






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.

	\$1.59 billion in SNAP issued that year		TENNESSEE 1,047,058 people on SNAP per month		93% participation rate
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TENNESSEE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5

10% of households receive SNAP

\$22,476 median income of households on SNAP

\$61,663 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	28.50%	30.70%
With child(ren) under 18 years	52.60%	25.50%
With disabled individual(s)	44.20%	19.50%
Below poverty level ¹	53.00%	9.30%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	52.90%	71.80%
Black or African American	43.10%	21.60%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	1.80%	2.90%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	1.60%	1.10%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	7.60%	5.70%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	15.30%	11.40%
1 worker in the past 12 months	57.90%	29.10%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	26.70%	59.50%

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.