



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 21
4% of households receive SNAP
\$27,464 median income of households on SNAP
\$74,020 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	37.50%	36.70%
With child(ren) under 18 years	51.10%	24.80%
With disabled individual(s)	41.00%	20.40%
Below poverty level ¹	39.80%	8.50%

Race/Ethnicity		
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White	75.60%	88.70%
Black or African American	7.30%	3.30%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.60%	0.40%
Asian	4.10%	3.60%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	4.90%	2.20%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	31.10%	24.40%

Work Status		
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Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	20.20%	14.50%
1 worker in the past 12 months	50.20%	31.80%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	29.60%	53.80%

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.