

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

Programs	Oct 2011	Sep 2012	Oct 2012
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	46,236	47,710	47,525
Average Benefit (\$)	\$134.85	\$134.29	\$133.48
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	32,210	30,741	31,705
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	21,558	21,262	21,873
Percent Free/Reduced Price	66.93%	69.17%	68.99%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	24,960	19,165	27,258
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	12,858	12,685	13,212
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	10,708	10,661	11,057
Percent Free/Reduced Price	83.28%	84.05%	83.69%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	46,788	41,644	47,578
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	115,549	105,247	118,147
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,754	5,544	5,448
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.73%	78.55%	78.91%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	9,033	8,857	8,894
Average Benefit (\$)	\$44.18	\$44.79	\$45.41
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	603	595	592
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$22.12	\$23.10	\$22.81
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$17.91	\$18.52	\$18.39
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	78	76	78
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$4,419	\$4,596	\$4,749
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$184,918	\$186,818	\$167,570
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$5,220	\$2,720	\$2,835
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$40,144	\$23,817	\$39,849

October 2012 participation in SNAP was over 47.5 million persons, an increase of over 1.2 million persons (2.8 percent) from October 2011.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 8.8 million persons in October 2012, a decrease of 139 thousand persons from the October 2011 participation level.