






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 2
6% of households receive SNAP
\$22,071 median income of households on SNAP
\$73,482 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	44.50%	37.70%
With child(ren) under 18 years	49.80%	30.60%
With disabled individual(s)	47.90%	22.90%
Below poverty level ¹	45.60%	5.90%

Race/Ethnicity		
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White	40.40%	71.70%
Black or African American	49.20%	18.30%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	4.60%	5.10%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	2.00%	1.80%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	5.80%	5.90%

Work Status		
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Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	20.60%	11.20%
1 worker in the past 12 months	47.40%	33.10%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	32.00%	55.70%

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.