

Nutrition Assistance Program Report
January 2026
US Summary

Programs	Jan 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	42,828	39,204	38,548
Average Benefit (\$)	\$185.91	\$191.14	\$190.55
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	29,797	29,352	29,429
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	21,590	21,384	21,356
Percent Free/Reduced Price	72.45%	72.85%	72.57%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	16,950	14,512	16,750
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	15,297	15,291	15,214
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,264	12,323	12,193
Percent Free/Reduced Price	80.17%	80.59%	80.14%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	26,157	24,162	24,240
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	113,817	103,061	107,094
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,348	6,796	6,256
Percentage of Meals Served Free	76.94%	77.14%	77.27%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	6,819	6,712	6,690
Average Benefit (\$)	\$64.07	\$63.60	\$67.77
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	696	688	674
Average Benefit (WIC)	--	--	--
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$33.14	\$32.81	\$32.78
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	58	67	69
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$8,331	\$9,522	\$9,344
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$199,324	\$201,268	\$185,771
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$46	\$1,606	\$0
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$128,395	\$102,537	\$63,552

*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.