

Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
September 2012
US Summary

Programs	Sep 2011	Aug 2012	Sep 2012
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	46,268	47,103	47,710
Average Benefit (\$)	\$135.36	\$133.41	\$134.29
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	31,809	19,558	31,073
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	21,415	13,835	21,297
Percent Free/Reduced Price	67.32%	70.74%	68.54%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	21,073	7,747	19,630
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	12,479	7,682	12,629
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	10,440	6,465	10,614
Percent Free/Reduced Price	83.66%	84.15%	84.04%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	46,776	51,604	42,936
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	111,450	100,878	107,497
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,938	6,433	5,671
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.09%	75.95%	78.47%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	9,081	8,964	8,833
Average Benefit (\$)	\$60.77	\$43.90	\$44.87
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	602	590	595
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$22.33	\$20.56	\$23.11
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$18.28	\$16.57	\$18.52
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	80	79	76
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$4,471	\$4,703	\$4,596
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$231,003	\$163,006	\$186,731
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$3,204	\$3,176	\$2,720
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$23,304	\$18,372	\$23,817

September 2012 participation in SNAP was over 47.7 million persons, an increase of over 1.4 million persons (3.1 percent) from September 2011. September 2012 SNAP participation data includes D-SNAP data.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 8.8 million persons in September 2012, a decrease of 248 thousand persons from the September 2011 participation level.