

**Nutrition Assistance Program Report**

**May 2026**

**US Summary**

| <b>Programs</b>                                                 | <b>May 2025</b> | <b>Apr 2026</b> | <b>May 2026</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</b>         |                 |                 |                 |
| Participants (thousands)                                        | 42,248          | 37,079          | 36,562          |
| Average Benefit (\$)                                            | \$186.19        | \$188.32        | \$187.48        |
| <b>National School Lunch Program</b>                            |                 |                 |                 |
| Average Daily Participation (thousands)                         | 28,641          | 29,668          | 28,224          |
| Participating Children (Free/Reduced)                           | 20,949          | 21,730          | 20,535          |
| Percent Free/Reduced Price                                      | 73.14%          | 73.24%          | 72.76%          |
| Total Snacks Served (in thousands)                              | 16,452          | 17,732          | 15,322          |
| <b>School Breakfast Program</b>                                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Average Daily Participation (thousands)                         | 15,245          | 15,690          | 15,090          |
| Participating Children (Free/Reduced)                           | 12,223          | 12,615          | 12,049          |
| Percent Free/Reduced Price                                      | 80.17%          | 80.40%          | 79.85%          |
| <b>Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)</b>                |                 |                 |                 |
| Meals Served in Homes (thousands)                               | 27,436          | 26,307          | 25,512          |
| Meals Served in Centers (thousands)                             | 124,651         | 128,280         | 116,256         |
| Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)                  | 6,700           | 6,960           | 6,570           |
| Percentage of Meals Served Free                                 | 75.87%          | 76.51%          | 75.94%          |
| <b>Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)</b>             |                 |                 |                 |
| Participants (thousands)                                        | 6,895           | 6,708           | 6,673           |
| Average Benefit (\$)                                            | \$65.42         | \$63.12         | \$63.19         |
| <b>Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)</b>               |                 |                 |                 |
| Participants (thousands)                                        | 695             | 687             | 684             |
| Average Benefit (WIC)                                           | --              | --              | --              |
| Average Benefit (Elderly)                                       | \$33.86         | \$33.68         | \$34.35         |
| <b>Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)</b> |                 |                 |                 |
| Participants (thousands)                                        | 58              | 70              | 70              |
| Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)                         | \$8,539         | \$9,471         | \$9,224         |
| <b>USDA Food Donations (All Programs)</b>                       |                 |                 |                 |
| Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)                        | \$85,138        | \$122,072       | \$87,231        |
| Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)                              | \$1             | --              | --              |
| TEFAP (dollars in thousands)                                    | \$108,991       | \$83,295        | \$114,914       |

\*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.

| Programs | May 2025 | Apr 2026 | May 2026 |
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