






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.

	\$1.07 billion in SNAP issued that year		SOUTH CAROLINA 719,977 people on SNAP per month		80% participation rate
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SOUTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4

11% of households receive SNAP

\$20,847 median income of households on SNAP

\$58,149 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	33.50%	39.50%
With child(ren) under 18 years	52.90%	28.30%
With disabled individual(s)	43.30%	24.20%
Below poverty level ¹	54.10%	8.20%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	53.20%	77.80%
Black or African American	39.60%	15.90%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.20%	0.30%
Asian	0.50%	2.30%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	1.90%	1.60%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	9.10%	6.10%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	18.50%	13.10%
1 worker in the past 12 months	56.90%	30.70%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	24.60%	56.20%

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.