



Profile of SNAP Households in 2018

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.

	\$1.05 billion in SNAP issued that year		VIRGINIA 736,221 people on SNAP per month		76% participation rate
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VIRGINIA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5
9% of households receive SNAP
\$17,606 median income of households on SNAP
\$59,739 median income of households *not* on SNAP

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households <i>not</i> Receiving SNAP
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Households:	26,472	264,425
With one or more people 60 years and over	36.7%	47.8%
With child(ren) under 18 years	49.2%	24.2%
With disabled individual(s)	48.3%	24.7%
Below poverty level ¹	54.6%	10.1%

Race/Ethnicity	Households Receiving SNAP	Households <i>not</i> Receiving SNAP
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White	53.5%	80.0%
Black or African American	38.6%	16.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.4%	0.2%
Asian	0.3%	1.4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3.6%	2.2%

Work Status	Households Receiving SNAP	Households <i>not</i> Receiving SNAP
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Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	29.6%	17.6%
1 worker in the past 12 months	45.8%	30.0%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	24.5%	52.5%

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau 2018 American Community Survey (ACS), using 115th Congressional District boundaries; USDA SNAP program data; and participation rates from Estimates of State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation Rates in 2017. 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.