

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

Programs	Oct 2014	Sep 2015	Oct 2015
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	46,501	45,415	45,368
Average Benefit (\$)	\$128.46	\$126.03	\$126.39
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	31,178	30,393	31,129
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	22,315	22,305	22,458
Percent Free/Reduced Price	71.57%	73.39%	72.14%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	26,465	22,001	25,512
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	14,429	14,369	14,821
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	12,180	12,233	12,531
Percent Free/Reduced Price	84.41%	85.14%	84.55%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	47,157	42,053	45,892
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	140,358	126,364	135,679
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,555	6,406	6,309
Percentage of Meals Served Free	79.23%	78.69%	79.48%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	8,342	7,994	7,936
Average Benefit (\$)	\$43.80	\$44.34	\$44.52
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	579	578	580
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$20.45	\$21.59	\$20.97
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$18.54	\$19.55	\$18.85
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	89	93	93
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$5,935	\$6,091	\$6,175
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$169,262	\$231,526	\$192,742
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$1,933	\$49	\$147
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$38,492	\$39,219	\$58,678

October 2015 participation in SNAP was over 45.3 million persons, a decrease of over 1.1 million persons (2.4 percent) from October 2014.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 7.9 million in October 2015, down by 406 thousand persons from the October 2014 participation level