






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 8
4% of households receive SNAP
\$27,927 median income of households on SNAP
\$107,370 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	26.60%	28.80%
With child(ren) under 18 years	70.00%	27.90%
With disabled individual(s)	32.10%	12.90%
Below poverty level ¹	48.20%	5.70%

Race/Ethnicity		
White	36.50%	69.80%
Black or African American	34.70%	13.70%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	8.20%	9.40%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	12.30%	3.60%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	34.80%	12.90%

Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	10.40%	7.70%
1 worker in the past 12 months	56.10%	26.60%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	33.50%	65.80%

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.