

Nutrition Assistance Program Report
September 2023
US Summary

Programs	Sep 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	41,623	41,920	41,403
Average Benefit (\$)	\$214.42	\$180.22	\$179.42
Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) *			
Participants (thousands)	7,435	11,443	4,143
Costs (dollars in thousands)	1,796,564	1,346,612	547,399
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	27,489	21,712	28,473
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	19,352	16,223	20,382
Percent Free/Reduced Price	70.40%	74.72%	71.58%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	15,294	8,024	14,926
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	13,870	10,904	14,329
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	11,041	8,954	11,448
Percent Free/Reduced Price	79.60%	82.12%	79.89%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	27,041	29,179	25,891
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	112,314	97,539	107,110
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,923	6,196	5,981
Percentage of Meals Served Free	76.83%	73.22%	76.80%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	6,390	6,719	6,656
Average Benefit (\$)	\$52.17	\$57.14	\$58.50
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	687	713	723
Average Benefit (WIC)	--	--	--
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$37.18	\$33.99	\$34.47
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	49	53	52
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$4,828	\$4,289	\$5,145
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$222,226	\$186,491	\$237,096
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$5,430	\$149	\$153
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$76,565	\$151,106	\$162,762

*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.