

Introduction

The Program Access Index (PAI) is one of the measures FNS uses to reward States for high performance in the administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).¹ Performance awards were authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (also known as the 2002 Farm Bill). The PAI is designed to indicate the degree to which low-income people have access to SNAP 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.² 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 2009 for performance during fiscal year 2008, 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 SNAP 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 for calendar year 2005 and beyond. For this access measure, FNS uses the American Community Survey (ACS) for poverty count estimates.³ 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 2008.

Calculating the PAI

In general, the PAI is a simple index of the average monthly number of SNAP 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 SNAP Program. FNS subtracts out estimates of the number of people who received SNAP disaster assistance. Disaster assistance is approved in limited circumstances and operates under special rules

¹ Beginning October 1, 2008, the Food Stamp Program was renamed the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

² See for example *Reaching Those in Need: State Food Stamp Participation Rates in 2006* by Karen Cunyngnam, Laura Castner and Allen Schirm, available on-line at www.fns.usda.gov/ora/MENU/Published/snap/FILES/Participation/Reaching2006.pdf

³ FNS did 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/snap/rules/Memo/2006/080206a.pdf

that differ from those of the regular SNAP Program. The adjustment is intended to 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 FDPIR would qualify for SNAP, 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 percent of poverty. By law, SSI recipients in California are ineligible for SNAP 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 SNAP agency operations.

FNS awards performance bonuses to the four States with the highest PAI and to the four States with the most improved PAI, provided that a State is eligible to receive such a bonus. A state agency is not eligible for a bonus payment in any fiscal year for which it has a liability amount as a result of an excessive payment error rate in the same year. 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 following provides a step-by-step description of the calculation of the PAI, using the calculation of the 2008 PAI for Nebraska as an example. Calculations are made using unrounded numbers. The column references in the following example, along with the calculations for all States, can be found in the accompanying table: *SNAP Program Access Index Calculation: 2008*.

Description	Example (Nebraska)
<p>Step 1: Determine number of SNAP participants (CY 2008)</p> <p>The number of annual SNAP participants is the sum of the monthly counts from January to December 2008. The monthly counts are extracted from the Food and Nutrition Service National Data Bank and displayed in the <i>2008 SNAP Participants</i> table. The annual total is calculated in the last column of <i>2008 SNAP Participants</i>, and carried into Column B of <i>PAI Calculation</i>.</p>	<p>Column B:</p> <p>1,459,157</p>
<p>Step 2: Determine number of FDPIR participants (CY 2008)</p> <p>The number of annual FDPIR participants is the sum of the monthly counts from January to December 2008. The monthly counts are extracted from the Food and Nutrition Service National Data Bank and displayed in the <i>2008 FDPIR Participants</i> table. The annual total is calculated in the last column of <i>2008 FDPIR Participants</i>, and carried into Column C of <i>PAI Calculation</i>.</p>	<p>Column C:</p> <p>12,560</p>

<p>Step 3: Determine number of disaster assistance participants (CY 2008)</p> <p>The number of disaster assistance participants is calculated in the table: <i>2008 Disaster Assistance</i>. 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 participation was adjusted to reflect that. The annual total for all States is carried into Column D of <i>PAI Calculation</i>.</p>	<p>Column D:</p> <p>51,580</p>
<p>Step 4: Calculate adjusted number of annual SNAP participants (CY 2008)</p> <p>The adjusted annual number of participants is the annual number of SNAP participants (Column B) minus the number of disaster assistance recipients (Column D).</p>	<p>Column E:</p> <p>1,459,157 - 51,580 = 1,407,307</p>
<p>Step 5: Calculate adjusted average monthly SNAP participants (CY 2008)</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>1,407,307 ÷ 12 = 117,276</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 website (http://factfinder.census.gov/). The 2008 ACS estimates are displayed in Column G.</p>	<p>Column G:</p> <p>251,815</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 2008 299,007 poor individuals are estimated to have received SSI in California. Column H provides this statistic based on the 2008 ACS.</p>	<p>Column H:</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Step 8: Calculate monthly FDPIR participants (CY 2008)</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>12,560 ÷ 12 = 1,047</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>251,815 -1,047 -0 = 250,768</p>
<p>Step 10: Calculate the Program Access Index for 2008</p> <p>The final PAI is an index of the adjusted count of participants to the adjusted estimate of persons living below 125% of the official poverty line (Column F) divided by the adjusted poverty count (Column J).</p>	<p>Column K:</p> <p>117,276 ÷ 250,768 = .468</p>
<p>Step 11: Rank Order States by Program Access Index</p> <p>State rankings are determined in descending order, from highest to lowest.</p>	<p>Column L:</p> <p>41</p>
<p>Step 12: Determine the Program Access Index for 2007</p> <p>The 2007 PAI was calculated in the same fashion, using prior year data.</p>	<p>Column M:</p> <p>0.449</p>
<p>Step 13: Calculate the difference between 2008 and 2007 PAIs</p> <p>The difference is equal to the 2008 PAI (Column K) minus the 2007 PAI (Column M). This provides the percentage point difference between 2008 and 2007. A positive difference indicates improvement; a negative difference indicates a reduction.</p>	<p>Column N:</p> <p>0.468 - 0.449 = 0.0189</p>
<p>Step 14: Rank Order States by ‘Improvement’ -- the difference in 2008 and 2007 PAIs</p> <p>State rankings are determined in descending order, from highest to lowest.</p>	<p>Column O:</p> <p>36</p>

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Calculation of SNAP Program Access Index: 2008

Worksheet Name	Column	Description
PAI Calculation	B	Annual count of SNAP participants (set equal to column N of Annual SNAP 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 F of Disaster Assistance Worksheet)
	E	Adjusted annual count of SNAP participants (set equal to column B - Column D)
	F	Adjusted monthly average count of SNAP participants (set equal to column E divided by 12)
	G	Count of persons in households with income less than 125% of poverty from 2008 ACS American FactFinder: 2008 ACS
	H	CA Adjustment: Number of CA persons who receive SSI and have income less than 125% of poverty from 2008 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, 2008 (set equal to column F divided by column J)
	L	Rank of Program Access Index
	M	Program Access Index, 2007
	N	Improvement in Program Access Index from prior year (set equal to column K - column M)
	O	Rank of Improvement
SNAP Participants		Counts of individual SNAP participants by State and month in calendar year 2008. Extracted from National Data Bank in August 2009. 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 2008. Extracted from National Data Bank in August 2009. Annual total shown in last column.
Disaster Assistance		Counts of individual recipients of disaster assistance; includes only new participants, excludes replacement issuances.
2008 ACS Poverty		Counts of individuals with income below 125 percent of poverty in 2008. Extracted from the American FactFinder website (http://factfinder.census.gov)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	SNAP Program Access Index Calculation: 2008 *														
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3	State	Annual SNAP Participants	Annual FDPIR Participants	Disaster Assistance	Adjusted Annual SNAP Participants	Adjusted Monthly SNAP Participants	ACS 125% Poverty Count	CA SSI Adjustment	Monthly FDPIR Participants	Adjusted Poverty Count	2008 PAI	Rank	2007 PAI	Improvement	Rank
4	Alabama	7,061,974	-		7,061,974	588,498	954,598		-	954,598	0.616	20	0.553	0.0635	10
5	Alaska	695,961	840		695,961	57,997	79,582		70	79,512	0.729	6	0.632	0.0973	4
6	Arizona	7,929,847	174,374		7,929,847	660,821	1,245,346		14,531	1,230,815	0.537	36	0.479	0.0582	14
7	Arkansas	4,572,361	-	9,611	4,562,750	380,229	654,499		-	654,499	0.581	29	0.583	-0.0025	47
8	California	27,610,715	81,699		27,610,715	2,300,893	6,508,617	299,007	6,808	6,202,802	0.371	49	0.355	0.0156	39
9	Colorado	3,137,251	6,086	220	3,137,031	261,419	746,050		507	745,543	0.351	51	0.334	0.0166	37
10	Connecticut	2,764,297	-		2,764,297	230,358	404,704		-	404,704	0.569	31	0.595	-0.0253	50
11	Delaware	927,103	-		927,103	77,259	115,324		-	115,324	0.670	13	0.571	0.0993	2
12	District of Columbia	1,105,842	-		1,105,842	92,154	115,744		-	115,744	0.796	3	0.749	0.0468	21
13	Florida	18,566,491	-		18,566,491	1,547,208	3,207,603		-	3,207,603	0.482	40	0.424	0.0584	13
14	Georgia	12,814,730	-		12,814,730	1,067,894	1,827,577		-	1,827,577	0.584	27	0.547	0.0377	26
15	Hawaii	1,193,207	-		1,193,207	99,434	151,746		-	151,746	0.655	14	0.684	-0.0288	51
16	Idaho	1,277,014	21,140		1,277,014	106,418	266,124		1,762	264,362	0.403	46	0.356	0.0470	19
17	Illinois	15,922,936	-	82,728	15,840,208	1,320,017	2,015,130		-	2,015,130	0.655	15	0.635	0.0202	35
18	Indiana	7,731,370	-	120,495	7,610,875	634,240	1,084,556		-	1,084,556	0.585	26	0.587	-0.0025	46
19	Iowa	3,196,960	-	28,600	3,168,360	264,030	452,492		-	452,492	0.584	28	0.570	0.0133	42
20	Kansas	2,295,426	4,177		2,295,426	191,286	432,757		348	432,409	0.442	45	0.447	-0.0045	48
21	Kentucky	7,745,546	-		7,745,546	645,462	930,562		-	930,562	0.694	10	0.670	0.0238	33
22	Louisiana	9,603,414	-	1,420,657	8,182,757	681,896	957,628		-	957,628	0.712	8	0.653	0.0588	12
23	Maine	2,138,963	-		2,138,963	178,247	213,954		-	213,954	0.833	2	0.782	0.0512	16
24	Maryland	4,523,860	-		4,523,860	376,988	590,131		-	590,131	0.639	17	0.539	0.0995	1
25	Massachusetts	6,342,506	-		6,342,506	528,542	807,630		-	807,630	0.654	16	0.585	0.0696	6
26	Michigan	15,354,905	19,771		15,354,905	1,279,575	1,803,563		1,648	1,801,915	0.710	9	0.680	0.0305	30
27	Minnesota	3,601,315	27,690		3,601,315	300,110	668,567		2,308	666,260	0.450	44	0.439	0.0115	43
28	Mississippi	5,473,651	10,982		5,473,651	456,138	787,595		915	786,680	0.580	30	0.565	0.0151	40
29	Missouri	10,978,435	-		10,978,435	914,870	1,016,504		-	1,016,504	0.900	1	0.832	0.0685	7
30	Montana	976,464	37,379		976,464	81,372	177,385		3,115	174,270	0.467	42	0.456	0.0113	44
31	Nebraska	1,459,157	12,560	51,850	1,407,307	117,276	251,815		1,047	250,768	0.468	41	0.449	0.0189	36
32	Nevada	1,835,406	18,358		1,835,406	152,951	393,460		1,530	391,930	0.390	47	0.354	0.0362	28
33	New Hampshire	789,388	-		789,388	65,782	129,533		-	129,533	0.508	39	0.479	0.0293	31
34	New Jersey	5,387,566	-		5,387,566	448,964	982,095		-	982,095	0.457	43	0.433	0.0239	32
35	New Mexico	2,972,709	39,569		2,972,709	247,726	448,429		3,297	445,132	0.557	33	0.516	0.0404	23
36	New York	24,355,072	5,081		24,355,072	2,029,589	3,333,105		423	3,332,682	0.609	21	0.545	0.0642	9
37	North Carolina	11,755,708	5,228		11,755,708	979,642	1,743,038		436	1,742,602	0.562	32	0.525	0.0376	27
38	North Dakota	587,515	56,807		587,515	48,960	100,810		4,734	96,076	0.510	38	0.508	0.0013	45
39	Ohio	14,156,395	-		14,156,395	1,179,700	1,938,415		-	1,938,415	0.609	22	0.565	0.0437	22
40	Oklahoma	5,087,128	344,877	104	5,087,024	423,919	740,611		28,740	711,871	0.595	23	0.579	0.0162	38
41	Oregon	5,836,605	9,789		5,836,605	486,384	662,776		816	661,960	0.735	5	0.687	0.0480	18
42	Pennsylvania	14,541,219	-		14,541,219	1,211,768	1,923,061		-	1,923,061	0.630	18	0.616	0.0146	41
43	Rhode Island	1,048,946	-		1,048,946	87,412	149,171		-	149,171	0.586	24	0.493	0.0927	5
44	South Carolina	7,295,580	-		7,295,580	607,965	905,309		-	905,309	0.672	12	0.641	0.0309	29
45	South Dakota	769,976	131,115		769,976	64,165	127,383		10,926	116,457	0.551	35	0.483	0.0681	8
46	Tennessee	11,251,015	-		11,251,015	937,585	1,255,676		-	1,255,676	0.747	4	0.700	0.0468	20
47	Texas	32,267,400	-	373,332	31,894,068	2,657,839	5,048,588		-	5,048,588	0.526	37	0.478	0.0487	17
48	Utah	1,708,601	2,505		1,708,601	142,383	366,339		209	366,130	0.389	48	0.349	0.0397	25
49	Vermont	692,948	-		692,948	57,746	85,006		-	85,006	0.679	11	0.625	0.0539	15
50	Virginia	6,730,448	-		6,730,448	560,871	1,008,908		-	1,008,908	0.556	34	0.533	0.0233	34
51	Washington	7,233,618	46,043		7,233,618	602,802	964,456		3,837	960,619	0.628	19	0.566	0.0619	11
52	West Virginia	3,370,319	-		3,370,319	280,860	391,007		-	391,007	0.718	7	0.678	0.0403	24
53	Wisconsin	5,326,156	46,218	14,039	5,312,117	442,676	759,621		3,852	755,770	0.586	25	0.488	0.0973	3
54	Wyoming	274,603	8,036		274,603	22,884	63,745		670	63,075	0.363	50	0.376	-0.0135	49
55	US	352,276,022	1,110,324	2,101,636	350,174,386	29,181,199	51,988,325	299,007	92,527	51,596,791	0.566		0.529	0.0366	
56	NOTES:														
57	* Calculations use unrounded numbers.														

SNAP Participants

NATIONAL DATA BANK VERSION 8.1 PUBLIC USE
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State/Territory	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Annual Sum	
Alabama	564,325	563,674	556,319	567,193	572,356	578,826	584,458	593,827	601,140	613,737	624,670	641,449	7,061,974	
Alaska	56,031	58,153	59,999	61,058	61,749	61,749	61,282	60,030	59,669	55,247	50,193	55,139	57,411	695,961
Arizona	602,007	606,563	618,447	626,555	638,780	645,799	659,295	675,664	685,906	706,577	721,318	742,936	7,929,847	
Arkansas	379,031	373,333	370,779	376,329	379,254	382,391	380,521	381,255	379,106	381,080	388,711	400,571	4,572,361	
California	2,160,179	2,176,434	2,209,057	2,228,659	2,252,135	2,270,623	2,298,023	2,325,856	2,356,921	2,398,987	2,431,562	2,502,279	27,610,715	
Colorado	249,213	248,662	252,898	253,090	252,813	256,731	257,084	259,006	265,449	272,982	277,419	291,904	3,137,251	
Connecticut	223,127	222,730	224,778	225,233	225,670	227,168	229,401	231,056	233,471	237,828	239,921	243,914	2,764,297	
Delaware	74,322	72,908	72,971	75,462	75,485	75,672	77,138	76,728	78,531	81,462	81,398	85,026	927,103	
District of Columbia	89,336	88,203	88,361	88,408	89,625	90,304	90,840	93,130	89,662	97,815	99,415	100,743	1,105,842	
Florida	1,395,527	1,407,409	1,428,125	1,441,093	1,475,659	1,505,590	1,540,999	1,576,981	1,611,934	1,676,025	1,725,389	1,781,760	18,566,491	
Georgia	986,245	986,643	994,126	1,002,500	1,039,417	1,043,726	1,062,993	1,086,410	1,109,201	1,139,309	1,166,986	1,197,174	12,814,730	
Hawaii	94,338	94,775	95,017	96,038	96,862	97,845	99,635	101,656	102,855	105,100	100,114	108,972	1,193,207	
Idaho	97,378	98,613	101,402	102,519	103,611	104,057	104,536	105,822	108,157	111,838	115,946	123,135	1,277,014	
Illinois	1,288,460	1,286,507	1,290,092	1,294,912	1,312,933	1,305,952	1,320,993	1,335,447	1,321,197	1,424,439	1,370,722	1,371,282	15,922,936	
Indiana	608,080	608,404	611,969	615,421	611,239	639,470	641,216	652,769	672,551	740,347	659,712	670,192	7,731,370	
Iowa	249,108	250,999	253,102	255,566	256,548	279,253	279,253	270,829	275,774	276,177	279,069	281,801	3,196,960	
Kansas	184,180	183,902	186,942	187,616	188,873	190,341	190,636	191,580	194,638	195,544	200,002	201,172	2,295,426	
Kentucky	629,513	624,424	628,737	630,607	633,997	639,394	642,244	648,602	655,999	663,591	667,479	680,959	7,745,546	
Louisiana	660,714	655,828	656,123	653,510	658,314	653,096	662,331	668,572	2,217,997	701,764	712,397	702,768	9,603,414	
Maine	170,819	173,932	174,620	174,834	173,910	179,373	176,902	177,638	179,217	183,515	184,762	189,441	2,138,963	
Maryland	349,195	350,997	354,037	358,818	363,035	366,595	372,695	382,063	389,298	402,892	411,862	422,373	4,523,860	
Massachusetts	491,696	493,498	499,276	502,455	507,157	514,298	527,000	537,675	548,920	563,068	574,818	582,645	6,342,506	
Michigan	1,242,897	1,251,724	1,259,608	1,266,669	1,276,347	1,283,157	1,271,510	1,278,720	1,257,526	1,304,013	1,315,408	1,347,326	15,354,905	
Minnesota	293,306	291,663	295,071	290,680	299,051	300,191	300,540	301,376	301,650	305,661	307,635	314,491	3,601,315	
Mississippi	441,922	439,373	436,002	439,293	445,873	451,103	454,840	462,074	463,307	472,498	480,474	486,892	5,473,651	
Missouri	875,752	876,031	884,268	890,530	891,580	899,332	907,931	925,446	932,947	949,404	963,910	981,304	10,978,435	
Montana	80,015	80,525	80,909	81,417	80,911	80,760	80,946	81,240	80,500	81,735	82,643	84,863	976,464	
Nebraska	120,892	121,167	121,066	120,651	121,361	120,973	121,848	121,105	120,472	121,416	123,039	125,167	1,459,157	
Nevada	138,430	139,266	141,718	145,517	147,361	151,009	153,188	155,547	158,819	162,743	167,636	174,172	1,835,406	
New Hampshire	62,522	63,255	64,125	64,847	64,561	64,514	64,985	65,388	66,103	68,126	69,395	71,567	789,388	
New Jersey	429,580	429,344	431,797	435,916	441,267	443,143	449,863	455,068	455,081	461,963	472,703	481,841	5,387,566	
New Mexico	234,331	234,765	237,102	240,102	242,228	242,604	247,390	251,523	254,296	258,130	261,838	268,400	2,972,709	
New York	1,932,022	1,927,903	1,950,582	1,968,193	1,986,156	2,004,511	2,030,668	2,051,611	2,077,774	2,114,221	2,137,106	2,174,325	24,355,072	
North Carolina	927,926	927,714	928,874	938,216	945,711	957,376	973,999	993,081	1,011,226	1,030,906	1,048,072	1,072,607	11,755,708	
North Dakota	48,130	48,481	48,674	48,998	48,959	48,688	48,838	48,714	48,849	49,293	49,575	50,316	587,515	
Ohio	1,139,495	1,126,397	1,142,836	1,152,412	1,160,225	1,169,351	1,174,333	1,178,935	1,215,346	1,208,500	1,223,762	1,264,803	14,156,395	
Oklahoma	417,504	419,260	412,405	413,970	415,304	417,040	420,056	425,679	428,578	435,046	437,713	444,573	5,087,128	
Oregon	457,384	454,752	465,035	474,808	480,123	482,871	486,855	491,022	496,212	506,569	515,775	525,199	5,836,605	
Pennsylvania	1,173,679	1,176,463	1,186,918	1,191,886	1,197,516	1,199,230	1,205,289	1,214,802	1,222,182	1,234,892	1,261,344	1,277,018	14,541,219	
Rhode Island	80,821	84,339	85,139	85,778	86,493	87,285	87,682	88,423	88,738	90,444	91,409	92,395	1,048,946	
South Carolina	578,682	577,145	582,272	585,205	590,504	599,339	605,852	614,975	623,569	636,698	643,669	657,670	7,295,580	
South Dakota	61,083	63,335	63,262	63,951	64,401	64,442	62,998	64,133	64,133	64,634	66,890	66,714	769,976	
Tennessee	901,753	890,020	901,818	907,989	910,763	921,820	936,121	940,414	960,664	977,109	982,701	1,019,843	11,251,015	
Texas	2,451,315	2,431,025	2,442,159	2,446,639	2,471,914	2,505,800	2,596,904	2,683,648	2,952,749	3,240,292	2,995,733	3,049,222	32,267,400	
Utah	130,765	130,942	133,336	133,033	136,972	137,483	139,805	143,382	146,359	153,727	157,192	165,605	1,708,601	
Vermont	55,150	55,247	55,752	56,217	56,462	56,545	57,156	57,672	58,464	60,062	61,267	62,954	692,948	
Virginia	536,959	539,392	540,896	544,002	546,775	550,389	556,134	562,781	568,926	582,494	593,578	608,122	6,730,448	
Washington	603,412	576,136	580,257	582,564	584,862	565,781	589,174	573,891	597,156	634,240	662,906	683,239	7,233,618	
West Virginia	275,798	274,487	277,157	279,012	275,796	278,713	278,218	281,727	281,414	285,242	287,730	295,025	3,370,319	
Wisconsin	403,688	410,210	416,014	425,903	432,800	447,376	444,020	450,632	455,444	469,082	480,341	490,646	5,326,156	
Wyoming	22,759	22,695	23,252	23,319	22,470	22,587	22,412	22,297	22,579	23,037	23,189	24,007	274,603	
US	27,720,796	27,689,647	27,915,481	28,115,593	28,394,168	28,661,199	29,017,259	29,417,541	31,544,234	31,006,447	31,053,444	31,740,213	352,276,022	

FDPIR Participants

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State/Territory	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Annual Sum
Alabama	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Alaska	52	137	77	117	88	100	110	56	10	4	28	61	840
Arizona	13,035	12,840	13,411	13,932	13,896	14,651	15,838	15,888	15,272	15,846	14,667	15,098	174,374
Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
California	6,611	6,373	6,470	6,677	6,491	6,351	7,131	7,077	7,327	7,562	6,695	6,934	81,699
Colorado	433	400	487	519	558	586	621	593	560	293	505	531	6,086
Connecticut	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Delaware	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
District of Columbia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Florida	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Georgia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Hawaii	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Idaho	1,605	1,571	1,694	1,811	1,811	1,748	1,798	1,818	1,772	1,834	1,987	1,691	21,140
Illinois	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Indiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Iowa	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Kansas	422	350	271	323	368	206	387	416	306	421	447	260	4,177
Kentucky	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Louisiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maryland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Massachusetts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Michigan	1,692	1,689	1,754	1,712	1,645	1,537	1,442	1,571	1,682	1,675	1,739	1,633	19,771
Minnesota	2,265	2,112	2,215	2,357	2,181	2,216	2,402	2,317	2,497	2,461	2,410	2,257	27,690
Mississippi	932	950	985	1,030	1,118	1,136	51	1,151	1,149	1,231	1,207	42	10,982
Missouri	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Montana	3,035	3,042	3,017	2,890	3,034	3,124	3,217	3,233	3,187	3,405	3,206	2,989	37,379
Nebraska	864	934	1,013	1,019	1,083	1,048	1,010	1,066	1,125	1,147	1,106	1,145	12,560
Nevada	1,487	1,402	1,450	1,496	1,516	1,481	1,432	1,484	1,576	1,723	1,766	1,545	18,358
New Hampshire	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Jersey	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Mexico	3,038	3,023	3,071	3,227	3,307	3,324	3,420	3,340	3,454	3,510	3,423	3,432	39,569
New York	410	446	421	435	453	354	401	372	417	466	497	409	5,081
North Carolina	483	457	473	545	468	7	427	528	568	559	709	4	5,228
North Dakota	4,924	4,552	4,623	4,765	4,740	4,913	4,970	4,937	4,825	4,658	4,405	4,495	56,807
Ohio	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Oklahoma	27,368	25,257	25,773	26,601	27,204	27,958	29,677	29,989	30,460	31,669	31,544	31,377	344,877
Oregon	866	801	734	808	734	780	853	777	792	920	947	777	9,789
Pennsylvania	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Rhode Island	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Carolina	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Dakota	10,919	9,775	10,608	10,484	10,595	10,905	11,789	11,666	11,671	11,658	10,728	10,317	131,115
Tennessee	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Texas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Utah	267	201	235	239	193	208	235	242	116	198	226	145	2,505
Vermont	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Washington	3,776	3,492	3,616	3,780	3,828	3,886	4,050	3,824	4,024	4,046	3,932	3,789	46,043
West Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Wisconsin	3,831	2,908	4,033	4,209	3,222	4,137	4,341	3,329	4,528	4,160	3,256	4,264	46,218
Wyoming	713	527	664	699	600	630	674	756	735	774	635	629	8,036
US	89,028	83,239	87,095	89,675	89,133	91,286	96,276	96,430	98,053	100,220	96,065	93,824	1,110,324

2008 DISASTER REPORT*

*As of 6-15-09

Month	State	Type of Disaster	# Counties	New Approved		
				Households	Persons	Total Benefits
January	Indiana	Floods	9	52	126	\$18,223
February	Arkansas	Tornados	10	415	961	\$136,413
March	Arkansas	Floods	44	1,763	4,753	\$683,521
May	Arkansas	Tornados	12	1,731	3,897	\$558,162
May	Oklahoma	Tornados	2	37	104	\$14,614
May	Colorado	Tornados	2	65	220	\$29,795
June	Iowa	Severe storms	74	11,364	28,600	\$4,031,336
June	Wisconsin	Floods	30	5,716	14,039	\$1,277,120
June	Indiana	Floods	37	6,641	17,209	\$2,552,517
June	Nebraska	Floods	13	14,413	51,850	\$6,972,737
June	Illinois	Floods	18	177	468	\$63,065
September	Louisiana	Hurricane Gustav	43	550,016	1,407,088	\$274,548,779
September	Louisiana	Hurricane Ike	20	5,478	13,569	\$2,120,999
September	Texas	Hurricane Ike	29	142,703	373,332	\$66,983,885
September	Indiana	Floods	20	37,836	103,160	\$15,303,630
September	Illinois	Floods	7	21,383	82,260	\$11,379,313
Total Cumulative			370	799,790	2,101,636	\$386,674,109

Totals by State:

Arkansas	9,611
Colorado	220
Illinois	82,728
Indiana	120,495
Iowa	28,600
Louisiana	1,420,657
Nebraska	51,850
Oklahoma	104
Texas	373,332
Wisconsin	14,039
Total	2,101,636

2008 American Community Survey Poverty Counts

GEO_NAME	B17002_1_EST	B17002_2_EST	B17002_3_EST	B17002_4_EST	B17002_5_EST	
Geography	Universe: POPULATION FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED: Total (Estimate)	Universe: POPULATION FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED: Under .50 (Estimate)	Universe: POPULATION FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED: .50 to .74 (Estimate)	Universe: POPULATION FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED: .75 to .99 (Estimate)	Universe: POPULATION FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED: 1.00 to 1.24 (Estimate)	TOTAL POPULATION UNDER 125% OF POVERTY
Alabama	4541756	290311	196841	225683	241763	954,598
Alaska	669783	24077	13391	18928	23186	79,582
Arizona	6379266	422935	253714	262275	306422	1,245,346
Arkansas	2774152	190965	129771	159815	173948	654,499
California	35984461	1941542	1195069	1641507	1730499	6,508,617
Colorado	4835406	229675	150539	172675	193161	746,050
Connecticut	3390665	138900	79914	95992	89898	404,704
Delaware	850832	37079	21185	26830	30230	115,324
District of Columbia	561874	54901	20162	21706	18975	115,744
Florida	17923483	994321	599658	776829	836795	3,207,603
Georgia	9418066	588479	387944	404419	446735	1,827,577
Hawaii	1260602	55739	28880	30512	36615	151,746
Idaho	1489034	74813	52361	60631	78319	266,124
Illinois	12568150	680013	422759	429466	482892	2,015,130
Indiana	6175885	356209	209099	242198	277050	1,084,556
Iowa	2899804	141181	93842	99896	117573	452,492
Kansas	2716652	121943	88548	96987	125279	432,757
Kentucky	4154968	317481	193820	209285	209976	930,562
Louisiana	4290038	307178	200055	236985	213410	957,628
Maine	1278878	59961	45254	52338	56401	213,954
Maryland	5496119	203556	118797	120641	147137	590,131
Massachusetts	6271556	281884	149347	195439	180960	807,630
Michigan	9769537	638058	373722	398496	393287	1,803,563
Minnesota	5090468	211005	135631	144275	177656	668,567
Mississippi	2838810	241508	181906	178203	185978	787,595
Missouri	5738696	315658	214006	238428	248412	1,016,504
Montana	942874	58223	40619	40865	37678	177,385
Nebraska	1727276	75267	49204	62256	65088	251,815
Nevada	2566460	131369	63220	95608	103263	393,460
New Hampshire	1277397	43371	22263	31524	32375	129,533
New Jersey	8504286	329573	192889	219010	240623	982,095
New Mexico	1941428	132690	91791	108288	115660	448,429
New York	18964419	1130485	655228	795778	751614	3,333,105
North Carolina	8947541	537498	353034	411397	441109	1,743,038
North Dakota	615412	30896	19045	23681	27188	100,810
Ohio	11172113	695195	377111	419848	446261	1,938,415
Oklahoma	3523927	226427	153539	181700	178945	740,611
Oregon	3716666	211214	127770	167161	156631	662,776
Pennsylvania	12011873	631440	381722	445232	464667	1,923,061
Rhode Island	1012988	53770	26168	38618	30615	149,171
South Carolina	4339418	300906	167670	211008	225725	905,309
South Dakota	774737	43699	24225	28566	30893	127,383
Tennessee	6057621	384491	253941	299645	317599	1,255,676
Texas	23727821	1501906	1013616	1244909	1288157	5,048,588
Utah	2695225	112375	63288	81986	108690	366,339
Vermont	599715	28506	15435	19347	21718	85,006
Virginia	7518394	333666	213922	220443	240877	1,008,908
Washington	6418113	315764	176344	236215	236133	964,456
West Virginia	1767440	132541	85360	82769	90337	391,007
Wisconsin	5474027	251784	137425	179881	190531	759,621
Wyoming	518368	22371	10209	16196	14969	63,745
TOTAL	296184480	16634799	10271253	12202370	12879903	51,988,325