50%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.60%	0.20%
Asian	17.00%	11.60%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	7.20%	3.70%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	21.60%	11.80%

Work Status		
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Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	29.70%	12.70%
1 worker in the past 12 months	34.00%	31.50%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	36.30%	55.80%

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.