






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 8
8% of households receive SNAP
\$29,004 median income of households on SNAP
\$74,783 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	30.30%	36.50%
With child(ren) under 18 years	60.60%	36.70%
With disabled individual(s)	46.10%	21.30%
Below poverty level ¹	39.30%	8.60%

Race/Ethnicity		
White	69.60%	85.70%
Black or African American	20.60%	7.70%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	2.10%	2.90%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	2.70%	2.00%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	25.30%	15.80%

Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	15.90%	12.60%
1 worker in the past 12 months	45.40%	32.90%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	38.70%	54.50%

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.