

Nutrition Assistance Program Report
October 2025
US Summary

Programs	Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	40,168	41,617	41,077
Average Benefit (\$)	\$193.42	\$185.48	\$190.72
Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) *			
Participants (thousands)	12	4	5
Costs (dollars in thousands)	22	239	211
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,620	29,963	30,906
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	22,233	22,153	22,447
Percent Free/Reduced Price	72.61%	73.93%	72.63%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	18,730	16,920	18,588
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	16,102	15,695	15,985
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,882	12,749	12,780
Percent Free/Reduced Price	80.00%	81.23%	79.95%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	27,939	25,118	27,839
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	128,646	120,921	126,393
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,752	7,765	6,863
Percentage of Meals Served Free	77.76%	77.66%	77.90%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	6,908	6,921	6,908
Average Benefit (\$)	\$59.71	\$67.03	\$54.61
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	714	695	699
Average Benefit (WIC)	--	--	--
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$33.13	\$33.60	\$33.24
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	56	63	68
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$7,841	\$9,337	\$9,946
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$258,831	\$247,314	\$272,275
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$113	\$0	\$1,883
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$198,120	\$113,668	\$126,950
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$257,944	\$225,880	\$247,028
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$74	\$0	\$0
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$165,545	\$116,549	\$113,900

*States tend to distribute multiple months of P-EBT benefits in a single issuance. Benefits distributed in June, for example, may represent the value of P-EBT benefits for participants' virtual school days in the months of March through May. Because states distribute multiple months of benefits in a single issuance, participant counts must be interpreted with caution. Participants who receive a combined P-EBT benefit in June for the months of March through May will appear in the participant count for June only. A household or person who receives a combined benefit for March and April in June, and a second combined benefit for May and June in July will appear in the June and July participant counts. As result, the number of P-EBT beneficiaries is much greater than any single monthly count, but summing the participant counts across months will overstate the number of beneficiaries.