

**Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
December 2011
US Summary**

Programs	Dec 2010	Nov 2011	Dec 2011
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	44,082	46,286	46,514
Average Benefit (\$)	\$133.61	\$134.13	\$133.67
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	31,751	32,326	31,710
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	20,614	21,713	21,192
Percent Free/Reduced Price	64.92%	67.17%	66.83%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	17,474	24,305	18,620
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	11,909	13,124	12,527
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	9,947	10,999	10,547
Percent Free/Reduced Price	83.53%	83.81%	84.19%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	47,220	45,151	45,325
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	95,775	108,374	97,084
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,678	5,692	5,651
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.53%	78.67%	78.50%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	8,899	8,958	8,838
Average Benefit (\$)	\$42.59	\$46.34	\$46.14
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	578	605	600
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$24.18	\$22.69	\$26.02
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$17.73	\$18.31	\$19.95
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	76	79	75
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$3,773	\$4,877	\$4,538
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$91,784	\$137,341	\$177,673
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$40,634	\$9,641	\$2,307
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$41,147	\$60,309	\$46,406

December 2011 participation in SNAP was over 46 million persons, an increase of over 2.4 million persons (5.5 percent) from December 2010.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 8.8 million in December 2011, down by 61 thousand persons from the December 2010 participation level.