






## 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.

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|  | <b>\$5.81 billion in SNAP issued that year</b> |  | <b>TEXAS</b><br><b>3,921,278 people on SNAP per month</b> |  | <b>73% participation rate</b> |
|---|--|---|---|---|-------------------------------|

**TEXAS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 16**  
**18% of households receive SNAP**  
**\$19,087 median income of households on SNAP**  
**\$52,326 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 | 37.20% | 35.00% |
| With child(ren) under 18 years            | 59.00% | 34.80% |
| With disabled individual(s)               | 45.50% | 22.90% |
| Below poverty level <sup>1</sup>          | 57.20% | 11.00% |

| Race/Ethnicity |  |  |
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|                                   |        |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| White                             | 74.60% | 78.20% |
| Black or African American         | 1.20%  | 5.00%  |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 0.70%  | 0.80%  |
| Asian                             | 1.30%  | 1.70%  |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  | N/A    | N/A    |
| Other Race                        | 21.00% | 12.10% |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race)  | 90.90% | 72.30% |

| Work Status |  |  |
|-------------|--|--|
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| Families With:                          |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|
| No workers in the past 12 months        | 19.40% | 10.50% |
| 1 worker in the past 12 months          | 49.60% | 35.70% |
| 2 or more workers in the past 12 months | 31.00% | 53.70% |

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>.

<sup>1</sup> 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.