

Nutrition Assistance Program Report
April 2026
US Summary

Programs	Apr 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	42,353	37,438	37,011
Average Benefit (\$)	\$186.83	\$188.60	\$186.87
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,248	29,328	29,665
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	22,210	21,403	21,705
Percent Free/Reduced Price	73.43%	72.98%	73.17%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	17,962	18,520	17,579
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	15,967	15,370	15,653
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,872	12,312	12,568
Percent Free/Reduced Price	80.61%	80.10%	80.30%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	27,929	26,279	26,646
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	130,624	126,539	125,291
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,695	6,938	6,768
Percentage of Meals Served Free	76.53%	76.70%	76.64%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	6,877	6,702	6,705
Average Benefit (\$)	\$67.60	\$63.86	\$64.78
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	709	687	687
Average Benefit (WIC)	--	--	--
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$33.10	\$33.96	\$33.70
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	59	69	70
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$8,378	\$9,585	\$9,484
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$116,821	\$178,248	\$121,996
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$25	\$0	--
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$95,445	\$55,478	\$83,295

*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.