

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

Programs	Feb 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	44,199	46,450	46,326
Average Benefit (\$)	\$133.24	\$132.45	\$132.98
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	31,965	31,551	31,798
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	21,280	21,208	21,693
Percent Free/Reduced Price	66.57%	67.22%	68.22%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	24,493	24,704	27,213
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	11,876	12,473	12,694
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	9,967	10,505	10,731
Percent Free/Reduced Price	83.93%	84.22%	84.54%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	44,663	46,566	45,892
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	103,865	111,524	115,046
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,195	5,825	5,696
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.26%	78.40%	78.24%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	8,754	8,935	8,823
Average Benefit (\$)	\$42.30	\$45.76	\$44.65
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	577	596	594
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$25.20	\$26.01	\$26.47
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$19.03	\$21.15	\$21.21
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	71	80	72
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$3,580	\$4,679	\$4,099
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$93,137	\$146,275	\$109,443
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$45,761	\$2,488	\$430
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$46,262	\$46,411	\$32,456

February 2012 participation in SNAP was over 46 million persons, an increase of over 2.1 million persons (4.8 percent) from February 2011

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 8.8 million persons in February 2012, an increase of 69 thousand persons from the February 2011 participation level