






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.

	\$1.12 billion in SNAP issued that year		VIRGINIA 775,548 people on SNAP per month		75% participation rate
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VIRGINIA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 11
4% of households receive SNAP
\$45,400 median income of households on SNAP
\$109,697 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	40.80%	34.00%
With child(ren) under 18 years	60.70%	35.10%
With disabled individual(s)	43.60%	15.00%
Below poverty level ¹	38.00%	4.50%

Race/Ethnicity

White	46.80%	63.70%
Black or African American	20.80%	12.50%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.00%	0.60%
Asian	19.50%	16.60%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	6.10%	3.40%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	23.30%	12.20%

Work Status

Families With:

No workers in the past 12 months	15.30%	7.20%
1 worker in the past 12 months	30.70%	28.10%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	53.90%	64.60%

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.