

Introduction

The Program Access Index (PAI) is one of the measures FNS uses to reward States for high performance in the administration of the Food Stamp Program. Performance awards were authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (also known as the Farm Bill). The PAI is designed to indicate the degree to which low-income people have access to food stamp benefits.

The PAI is not, strictly speaking, a measure of participation among people eligible for benefits. For most purposes, the participation rate among people eligible for benefits is a better measure of program performance.¹ FNS uses the poverty-based PAI because it is the best measure available in time to meet the law's requirements. The 2002 Farm Bill that authorizes the State performance awards requires payment by the end of the fiscal year following the period of performance – by September 2006 for performance during fiscal year 2005, for example. The timing of the release of the official poverty statistics each year enables calculation of a PAI in time to meet the law's requirements. There is not enough time to complete the more precise estimates of the number of people eligible for food stamp benefits. Waiting for the more precise estimates is inconsistent with the law and would also delay payments to States.

FNS issued a final rule on February 7, 2005 codifying the procedures for calculating and awarding performance bonuses. The final rule modified the calculation of the PAI for calendar year 2005 and beyond and provided FNS with

¹ See for example *Reaching Those in Need: State Food Stamp Participation Rates in 2003* by Laura Castner and Allen Schirm, available on-line at www.fns.usda.gov/oane/MENU/Published/FSP/FILES/Participation/Reaching2003.pdf

the option of using the American Community Survey (ACS) instead of the Current Population Survey (CPS) for poverty count estimates.² In addition, the final rule changed the name of the measure to the Program Access Index (PAI).

The purpose of this step-by-step guide is to describe the calculation of the PAI in detail. It includes all of the data, adjustments, and calculations used in determining the PAI for every State in 2005.

Calculating the PAI

In general, the PAI is a simple index of the average monthly number of food stamp participants over the course of a calendar year to the number of people with income below 125 percent of the official poverty line in each State. FNS computes average monthly participation over a calendar year – rather than the Federal fiscal year – to better align the participation count with the annual poverty measure.

FNS makes an adjustment to the counts of participants, the numerator of this index, to better reflect State performance in the administration of the Food Stamp Program. FNS subtracts out estimates of the number of people who received food stamp disaster assistance. Disaster assistance is approved in limited circumstances and operates under special rules that differ from those of the regular Food Stamp Program. The adjustment is intended to

² FNS recently completed a comparative analysis of the merits of the ACS and CPS surveys and determined that the ACS provided a better basis for the calculation of the Program Access Index beginning with the 2005 high performance bonuses. See *Estimating the Number of People in Poverty for the Program Access Index: The American Community Survey vs. the Current Population Survey* available on-line at www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/rules/Memo/06/080206a.pdf

account for only those disaster assistance recipients who are new to the program – not existing participants who are issued replacement benefits. The quality of this adjustment depends in part on the accuracy of data reported by States to FNS on the operations of disaster assistance programs.

FNS makes two adjustments to the poverty counts, the denominator of the index. Participants in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are subtracted from the number of people with income below 125% percent of poverty in each state. Participants in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) would qualify for food stamps, but have opted to take the FDPIR commodity package instead. In addition, poor

SSI recipients in California are subtracted from the number of people with income below 125% of poverty. By law, SSI recipients in California are ineligible for food stamps because they receive a State-funded cash supplement for food. The number of participants in FDPIR and California SSI recipients offers no information on the effectiveness of State food stamp agency operations.

FNS awards performance bonuses to the four States with the highest PAI and to the four States with the most improved PAI. If a State qualifies under both the best and most improved criteria, it is awarded the bonus for most improved, and the State with the next highest PAI is awarded a bonus for best performance.

Step-By-Step Guide

The description that follows provides a step-by-step description of the calculation of the PAI, using the calculation of the 2005 PAI for Alabama as an example. The column references in the Alabama example as well as the calculations for all States can be found in the accompanying Excel Workbook.

Description	Example (Alabama)
<p>Step 1: Determine number of food stamp participants (CY 2005)</p> <p>The number of annual food stamp participants is the sum of the monthly counts from January to December 2005. The monthly counts are extracted from the Food and Nutrition Service National Data Bank and displayed in the <i>FSP Participants</i> worksheet. The annual total is calculated in the last column of <i>FSP Participants</i>, and carried into Column B of <i>PAI Calculation</i>.</p>	<p>Column B:</p> <p>6,764,433</p>
<p>Step 2: Determine number of FDPIR participants (CY 2005)</p> <p>The number of annual FDPIR participants is the sum of the monthly counts from January to December 2005. The monthly counts are extracted from the Food and Nutrition Service National Data Bank and displayed in the <i>FDPIR Participants</i> worksheet. The annual total is calculated in the last column of <i>FDPIR Participants</i>, and carried into Column C of <i>PAI Calculation</i>.</p>	<p>Column C:</p> <p>0</p>
<p>Step 3: Determine number of disaster assistance participants (CY 2005)</p> <p>The number of disaster assistance participants is calculated in the <i>Disaster Assistance</i> worksheet. State and disaster specific adjustments are made to reflect the disaster policy in effect. For disasters that lasted more than a month, the reduction in</p>	<p>Column D:</p> <p>165,816</p>

<p>participation was adjusted to reflect that. The annual total for all States is displayed in Column I of <i>Disaster Assistance</i>, and carried into Column D of <i>PAI Calculation</i>.</p>	
<p>Step 4: Calculate adjusted number of annual participants (CY 2005)</p> <p>The adjusted annual number of participants is the annual number of FSP participants (Column B) minus the number of disaster assistance recipients (Column D).</p>	<p>Column E:</p> <p>6,764,433 - 165,816 =6,598,617</p>
<p>Step 5: Calculate adjusted average monthly participants (CY 2005)</p> <p>The adjusted monthly average number of participants is equal to the annual number (Column E) divided by 12.</p>	<p>Column F:</p> <p>6,598,617 ÷ 12 = 549,885</p>
<p>Step 6: Determine the number of individuals with income below 125 percent of poverty</p> <p>Estimates of the number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty are published annually by the Bureau of the Census and are available on-line via the American FactFinder. The 2005 ACS estimates are displayed in Column G.</p>	<p>Column G:</p> <p>1,004,423</p>
<p>Step 7: Calculate adjustment for SSI recipients in California</p> <p>This adjustment is based on the number of SSI recipients among the population with income below 125 percent of the official poverty threshold in California. In 2005 287,382 poor individuals in California received SSI. Column H provides the estimate based on the 2005 ACS and is available on-line via the DataFerrett.</p>	<p>Column H:</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Step 8: Calculate monthly FDPIR participants (CY 2005)</p> <p>The monthly average number of FDPIR participants is equal to the annual number of FDPIR participants (Column C) divided by 12.</p>	<p>Column I:</p> <p>0 ÷ 12 = 0</p>
<p>Step 9: Calculate adjusted number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty</p> <p>The adjusted number of people with income below 125% of poverty is equal to the official counts of persons below 125% of poverty (Column G) minus the Monthly FDPIR Participants (Column I). For California, the adjusted number of people in poverty (Column J) is equal to the official counts of persons below 125% of poverty (Column G) minus the Monthly FDPIR Participants (Column I) minus the SSI adjustment (Column H). The SSI adjustment is not applied in any other State.</p>	<p>Column J:</p> <p>1,004,423 -0 -0 =1,004,423</p>

<p>Step 10: Calculate the Program Access Index for 2005</p> <p>The final PAI is an index of the adjusted count of participants to the adjusted estimate of persons living at 125% below the official poverty line, Column F divided by Column J.</p>	<p>Column K:</p> $\begin{array}{r} 549,885 \\ \div 1,004,423 \\ = 0.547 \end{array}$
<p>Step 11: Rank Order States by Program Access Index</p> <p>State rankings are determined in descending order, from highest to lowest. The four (4) States with the highest ranks qualify for a performance award for best performance.</p>	<p>Column L:</p> <p>21</p>
<p>Step 12: Determine the Program Access Index for 2004</p> <p>The 2004 PAI was calculated in the same fashion, using prior year data.</p>	<p>Column M:</p> <p>0.533</p>
<p>Step 13: Calculate the difference between 2005 and 2004 PAIs</p> <p>The difference is equal to the 2005 PAI (Column K) minus the 2004 PAI (Column M). This provides the percentage point difference between 2004 and 2003. A positive difference indicates improvement; a negative difference indicates a reduction.</p>	<p>Column N:</p> $\begin{array}{r} 0.547 \\ - 0.533 \\ = 0.014 \end{array}$
<p>Step 14: Rank Order States by the difference in 2005 and 2004 PAIs</p> <p>State rankings are determined in descending order, from highest to lowest. The four (4) States with the highest ranks qualify for a performance award for most improved.</p>	<p>Column O:</p> <p>26</p>

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Calculation of Food Stamp Program Access Index: 2005

Worksheet Name	Column Description
PAI Calculation	B Annual count of food stamp participants (set equal to column N of Annual FSP Participants Worksheet)
	C Annual count of FDPIR participants (set equal to column N of Annual FDPIR Participants Worksheet)
	D Annual count of disaster assistance recipients (set equal to column B of Disaster Assistance Worksheet)
	E Adjusted annual count of participants (set equal to column B - Column D)
	F Adjusted monthly average count of participants (set equal to column E divided by 12)
	G Count of persons in households with income less than 125% of poverty from 2005 ACS American FactFinder: 2005 ACS
	H CA Adjustment: Number of CA persons who receive SSI and have income less than 125% of poverty from ACS DataFerret: 2005 ACS
	I Monthly FDPIR Participants (set equal to column C divided by 12)
	J Adjusted count of persons in households with income below 125% of poverty (set equal to column G - column H - column I)
	K Program Access Index (set equal to column F divided by column J)
	L Rank of program access index, in descending order
	M Program Access Index, 2004
	N Percentage point difference (set equal to column K - column M)
	O Rank of differences, in descending order
FSP Participants	Counts of individual food stamp participants by State and month in calendar year 2005. Extracted from National Data Bank on August 21, 2006. Annual total shown in last column.
FDPIR Participants	Counts of individual participants in Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations by State and month in calendar year 2005. Extracted from National Data Bank on August 21, 2006. Annual total shown in last column.
Disaster Assistance	Counts of individual recipients of disaster assistance; includes only new participants, excludes replacement issuances.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
		Annual Food Stamp Participants	Annual FDIPIR Participants	Disaster Assistance	Adjusted Annual Participation	Adjusted Monthly Participants	ACS 125% Poverty Count	CA SSI Adjustment	Monthly FDIPIR Participants	Adjusted Poverty Count					
1	State										2005 PAI	Rank	2004 PAI	Improvement	Rank
2	Alabama	6,764,433	-	165,816	6,598,617	549,885	1,004,423	-	-	1,004,423	0.547	21	0.533	0.0141	26
3	Alaska	671,807	-	-	671,807	55,984	94,045	-	-	94,045	0.595	14	0.759	-0.1641	51
4	Arizona	6,616,611	164,479	-	6,616,611	551,384	1,134,015	-	13,707	1,120,308	0.492	30	0.483	0.0094	29
5	Arkansas	4,555,477	-	32,573	4,522,904	376,909	628,479	-	-	628,479	0.600	13	0.571	0.0284	16
6	California	23,989,939	77,355	-	23,989,939	1,999,162	6,391,180	287,382	6,446	6,097,352	0.328	51	0.310	0.0183	25
7	Colorado	2,883,321	6,736	-	2,883,321	240,277	692,505	-	561	691,944	0.347	49	0.363	-0.0158	41
8	Connecticut	2,470,995	-	-	2,470,995	205,916	369,561	-	-	369,561	0.557	20	0.553	0.0043	33
9	Delaware	755,819	-	-	755,819	62,985	111,022	-	-	111,022	0.567	17	0.531	0.0367	10
10	District of Columbia	1,074,211	-	-	1,074,211	89,518	122,869	-	-	122,869	0.729	2	0.745	-0.0168	43
11	Florida	17,368,051	-	2,355,336	15,012,715	1,251,060	3,063,504	-	-	3,063,504	0.408	44	0.431	-0.0229	44
12	Georgia	11,269,365	-	58,464	11,210,901	934,242	1,656,952	-	-	1,656,952	0.564	18	0.526	0.0380	8
13	Hawaii	1,113,635	-	-	1,113,635	92,803	153,779	-	-	153,779	0.603	12	0.568	0.0359	12
14	Idaho	1,120,566	20,983	-	1,120,566	93,381	268,437	-	1,749	266,688	0.350	48	0.330	0.0197	24
15	Illinois	14,157,515	-	6,322	14,151,193	1,179,266	1,949,943	-	-	1,949,943	0.605	11	0.555	0.0498	2
16	Indiana	6,742,326	-	12,779	6,729,547	560,796	984,804	-	-	984,804	0.569	16	0.586	-0.0163	42
17	Iowa	2,541,934	-	-	2,541,934	211,828	428,615	-	-	428,615	0.494	28	0.446	0.0482	4
18	Kansas	2,157,736	5,462	-	2,157,736	179,811	423,149	-	455	422,694	0.425	41	0.426	-0.0002	37
19	Kentucky	6,924,463	-	3,574	6,920,889	576,741	893,326	-	-	893,326	0.646	5	0.609	0.0362	11
20	Louisiana	11,587,455	-	3,284,032	8,303,423	691,952	1,087,046	-	-	1,087,046	0.637	8	0.677	-0.0408	47
21	Maine	1,868,539	-	-	1,868,539	155,712	215,264	-	-	215,264	0.723	3	0.685	0.0382	7
22	Maryland	3,526,167	-	-	3,526,167	293,847	596,791	-	-	596,791	0.492	29	0.458	0.0349	14
23	Massachusetts	4,615,941	-	-	4,615,941	384,662	812,569	-	-	812,569	0.473	34	0.454	0.0197	23
24	Michigan	12,842,517	21,681	-	12,842,517	1,070,210	1,673,317	-	1,807	1,671,510	0.640	7	0.603	0.0378	9
25	Minnesota	3,136,344	31,695	655	3,135,689	261,307	628,118	-	2,641	625,477	0.418	43	0.453	-0.0351	46
26	Mississippi	4,918,476	10,328	855,710	4,062,766	338,564	775,355	-	861	774,494	0.437	40	0.480	-0.0432	48
27	Missouri	9,321,028	-	-	9,321,028	776,752	1,002,946	-	-	1,002,946	0.774	1	0.780	-0.0060	38
28	Montana	976,065	42,150	-	976,065	81,339	176,511	-	3,513	172,999	0.470	37	0.448	0.0217	21
29	Nebraska	1,417,276	13,894	-	1,417,276	118,106	261,365	-	1,158	260,207	0.454	39	0.445	0.0093	30
30	Nevada	1,449,711	18,364	-	1,449,711	120,809	362,780	-	1,530	361,250	0.334	50	0.314	0.0207	22
31	New Hampshire	641,443	-	-	641,443	53,454	127,301	-	-	127,301	0.420	42	0.378	0.0420	6
32	New Jersey	4,766,228	-	-	4,766,228	397,186	995,575	-	-	995,575	0.399	45	0.396	0.0029	34
33	New Mexico	2,907,555	46,811	769	2,906,786	242,232	467,039	-	3,901	463,138	0.523	26	0.496	0.0265	19
34	New York	21,213,360	4,513	-	21,213,360	1,767,780	3,302,501	-	376	3,302,125	0.535	23	0.486	0.0496	3
35	North Carolina	9,779,400	5,176	7,189	9,772,211	814,351	1,683,057	-	431	1,682,626	0.484	31	0.451	0.0325	15
36	North Dakota	510,550	60,421	-	510,550	42,546	94,056	-	5,035	89,021	0.478	32	0.430	0.0478	5
37	Ohio	12,269,213	-	-	12,269,213	1,022,434	1,892,247	-	-	1,892,247	0.540	22	0.532	0.0087	31
38	Oklahoma	5,146,879	367,260	2,949	5,143,930	428,661	755,932	-	30,605	725,327	0.591	15	0.601	-0.0105	40
39	Oregon	5,170,390	12,050	-	5,170,390	430,866	671,762	-	1,004	670,758	0.642	6	0.641	0.0017	36
40	Pennsylvania	12,710,042	-	12	12,710,030	1,059,169	1,886,092	-	-	1,886,092	0.562	19	0.534	0.0275	18
41	Rhode Island	905,416	-	-	905,416	75,451	160,892	-	-	160,892	0.469	38	0.461	0.0077	32
42	South Carolina	6,313,900	-	4,901	6,308,999	525,750	856,335	-	-	856,335	0.614	10	0.612	0.0024	35
43	South Dakota	682,898	135,480	-	682,898	56,908	132,323	-	11,290	121,033	0.470	36	0.514	-0.0440	49
44	Tennessee	10,315,270	-	21,495	10,293,775	857,815	1,204,275	-	-	1,204,275	0.712	4	0.737	-0.0251	45
45	Texas	30,726,819	-	1,034,500	29,692,319	2,474,360	5,188,250	-	-	5,188,250	0.477	33	0.483	-0.0064	39
46	Utah	1,611,250	3,331	-	1,611,250	134,271	349,636	-	278	349,358	0.384	47	0.361	0.0236	20
47	Vermont	548,164	-	-	548,164	45,680	87,517	-	-	87,517	0.522	27	0.567	-0.0454	50
48	Virginia	5,938,091	-	-	5,938,091	494,841	943,192	-	-	943,192	0.525	25	0.497	0.0276	17
49	Washington	6,220,891	51,249	-	6,220,891	518,408	972,717	-	4,271	968,446	0.535	24	0.460	0.0751	1
50	West Virginia	3,176,884	-	-	3,176,884	264,740	418,785	-	-	418,785	0.632	9	0.623	0.0094	28
51	Wisconsin	4,227,000	50,087	1,024	4,225,976	352,165	752,472	-	4,174	748,298	0.471	35	0.435	0.0355	13
52	Wyoming	303,100	8,877	-	303,100	25,258	65,276	-	740	64,536	0.391	46	0.378	0.0130	27
53	US	314,922,466	1,158,382	7,848,099	307,074,367	25,589,531	50,969,902	287,382	96,532	50,585,988	0.506		0.491	0.0147	

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State/Territory	Jan 2005	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	May 2005	Jun 2005	Jul 2005	Aug 2005	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Annual Sum
Alabama	532,858	526,276	530,652	531,326	533,982	537,897	539,892	541,754	768,490	605,970	558,289	557,047	6,764,433
Alaska	55,911	57,557	58,585	59,239	58,934	58,513	56,857	56,307	55,323	44,532	53,965	56,084	671,807
Arizona	543,646	543,041	545,903	544,740	547,671	551,080	556,592	556,639	559,878	554,823	556,184	556,414	6,616,611
Arkansas	372,049	370,080	372,293	370,749	372,916	373,959	376,308	376,308	393,513	395,821	391,358	390,123	4,555,477
California	1,988,759	1,983,187	1,998,531	1,990,739	1,996,754	1,995,931	1,991,121	1,998,974	2,013,218	2,014,236	2,010,032	2,008,457	23,989,939
Colorado	249,591	240,139	254,542	248,888	242,306	248,113	216,815	245,776	252,385	214,208	218,492	252,066	2,883,321
Connecticut	202,701	202,711	203,563	204,093	204,952	204,955	205,904	207,021	207,764	209,164	208,822	209,345	2,470,995
Delaware	60,716	60,519	62,126	61,040	62,891	61,143	62,334	63,842	64,287	64,287	65,999	66,635	755,819
District of Columbia	85,932	88,355	88,719	88,973	85,051	89,438	90,988	87,248	92,363	92,547	92,595	92,002	1,074,211
Florida	1,325,491	1,259,644	1,242,766	1,226,093	1,249,673	1,264,328	1,268,620	1,259,562	1,284,886	1,284,958	3,361,916	1,340,114	17,368,051
Georgia	919,932	910,390	908,667	906,613	913,301	920,022	919,555	928,479	985,607	980,779	990,028	985,992	11,269,365
Hawaii	96,581	93,329	94,636	93,391	92,079	92,944	92,944	91,943	91,038	91,607	89,608	91,298	1,113,635
Idaho	94,699	94,124	96,744	95,656	95,502	94,956	92,936	90,920	90,446	90,299	91,453	92,831	1,120,566
Illinois	1,136,683	1,137,841	1,157,657	1,154,342	1,153,470	1,176,006	1,185,658	1,192,846	1,212,827	1,216,952	1,196,222	1,237,011	14,157,515
Indiana	557,686	563,206	558,870	556,058	556,605	557,207	554,776	563,146	564,445	566,569	570,242	573,516	6,742,326
Iowa	203,524	204,992	208,138	209,328	209,189	210,660	210,660	213,650	215,833	218,848	219,593	218,848	2,541,934
Kansas	176,801	176,385	175,779	176,923	176,929	177,503	179,643	181,355	182,461	185,385	184,080	184,492	2,157,736
Kentucky	570,871	566,601	570,155	567,410	569,180	571,980	573,731	582,231	584,770	587,343	589,236	590,955	6,924,463
Louisiana	733,299	731,438	733,769	732,432	731,103	740,440	743,772	744,230	1,598,059	1,752,897	1,611,553	734,463	11,587,455
Maine	148,927	152,705	154,652	154,498	153,654	154,104	157,266	157,470	157,991	157,960	159,978	159,334	1,868,539
Maryland	285,809	282,878	284,512	285,183	287,225	292,340	292,994	297,101	302,063	303,546	305,223	307,293	3,526,167
Massachusetts	357,406	357,238	358,773	359,667	361,990	364,363	392,052	398,392	403,304	406,054	427,840	428,862	4,615,941
Michigan	1,032,892	1,037,966	1,046,617	1,051,803	1,057,950	1,063,550	1,067,795	1,081,270	1,089,572	1,101,788	1,101,523	1,109,791	12,842,517
Minnesota	261,396	256,439	261,327	258,289	261,057	260,095	263,242	263,718	261,067	265,616	259,244	264,854	3,136,344
Mississippi	384,360	369,314	376,151	376,987	379,911	393,445	402,158	408,513	452,564	453,661	459,236	462,176	4,918,476
Missouri	766,730	766,138	769,847	768,350	766,325	771,589	772,398	777,434	784,632	789,214	793,527	794,844	9,321,028
Montana	80,673	81,212	81,739	81,317	81,360	81,508	81,942	81,581	80,890	80,777	81,313	81,753	976,065
Nebraska	117,498	117,283	118,065	118,028	117,290	117,651	117,435	117,648	118,725	118,498	118,852	120,303	1,417,276
Nevada	123,674	122,284	121,901	121,537	121,260	120,614	118,789	119,543	120,223	120,997	120,288	118,601	1,449,711
New Hampshire	51,793	52,177	53,185	53,247	53,104	52,840	52,791	53,282	53,788	54,595	54,975	55,666	641,443
New Jersey	386,588	387,570	390,010	393,962	393,966	397,142	399,383	399,159	402,458	403,741	404,621	407,628	4,766,228
New Mexico	240,866	239,593	239,958	240,314	240,497	241,389	240,204	243,350	244,565	245,048	245,095	246,676	2,907,555
New York	1,766,730	1,772,304	1,782,930	1,776,762	1,772,242	1,765,359	1,744,352	1,744,085	1,757,539	1,763,668	1,777,238	1,790,151	21,213,360
North Carolina	795,879	788,836	787,552	791,338	796,007	804,136	805,920	818,141	835,180	844,362	854,684	857,365	9,779,400
North Dakota	43,180	43,516	43,389	42,866	42,917	41,727	41,727	42,552	41,408	42,417	42,535	41,434	510,550
Ohio	1,007,283	988,560	1,018,259	1,006,365	1,023,603	1,010,979	1,014,775	1,029,376	1,030,714	1,041,695	1,041,960	1,055,644	12,269,213
Oklahoma	425,058	419,982	420,797	420,797	419,493	421,694	421,053	430,928	438,215	441,262	442,755	444,845	5,146,879
Oregon	429,270	429,414	431,067	431,423	430,995	431,171	428,213	429,043	431,100	431,535	432,904	434,255	5,170,390
Pennsylvania	1,037,237	1,039,750	1,043,720	1,050,195	1,049,944	1,050,413	1,056,104	1,060,718	1,067,904	1,078,611	1,083,245	1,092,201	12,710,042
Rhode Island	75,586	77,128	77,821	77,523	76,744	75,582	73,977	74,199	74,317	75,146	74,671	72,722	905,416
South Carolina	519,288	515,994	517,734	517,047	519,706	523,727	524,291	530,942	532,501	537,169	539,239	536,262	6,313,900
South Dakota	56,263	54,988	56,636	57,732	56,596	56,508	57,396	57,155	56,549	57,831	56,649	58,595	682,898
Tennessee	848,789	841,247	847,780	840,776	839,269	854,150	848,308	864,188	879,148	878,776	887,046	885,793	10,315,270
Texas	2,448,737	2,424,074	2,423,446	2,398,676	2,386,465	2,392,320	2,397,798	2,429,462	2,706,776	2,910,624	2,967,469	2,840,972	30,726,819
Utah	132,765	132,001	134,723	134,549	134,586	135,237	134,332	134,916	134,828	133,959	134,714	134,640	1,611,250
Vermont	45,340	45,392	45,546	45,770	45,041	45,275	45,295	45,470	45,929	46,001	46,424	46,681	548,164
Virginia	486,014	484,387	486,971	487,673	489,284	491,376	491,376	495,244	501,493	505,041	508,287	510,376	5,938,091
Washington	504,582	507,839	522,503	522,677	520,401	517,000	513,126	514,211	517,009	522,093	524,605	534,845	6,220,891
West Virginia	263,066	261,232	262,754	261,691	261,917	263,683	261,333	266,510	266,190	269,122	271,230	268,156	3,176,884
Wisconsin	343,919	345,878	347,938	348,988	349,270	349,194	349,467	352,053	354,720	360,423	361,862	363,288	4,227,000
Wyoming	26,537	26,061	26,248	25,757	25,234	25,333	24,636	24,296	24,334	24,589	24,906	25,169	303,100
US	25,401,865	25,231,195	25,397,191	25,321,065	25,367,355	25,493,574	25,511,034	25,724,181	27,385,289	27,637,044	29,663,805	26,788,868	314,922,466

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 FDIPIR Number of Participants

State/Territory	Jan 2005	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	May 2005	Jun 2005	Jul 2005	Aug 2005	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Annual Sum
Alabama	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Alaska	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Arizona	14,580	12,858	14,165	13,726	13,110	14,537	14,427	14,604	13,149	13,004	13,108	13,211	164,479
Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
California	7,003	6,503	7,072	7,040	6,704	6,690	5,899	6,374	6,068	6,267	6,153	5,582	77,355
Colorado	565	556	565	561	582	584	637	620	593	539	475	459	6,736
Connecticut	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Delaware	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
District of Columbia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Florida	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Georgia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Hawaii	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Idaho	1,775	1,794	1,942	1,732	1,906	1,766	1,750	1,673	1,663	1,685	1,785	1,512	20,983
Illinois	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Indiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Iowa	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Kansas	465	474	437	481	550	342	445	531	432	498	511	296	5,462
Kentucky	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Louisiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maryland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Massachusetts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Michigan	1,953	1,920	2,061	1,952	1,842	1,739	1,617	1,641	1,682	1,840	1,712	1,722	21,681
Minnesota	2,688	2,474	2,839	2,606	2,702	2,684	2,812	2,658	2,890	2,673	2,327	2,342	31,695
Mississippi	1,058	1,002	1,048	1,059	1,064	1,050	33	1,019	985	1,034	953	23	10,328
Missouri	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Montana	3,729	3,333	3,506	3,549	3,475	3,660	3,638	3,690	3,479	3,466	3,358	3,267	42,150
Nebraska	1,025	1,042	1,095	1,107	1,248	1,298	1,270	1,179	1,153	1,202	1,112	1,163	13,894
Nevada	1,703	1,559	1,622	1,648	1,517	1,565	1,446	1,427	1,486	1,459	1,443	1,489	18,364
New Hampshire	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Jersey	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Mexico	4,263	3,903	4,096	4,034	3,813	3,938	3,837	3,940	3,826	3,728	3,718	3,715	46,811
New York	396	419	411	377	354	387	353	375	300	390	398	353	4,513
North Carolina	547	509	594	562	528	9	369	504	554	477	511	12	5,176
North Dakota	5,039	4,908	5,043	5,131	5,110	5,111	5,159	5,336	5,065	4,661	5,084	4,774	60,421
Ohio	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Oklahoma	33,269	28,644	31,798	30,116	29,660	30,362	30,084	30,595	30,926	30,563	30,915	30,328	367,260
Oregon	1,122	1,024	1,002	1,011	971	992	1,044	936	1,029	949	987	983	12,050
Pennsylvania	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Rhode Island	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Carolina	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Dakota	11,854	10,408	11,527	11,599	11,425	11,477	11,646	11,585	11,415	11,038	11,310	10,196	135,480
Tennessee	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Texas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Utah	394	294	342	284	280	289	275	275	259	224	266	149	3,331
Vermont	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Washington	4,690	4,331	4,556	4,248	4,217	4,172	4,003	4,241	4,313	4,052	4,302	4,124	51,249
West Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Wisconsin	4,712	3,597	4,510	4,665	3,736	4,514	4,547	3,758	4,617	4,183	3,060	4,188	50,087
Wyoming	860	595	735	823	770	744	767	778	804	737	680	584	8,877
US	103,690	92,147	100,966	98,311	95,564	97,910	96,058	97,739	96,688	94,669	94,168	90,472	1,158,382

CALENDAR YEAR 2005 DISASTER FOOS STAMP PROGRAM			DFSP	Disaster	Actual	Estimated	Persons X
Month	Year	State	Duration	HHs	Persons	Persons	Duration
		Major Disaster Name					
January	2005	Indiana		3,642		10,937	10,937
April	2005	Pennsylvania		4		12	12
July	2005	Florida		59,567		178,876	178,876
Aug-Oct	2005	Alabama		56,841	165,816		165,816
Aug-Oct	2005	Arkansas		8,475		25,450	25,450
Aug-Oct	2005	Florida		10,741		32,255	32,255
Aug-Oct	2005	Georgia		19,469		58,464	58,464
Aug-Oct	2005	Illinois		3,179	6,322		6,322
Aug-Oct	2005	Indiana		765	1,738		1,738
Aug-Oct	2005	Kentucky		1,190		3,574	3,574
Aug-Oct	2005	Louisiana	3 Months	345,441	956,805		2,870,415
Aug-Oct	2005	Minnesota		391	655		655
Aug-Oct	2005	Mississippi	1 Month	108,030	296,826		296,826
Aug-Oct	2005	Mississippi	2 Months	40,338	115,675		231,350
Aug-Oct	2005	Mississippi	3 Months	38,397	109,178		327,534
Aug-Oct	2005	New Mexico		256		769	769
Aug-Oct	2005	North Carolina		2,394		7,189	7,189
Aug-Oct	2005	Oklahoma		1,498	2,949		2,949
Aug-Oct	2005	South Carolina		1,632		4,901	4,901
Aug-Oct	2005	Tennessee		7,158		21,495	21,495
Aug-Oct	2005	Texas*	3 Months	104,153		312,766	938,297
Aug-Oct	2005	Wisconsin		507	1,024		1,024
Sept-Oct	2005	Arkansas		2,212	7,123		7,123
Sept-Oct	2005	Louisiana		151,146	413,617		413,617
Sept-Oct	2005	Texas		32,036		96,202	96,202
October	2005	Florida		661,030	2,144,205		2,144,205
November	2005	Indiana		48	104		104
Total				1,660,540	4,222,037	752,889	7,848,099

Subtotal	2005	Indiana		4,455	1,842	10,937	12,779
Subtotal	2005	Florida		731,338	2,144,205	211,131	2,355,336
Subtotal	2005	Arkansas		10,687	7,123	25,450	32,573
Subtotal	2005	Louisiana		496,587	1,370,422	0	3,284,032
Subtotal	2005	Texas		136,189	0	408,968	1,034,500
Subtotal	2005	Mississippi		186,765	521,679	0	855,710

Sources:

(1) Disaster Food Stamp Program Chart, As of April 25, 2006

(2) Disaster Comparison Chart as of 8-30-2006

Estimated Persons is based on the weighted average of the states that have reported Actual Persons:	3.0
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Persons x Duration provides the overall disaster assistance over the duration of DFSP in the particular state.

Louisiana and Texas offered 3 months of benefits for hurricane Katrina

Jackson and Pearl River Counties in MS offered 2 months and Hancock and Harrison Counties in MS offered 3 months DFSP benefits

* There are issues with Texas' reporting of evacuee benefits - these were underreported. State is expected to submit a corrected 292 report.