



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 18
21% of households receive SNAP
\$22,527 median income of households on SNAP
\$52,411 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	29.60%	31.00%
With child(ren) under 18 years	59.20%	27.50%
With disabled individual(s)	38.60%	19.30%
Below poverty level ¹	49.40%	11.70%

Race/Ethnicity		
White	36.20%	51.90%
Black or African American	53.80%	33.70%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.30%	0.20%
Asian	2.00%	4.90%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	6.40%	7.30%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	34.80%	34.80%

Work Status		
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Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	19.00%	8.90%
1 worker in the past 12 months	53.40%	39.20%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	27.50%	51.90%

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.