

Nutrition Assistance Program Report
October 2024
US Summary

Programs	Oct 2023	Sep 2024	Oct 2024
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	41,694	42,258	42,643
Average Benefit (\$)	\$188.12	\$189.18	\$195.45
Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) *			
Participants (thousands)	104	23	22
Costs (dollars in thousands)	71,644	3,187	2,616
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,092	29,967	29,998
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	21,495	22,124	21,677
Percent Free/Reduced Price	71.43%	73.83%	72.26%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	19,218	15,963	18,355
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	15,855	15,601	15,718
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,563	12,682	12,580
Percent Free/Reduced Price	79.24%	81.29%	80.04%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	28,125	25,300	26,704
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	125,648	113,501	118,195
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,050	6,006	6,324
Percentage of Meals Served Free	77.41%	77.30%	77.83%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	6,683	6,837	6,871
Average Benefit (\$)	\$52.80	\$66.31	\$58.22
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	728	711	716
Average Benefit (WIC)	--	--	--
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$33.10	\$33.08	\$33.04
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	54	54	56
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$6,902	\$7,449	\$7,706
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$230,233	\$249,394	\$258,615
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$3	\$74	\$114
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$264,761	\$165,545	\$199,282

*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.