

**Nutrition Assistance Programs Report  
February 2016  
US Summary**

Programs	Feb 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	45,682	44,852	44,391
Average Benefit (\$)	\$126.86	\$125.22	\$125.40
<b>National School Lunch Program</b>			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,534	30,448	30,549
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	22,093	22,106	22,325
Percent Free/Reduced Price	72.36%	72.60%	73.08%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	23,056	22,362	23,194
<b>School Breakfast Program</b>			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	13,691	14,155	14,342
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	11,678	12,087	12,239
Percent Free/Reduced Price	85.30%	85.39%	85.34%
<b>Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)</b>			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	40,664	40,157	41,964
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	117,090	120,718	129,160
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,331	5,815	6,023
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.94%	78.73%	78.92%
<b>Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	7,900	7,730	7,632
Average Benefit (\$)	\$41.25	\$43.44	\$42.62
<b>Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	561	574	575
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$21.88	\$21.91	\$21.50
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$20.04	\$18.62	\$17.84
<b>Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	81	95	89
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$5,250	\$6,374	\$5,830
<b>USDA Food Donations (All Programs)</b>			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$139,883	\$174,117	\$137,196
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$160	\$234	\$189
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$29,177	\$52,177	\$50,974

February 2016 participation in SNAP was over 44.3 million persons, a decrease of over 1.3 million persons (2.9 percent) from February 2015.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 7.7 million in February 2016, down by 366 thousand persons from the February 2015 participation level