

**Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
January 2012
US Summary**

Programs	Jan 2011	Dec 2011	Jan 2012
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	44,188	46,514	46,450
Average Benefit (\$)	\$132.81	\$133.67	\$132.45
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	31,637	31,679	31,571
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	20,907	21,183	21,212
Percent Free/Reduced Price	66.08%	66.87%	67.19%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	23,526	18,553	24,650
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	11,592	12,533	12,464
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	9,725	10,553	10,499
Percent Free/Reduced Price	83.89%	84.20%	84.23%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	46,700	45,185	46,348
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	104,755	97,127	110,450
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,304	5,563	5,803
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.35%	78.51%	78.50%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	8,925	8,860	8,918
Average Benefit (\$)	\$42.63	\$46.46	\$45.70
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	579	599	596
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$23.79	\$26.02	\$26.01
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$18.32	\$20.01	\$21.15
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	80	75	80
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$3,953	\$4,538	\$4,676
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$89,733	\$177,961	\$146,630
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$64,941	\$2,311	\$2,488
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$54,012	\$46,610	\$46,377

January 2012 participation in SNAP was over 46 million persons, an increase of over 2.2 million persons (5.1 percent) from January 2011.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 8.9 million in January 2012, down by 7 thousand persons from the January 2011 participation level.