

Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
August 2022
US Summary

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Programs	Aug 2021	Jul 2022	Aug 2022
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	40,825	41,119	41,183
Average Benefit (\$)	\$226.34	\$228.06	\$226.99
Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) *			
Participants (thousands)	18,139	8,114	8,600
Costs (dollars in thousands)	6,353,119	1,591,495	1,989,410
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	30,240	27,017	29,984
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	91,752	72,012	95,862
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,608	5,412	6,016
Percentage of Meals Served Free	75.71%	69.93%	74.27%
Summer Food Service Program (July & August)			
Total Meals Served (thousands)	83,014	78,327	56,035
Total SFSP Cost (dollars in thousands)	259,611	261,577	192,393
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	6,157	6,282	6,364
Average Benefit (\$)	\$38.09	\$51.04	\$53.85
National School Lunch Program - Seamless Summer Option (SSO)**			
SSO Lunch - Average Daily Lunches (thousands)	17,480	1,286	1,107
SSO Breakfast - Average Daily Breakfasts (thousands)	8,944	792	1,114
SSO Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	274	276	85
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	662	666	681
Average Benefit (WIC)	--	--	--
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$28.78	\$36.21	\$35.08
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	42	49	50
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$3,623	\$4,692	\$4,922
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$180,049	\$136,230	\$160,182
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$128	\$3,398	\$6,546
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$109,681	\$75,391	\$75,263

*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.

The average daily participation for CN programs is calculated by taking into account meals served and days of operation. However, the COVID-19 emergency - including the waivers and flexibilities that have been provided - has introduced considerable variability in the data, especially surrounding the number of days of operation. Therefore, for this period, this report reflects the number of meals served for CN programs versus the number of children participating. The waivers for SY 2020-2021 and SY 2021-2022 to support operations during the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the reporting of schools participating in NSLP and SBP. In SY 2020-2021 many schools served meals through the Summer Food Service Program and in SY 2021-2022 many schools served meals through the Seamless Summer Option (SSO).