






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 7

11% of households receive SNAP

\$21,751 median income of households on SNAP

\$64,578 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	32.30%	37.80%
With child(ren) under 18 years	45.10%	33.30%
With disabled individual(s)	47.70%	26.70%
Below poverty level ¹	48.00%	8.40%

Race/Ethnicity

White	77.60%	87.10%
Black or African American	19.30%	8.80%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.30%	0.10%
Asian	0.40%	2.00%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	1.20%	0.30%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	4.50%	3.70%

Work Status

Families With:

No workers in the past 12 months	24.70%	14.90%
1 worker in the past 12 months	49.10%	32.30%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	26.20%	52.90%

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.