

Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
October 2022
US Summary

Programs	Oct 2021	Sep 2022	Oct 2022
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	41,200	41,623	42,338
Average Benefit (\$)	\$241.55	\$224.28	\$253.43
Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) *			
Participants (thousands)	10,234	7,376	8,918
Costs (dollars in thousands)	3,568,871	1,707,910	2,715,697
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,757	23,736	27,401
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	30,703	16,463	19,734
Percent Free/Reduced Price	99.82%	69.36%	72.02%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	15,078	14,307	18,225
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	15,999	11,894	15,414
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	15,977	9,368	12,696
Percent Free/Reduced Price	99.86%	78.76%	82.37%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	27,537	26,651	24,758
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	145,393	108,146	110,733
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,433	5,738	5,110
Percentage of Meals Served Free	82.27%	76.84%	78.50%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	6,208	6,388	6,378
Average Benefit (\$)	\$38.86	\$52.55	\$45.95
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	654	687	688
Average Benefit (WIC)	--	--	--
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$29.39	\$37.18	\$36.15
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	44	49	49
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$3,831	\$4,828	\$4,747
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$222,475	\$222,121	\$242,303
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$136	\$5,430	\$1,104
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$106,602	\$76,608	\$124,519

*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.

*In SY 2021-2022 many schools served meals through the Seamless Summer Option (SSO). NSLP and SBP data for October 2021 includes meals served through the SSO.