






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 5

12% of households receive SNAP

\$19,394 median income of households on SNAP

\$57,003 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	32.80%	41.50%
With child(ren) under 18 years	50.20%	27.20%
With disabled individual(s)	42.30%	25.30%
Below poverty level ¹	48.00%	10.70%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	51.90%	73.60%
Black or African American	45.80%	22.80%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.30%	0.30%
Asian	0.00%	1.10%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	1.40%	1.10%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3.90%	3.10%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	23.10%	17.40%
1 worker in the past 12 months	47.00%	32.80%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	29.80%	49.80%

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.