

Nutrition Assistance Program Report

September 2025

US Summary

Programs	Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	42,316	41,820	41,615
Average Benefit (\$)	\$183.67	\$186.49	\$186.13
Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) *			
Participants (thousands)	27	4	4
Costs (dollars in thousands)	2,602	5	240
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,196	22,143	29,313
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	22,290	17,149	21,723
Percent Free/Reduced Price	73.82%	77.45%	74.11%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	16,274	8,224	16,826
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	15,725	11,157	16,043
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,779	9,398	13,060
Percent Free/Reduced Price	81.27%	84.23%	81.41%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	24,821	25,790	25,181
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	114,558	93,189	117,263
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,064	7,495	6,537
Percentage of Meals Served Free	77.40%	74.06%	77.55%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	6,838	6,895	6,904
Average Benefit (\$)	\$66.46	\$66.06	\$66.83
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	711	695	695
Average Benefit (WIC)	--	--	--
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$33.08	\$32.64	\$33.60
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	54	63	64
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$7,433	\$9,008	\$9,387
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 a 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.