

9.H Food Stamps

Table 9.H1.—Number of persons participating, value of benefits, and average benefit per person, fiscal years 1962–2000¹

Fiscal year	Persons participating, average during year (in thousands)	Annual benefit (in thousands)	Annual average monthly benefit ² per person
1962.....	143	\$13,153	\$7.66
1963.....	226	18,639	6.87
1964.....	367	28,643	6.50
1965.....	424	32,494	6.39
1966.....	864	64,781	6.25
1967.....	1,447	105,455	6.07
1968.....	2,211	172,982	6.52
1969.....	2,878	228,587	6.62
1970.....	4,340	550,806	10.58
1971.....	9,368	1,522,904	13.55
1972.....	11,103	1,794,875	13.47
1973.....	12,190	2,102,133	14.37
1974.....	12,896	2,725,988	17.62
1975.....	17,063	4,386,144	21.42
1976.....	18,557	5,310,133	23.85
1977.....	17,058	5,057,700	24.71
1978.....	16,044	5,165,209	26.83
1979.....	17,710	6,484,538	30.51
1980.....	21,077	8,685,521	34.34
1981.....	22,430	10,615,964	39.44
1982 ³	21,716	10,205,799	39.18
1983.....	21,630	11,153,867	42.98
1984.....	20,858	10,696,100	42.74
1985.....	19,910	10,744,200	44.99
1986.....	19,428	10,604,950	45.49
1987.....	19,113	10,500,344	45.78
1988.....	18,644	11,149,051	50.00
1989.....	18,766	10,676,436	51.85
1990.....	20,038	14,184,028	59.01
1991.....	22,629	17,307,235	63.89
1992.....	25,403	20,899,531	68.57
1993 ⁴	26,982	22,006,031	67.96
1994 ⁴	27,468	22,748,559	69.01
1995 ⁴	26,619	22,765,478	71.27
1996.....	25,533	22,440,298	73.23
1997.....	22,851	19,555,263	71.31
1998.....	19,787	16,879,929	71.09
1999.....	18,123	15,761,615	72.23
2000.....	17,155	14,985,093	72.79

¹ Between 1974 and 1979, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients were made ineligible for food stamps in Massachusetts, Wisconsin, California and selected counties in New York and Virginia because those areas supplemented SSI payments in amounts that included the value of food stamps. As of 1983 and 1992, SSI recipients were returned to the Food Stamp program in Massachusetts and Wisconsin, respectively, when these states chose to stop including a value for food stamps in the SSI supplement.

² That portion of the food stamp allotment, before the elimination of the purchase requirement, represented the government's share of total food stamps received. Since January 1979, only the bonus portion of the total food stamp allotment is received by participants.

³ Excludes participants and benefits under the Puerto Rico Nutrition Assistance Program after July 1, 1982.

⁴ Revised data.

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