

**Nutrition Assistance Program Report  
December 2024  
US Summary**

Programs	Dec 2023	Nov 2024	Dec 2024
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	41,336	42,851	42,791
Average Benefit (\$)	\$189.99	\$192.91	\$189.39
<b>Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) *</b>			
Participants (thousands)	139	5	2
Costs (dollars in thousands)	44,873	620	106
<b>National School Lunch Program</b>			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	29,230	30,402	29,517
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	20,782	22,113	21,445
Percent Free/Reduced Price	71.10%	72.74%	72.65%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	13,584	15,191	14,099
<b>School Breakfast Program</b>			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	15,221	16,215	15,427
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,067	13,033	12,404
Percent Free/Reduced Price	79.28%	80.37%	80.40%
<b>Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)</b>			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	24,098	23,783	23,297
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	95,867	104,645	96,666
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,531	6,014	6,014
Percentage of Meals Served Free	76.80%	77.28%	77.33%
<b>Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	6,543	6,826	6,735
Average Benefit (\$)	\$65.16	\$63.36	\$65.79
<b>Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	724	714	700
Average Benefit (WIC)	--	--	--
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$32.85	\$32.83	\$33.12
<b>Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	51	55	53
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$7,341	\$7,830	\$7,653
<b>USDA Food Donations (All Programs)</b>			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$197,770	\$197,884	\$196,618
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$2	\$240	\$99
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$186,029	\$176,268	\$164,098

\*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.