

Nutrition Assistance Programs Report

May 2012

US Summary

Programs	May 2011	Apr 2012	May 2012
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	45,411	46,275	46,497
Average Benefit (\$)	\$134.80	\$132.40	\$132.95
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,976	31,412	30,437
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	20,697	21,465	20,950
Percent Free/Reduced Price	66.82%	68.33%	68.83%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	22,832	22,825	23,812
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	12,346	12,957	12,770
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	10,360	10,905	10,804
Percent Free/Reduced Price	83.92%	84.16%	84.61%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	49,920	47,329	50,665
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	117,839	117,194	121,747
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,955	5,833	6,271
Percentage of Meals Served Free	77.42%	77.87%	77.56%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	8,934	8,855	8,896
Average Benefit (\$)	\$44.65	\$46.74	\$46.07
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	588	591	588
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$26.14	\$26.29	\$27.80
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$19.68	\$21.12	\$21.25
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	76	75	75
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$3,933	\$4,190	\$4,274
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$40,176	\$60,440	\$38,592
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$1,081	\$306	\$421
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$32,394	\$25,824	\$20,113

May 2012 participation in SNAP was over 46 million persons, an increase of over 1 million persons (2.4 percent) from May 2011.

National participation in the WIC program totaled nearly 8.9 million persons in May 2012, an decrease of 38 thousand persons from the May 2011 participation level.