






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 6

11% of households receive SNAP

\$21,774 median income of households on SNAP

\$57,654 median income of households *not* on SNAP

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households <i>not</i> Receiving SNAP
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Households:

With one or more people 60 years and over	31.10%	44.80%
With child(ren) under 18 years	50.80%	28.40%
With disabled individual(s)	56.80%	28.20%
Below poverty level ¹	47.60%	8.40%

Race/Ethnicity

White	88.60%	93.40%
Black or African American	7.00%	3.70%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.90%	0.50%
Asian	0.60%	0.80%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	1.80%	0.70%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3.80%	2.80%

Work Status

Families With:

No workers in the past 12 months	24.30%	16.90%
1 worker in the past 12 months	49.70%	29.60%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	26.00%	53.50%

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.