

Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
April 2012
US Summary

Programs	Apr 2011	Mar 2012	Apr 2012
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	44,648	46,405	46,187
Average Benefit (\$)	\$133.26	\$133.20	\$132.67
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	31,570	31,716	31,413
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	20,977	21,624	21,448
Percent Free/Reduced Price	66.45%	68.18%	68.28%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	22,284	28,800	22,860
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	12,354	12,872	12,954
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	10,319	10,842	10,902
Percent Free/Reduced Price	83.53%	84.23%	84.16%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	48,536	50,004	47,298
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	114,897	124,987	117,394
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,681	6,213	5,831
Percentage of Meals Served Free	77.68%	78.12%	77.84%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	8,883	8,881	8,830
Average Benefit (\$)	\$44.09	\$44.95	\$47.09
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	589	593	593
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$25.20	\$27.17	\$26.27
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$19.37	\$21.77	\$21.11
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	77	76	75
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$3,886	\$4,273	\$4,189
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$73,799	\$115,615	\$60,548
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$3,250	\$380	\$306
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$44,984	\$28,355	\$25,824

April 2012 participation in SNAP was over 46 million persons, an increase of over 1.5 million persons (3.4 percent) from April 2011

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 8.8 million persons in April 2012, an decrease of 53 thousand persons from the April 2011 participation level