






Profile of SNAP Households in 2017

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	\$0.48 billion in SNAP issued that year		WEST VIRGINIA 340,308 people on SNAP per month		95% participation rate
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WEST VIRGINIA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

13% of households receive SNAP

\$17,505 median income of households on SNAP

\$53,650 median income of households *not* on SNAP

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households <i>not</i> Receiving SNAP
Households:		
With one or more people 60 years and over	31.30%	47.90%
With child(ren) under 18 years	46.30%	22.40%
With disabled individual(s)	51.20%	31.10%
Below poverty level ¹	56.40%	10.40%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	94.00%	96.20%
Black or African American	4.30%	2.20%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	0.20%	0.70%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1.20%	0.80%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	31.40%	20.50%
1 worker in the past 12 months	45.90%	31.00%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	22.70%	48.50%


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>.

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WEST VIRGINIA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

15% of households receive SNAP

\$16,592 median income of households on SNAP

\$54,708 median income of households *not* on SNAP

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households <i>not</i> Receiving SNAP
Households:		
With one or more people 60 years and over	31.40%	47.40%
With child(ren) under 18 years	52.80%	24.70%
With disabled individual(s)	52.80%	29.40%
Below poverty level ¹	58.30%	8.80%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	87.60%	94.30%
Black or African American	9.20%	3.60%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	0.40%	0.50%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	0.60%	1.00%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	32.90%	18.00%
1 worker in the past 12 months	50.60%	30.60%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	16.50%	51.30%




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WEST VIRGINIA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

22% of households receive SNAP

\$15,328 median income of households on SNAP

\$45,821 median income of households *not* on SNAP

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households <i>not</i> Receiving SNAP
Households:		
With one or more people 60 years and over	31.10%	51.10%
With child(ren) under 18 years	42.60%	22.70%
With disabled individual(s)	61.60%	41.80%
Below poverty level ¹	60.10%	12.80%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	92.80%	94.70%
Black or African American	5.90%	3.80%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A
Other Race	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1.00%	0.40%
Work Status		
Families With:		
No workers in the past 12 months	40.50%	29.90%
1 worker in the past 12 months	42.60%	31.90%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	16.90%	38.10%

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