

**Nutrition Assistance Program Report**  
**February 2026**  
**US Summary**

Programs	Feb 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	42,181	38,535	37,871
Average Benefit (\$)	\$187.46	\$190.41	\$190.86
<b>National School Lunch Program</b>			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	29,990	29,221	29,576
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	22,033	21,239	21,640
Percent Free/Reduced Price	73.47%	72.68%	73.17%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	17,418	16,709	16,863
<b>School Breakfast Program</b>			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	15,504	15,082	15,344
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,547	12,101	12,339
Percent Free/Reduced Price	80.93%	80.24%	80.41%
<b>Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)</b>			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	24,473	23,659	23,646
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	114,246	107,176	111,411
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,894	6,324	6,546
Percentage of Meals Served Free	77.21%	77.19%	77.51%
<b>Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	6,798	6,695	6,641
Average Benefit (\$)	\$64.09	\$66.61	\$63.81
<b>Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	696	674	679
Average Benefit (WIC)	--	--	--
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$33.32	\$32.78	\$32.93
<b>Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	55	69	67
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$7,770	\$9,344	\$9,325
<b>USDA Food Donations (All Programs)</b>			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$168,262	\$185,868	\$156,510
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$1	\$0	\$0
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$96,540	\$63,552	\$52,971

\*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.