

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

| Programs  | Mar 2011  | Feb 2012  | Mar 2012  |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</b>         |           |           |           |
| Participants (thousands)  | 44,587    | 46,326    | 46,405    |
| Average Benefit (\$)  | \$134.21  | \$132.98  | \$133.20  |
| <b>National School Lunch Program</b>                            |           |           |           |
| Average Daily Participation (thousands)                         | 32,007    | 32,003    | 31,746    |
| Participating Children (Free/Reduced)                           | 21,277    | 21,795    | 21,642    |
| Percent Free/Reduced Price                                      | 66.48%    | 68.10%    | 68.17%    |
| Total Snacks Served (in thousands)                              | 29,857    | 27,424    | 28,904    |
| <b>School Breakfast Program</b>                                 |           |           |           |
| Average Daily Participation (thousands)                         | 12,364    | 12,843    | 12,877    |
| Participating Children (Free/Reduced)                           | 10,327    | 10,860    | 10,842    |
| Percent Free/Reduced Price                                      | 83.52%    | 84.56%    | 84.20%    |
| <b>Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)</b>                |           |           |           |
| Meals Served in Homes (thousands)                               | 53,062    | 46,531    | 50,099    |
| Meals Served in Centers (thousands)                             | 129,402   | 116,838   | 125,193   |
| Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)                  | 6,264     | 5,672     | 6,210     |
| Percentage of Meals Served Free                                 | 77.92%    | 78.23%    | 78.12%    |
| <b>Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)</b>             |           |           |           |
| Participants (thousands)  | 8,912     | 8,844     | 8,864     |
| Average Benefit (\$)  | \$43.50   | \$43.40   | \$45.67   |
| <b>Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)</b>               |           |           |           |
| Participants (thousands)  | 587       | 594       | 593       |
| Average Benefit (WIC)   | \$26.16   | \$26.47   | \$27.17   |
| Average Benefit (Elderly)                                       | \$20.24   | \$21.22   | \$21.77   |
| <b>Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)</b> |           |           |           |
| Participants (thousands)  | 78        | 72        | 76        |
| Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)                         | \$4,019   | \$4,086   | \$4,272   |
| <b>USDA Food Donations (All Programs)</b>                       |           |           |           |
| Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)                        | \$146,043 | \$109,397 | \$115,560 |
| Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)                              | \$9,403   | \$430     | \$380     |
| TEFAP (dollars in thousands)                                    | \$41,650  | \$32,456  | \$27,960  |

March 2012 participation in SNAP was over 46 million persons, an increase of over 1.8 million persons (4.1 percent) from March 2011

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 8.8 million persons in March 2012, an decrease of 48 thousand persons from the March 2011 participation level