






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 31

8% of households receive SNAP

\$27,535 median income of households on SNAP

\$74,211 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	20.90%	33.30%
With child(ren) under 18 years	58.80%	35.30%
With disabled individual(s)	47.80%	22.30%
Below poverty level ¹	39.40%	6.00%

Race/Ethnicity

White	64.90%	78.50%
Black or African American	23.20%	10.80%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	1.90%	5.30%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	5.80%	2.00%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	31.30%	17.70%

Work Status

Families With:

No workers in the past 12 months	11.30%	12.70%
1 worker in the past 12 months	51.70%	30.70%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	37.00%	56.60%

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.