



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.

	\$0.16 billion in SNAP issued that year		RHODE ISLAND 167,431 people on SNAP per month		100% participation rate
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RHODE ISLAND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

13% of households receive SNAP

\$18,488 median income of households on SNAP

\$78,736 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	44.40%	43.70%
With child(ren) under 18 years	34.90%	26.40%
With disabled individual(s)	57.10%	21.70%
Below poverty level ¹	41.60%	5.60%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	83.30%	91.10%
Black or African American	8.40%	3.50%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.10%	0.20%
Asian	0.90%	2.70%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	4.10%	1.30%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	24.70%	6.60%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	30.50%	10.60%
1 worker in the past 12 months	33.50%	26.50%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	36.10%	63.00%

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.