Nutrition Assistance Programs Report

January 2016

US Summary			
Programs	Jan 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2016
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	46,029	45,189	44,705
Average Benefit (\$)	\$126.68	\$126.10	\$125.69
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,434	30,372	30,409
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	21,940	21,920	22,059
Percent Free/Reduced Price	72.09%	72.17%	72.54%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	22,681	17,435	22,097
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	13,578	14,371	14,140
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	11,594	12,229	12,069
Percent Free/Reduced Price	85.38%	85.09%	85.36%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	42,076	41,197	41,210
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	120,229	114,900	120,418
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,732	6,258	5,797
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.83%	78.89%	78.88%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	8,068	7,764	7,702
Average Benefit (\$)	\$42.90	\$43.27	\$44.19
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	567	575	574
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$24.77	\$21.53	\$21.91
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$20.62	\$18.22	\$18.62
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	91	92	94
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$6,584	\$6,099	\$6,332
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$172,143	\$131,568	\$174,021
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$417	\$348	\$234
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$38,026	\$57,294	\$52,177

January 2016 participation in SNAP was over 44.7 million persons, a decrease of over 1.3 million persons (2.9 percent) from January 2015.

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