

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

Programs	Sep 2023	Aug 2024	Sep 2024
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	45,889	42,272	42,316
Average Benefit (\$)	\$176.37	\$189.93	\$189.55
<b>Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) *</b>			
Participants (thousands)	4,238	44	23
Costs (dollars in thousands)	588,702	19,181	3,187
<b>National School Lunch Program</b>			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	29,268	22,373	29,708
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	21,129	17,336	21,827
Percent Free/Reduced Price	72.19%	77.49%	73.47%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	15,989	8,750	15,410
<b>School Breakfast Program</b>			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	15,280	11,224	16,790
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,245	9,473	13,645
Percent Free/Reduced Price	80.14%	84.40%	81.27%
<b>Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)</b>			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	25,816	28,303	24,990
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	112,179	99,265	110,399
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,671	6,702	5,932
Percentage of Meals Served Free	76.93%	73.85%	76.90%
<b>Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	6,677	6,830	6,817
Average Benefit (\$)	\$60.00	\$63.02	\$64.84
<b>Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	723	693	711
Average Benefit (WIC)	--	--	--
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$34.31	\$34.01	\$33.05
<b>Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	52	55	54
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$6,355	\$7,629	\$7,426
<b>USDA Food Donations (All Programs)</b>			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$235,115	\$224,784	\$249,509
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$3	\$1,182	\$74
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$230,972	\$218,987	\$165,545

\*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.