

**Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
December 2015
US Summary**

Programs	Dec 2014	Nov 2015	Dec 2015
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	46,252	45,454	45,189
Average Benefit (\$)	\$127.72	\$126.07	\$126.72
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,413	30,668	30,415
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	21,822	22,124	21,937
Percent Free/Reduced Price	71.75%	72.14%	72.13%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	19,189	20,480	17,653
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	13,825	14,817	14,398
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	11,778	12,569	12,258
Percent Free/Reduced Price	85.19%	84.83%	85.14%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	42,319	38,837	42,074
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	111,701	116,327	113,270
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,091	5,806	6,217
Percentage of Meals Served Free	79.21%	79.25%	79.33%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	8,066	7,829	7,733
Average Benefit (\$)	\$45.24	\$43.24	\$44.32
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	568	576	575
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$25.44	\$22.49	\$21.53
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$20.78	\$18.55	\$18.22
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	87	92	92
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$6,273	\$6,057	\$6,016
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$162,140	\$152,615	\$131,450
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$720	\$368	\$348
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$36,869	\$71,885	\$57,240

December 2015 participation in SNAP was over 45.1 million persons, a decrease of over 1 million persons (2.3 percent) from December 2014.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 7.7 million in December 2015, down by 333 thousand persons from the December 2014 participation level