

Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
September 2022
US Summary

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Programs	Sep 2021	Aug 2022	Sep 2022
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	40,847	40,825	41,665
Average Benefit (\$)	\$223.22	\$226.34	\$334.14
Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) *			
Participants (thousands)	10,945	9,109	5,924
Costs (dollars in thousands)	3,066,870	2,433,152	1,732,806
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	437	15,883	21,613
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	381	11,886	15,507
Percent Free/Reduced Price	87.18%	74.83%	71.75%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	11,850	6,473	12,456
National School Lunch Program - Seamless Summer Option (SSO)**			
SSO Lunch - Average Daily Participation (thousands)	27,907	1,577	84
SSO Breakfast - Average Daily Participation (thousands)	14,206	1,453	56
SSO Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	560	40	0
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	255	7,419	12,030
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	237	6,198	9,909
Percent Free/Reduced Price	92.96%	83.54%	82.37%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	27,433	30,009	26,513
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	126,176	98,337	117,794
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,657	6,045	5,601
Percentage of Meals Served Free	80.93%	74.10%	79.00%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	6,174	6,382	6,367
Average Benefit (\$)	\$33.56	\$55.59	\$51.03
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	645	681	687
Average Benefit (WIC)	--	--	--
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$29.06	\$35.10	\$37.15
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	43	50	49
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$3,707	\$4,922	\$4,827
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$210,387	\$160,182	\$221,245
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$217	\$6,546	\$5,430
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$98,350	\$75,263	\$76,608

*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).