






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.

	\$5.81 billion in SNAP issued that year		TEXAS 3,921,278 people on SNAP per month		73% participation rate
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TEXAS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 12

9% of households receive SNAP

\$27,496 median income of households on SNAP

\$72,214 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	28.70%	34.00%
With child(ren) under 18 years	63.40%	32.40%
With disabled individual(s)	42.90%	20.70%
Below poverty level ¹	42.00%	6.70%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	64.50%	82.30%
Black or African American	24.70%	7.40%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.60%	0.70%
Asian	2.00%	2.70%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	5.30%	4.70%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	24.60%	16.60%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	14.40%	10.40%
1 worker in the past 12 months	50.80%	33.30%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	34.80%	56.30%

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.