






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 7

16% of households receive SNAP

\$17,745 median income of households on SNAP

\$48,388 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	32.00%	50.40%
With child(ren) under 18 years	58.10%	23.20%
With disabled individual(s)	45.40%	29.90%
Below poverty level ¹	55.40%	10.80%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	43.70%	76.70%
Black or African American	51.90%	20.70%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.20%	0.30%
Asian	0.00%	0.90%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	1.50%	0.80%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3.20%	2.60%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	27.30%	22.90%
1 worker in the past 12 months	49.00%	34.00%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	23.70%	43.00%

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.