



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.

	\$2.67 billion in SNAP issued that year		PENNSYLVANIA 1,842,945 people on SNAP per month		99% participation rate
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PENNSYLVANIA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7

5% of households receive SNAP

\$26,550 median income of households on SNAP

\$94,355 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	48.60%	45.00%
With child(ren) under 18 years	39.00%	32.40%
With disabled individual(s)	48.20%	21.70%
Below poverty level ¹	32.80%	4.20%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	74.60%	89.70%
Black or African American	15.10%	4.00%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	2.30%	4.90%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	1.40%	0.30%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3.60%	1.60%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	13.60%	11.20%
1 worker in the past 12 months	41.90%	26.50%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	44.50%	62.30%

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.