



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 16

12% of households receive SNAP

\$22,460 median income of households on SNAP

\$78,796 median income of households *not* on SNAP

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households <i>not</i> Receiving SNAP
Households:		
With one or more people 60 years and over	43.10%	44.10%
With child(ren) under 18 years	47.60%	28.30%
With disabled individual(s)	50.80%	20.30%
Below poverty level ¹	43.90%	6.40%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	31.00%	51.70%
Black or African American	41.90%	31.60%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.90%	0.50%
Asian	3.00%	4.50%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	18.30%	9.80%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	42.90%	19.00%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	18.10%	11.00%
1 worker in the past 12 months	43.80%	31.90%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	38.10%	57.10%

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.