



PROFILE OF SNAP HOUSEHOLDS

Texas Congressional District 3

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the cornerstone of the Nation's nutrition assistance safety net. Benefits are available to most people who meet the financial and nonfinancial requirements, and the program serves a broad spectrum of low income people. In Fiscal Year 2013, SNAP provided about \$5.9 billion dollars in food benefits to a monthly average of 4,041,891 people in Texas. The program served 75 percent of those eligible for benefits in Texas in 2012. SNAP also has an economic multiplier effect; every dollar in new SNAP benefits results in \$1.80 in total economic activity.

The American Community Survey provides a snapshot of SNAP participants in 2011-2013 for each Congressional District. More detailed information for the Nation and each State is presented in *Characteristics of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Households: Fiscal Year 2013*, available at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/ops/research-and-analysis>.

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Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households not Receiving SNAP	Total
Households	10,629	257,607	268,236
With one or more people 60 years and over	29.1%	24.4%	24.6%
With Children under 18 years	70.0%	40.7%	41.8%
Poverty Status in the past 12 Months			
Below poverty level	39.2%	6.3%	7.6%
Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin of Householder			
White	56.4%	76.2%	75.4%
Black or African American	22.6%	8.3%	8.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.2%	0.3%	0.3%
Asian	9.5%	11.5%	11.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	NA	NA	NA
Some other race	5.1%	1.7%	1.8%
Two or more races	5.1%	2.0%	2.1%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	26.8%	10.1%	10.8%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	37.7%	68.1%	66.9%
Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2013 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)			
Median income (dollars)	\$27,155	\$86,358	\$83,221
Work Status			
Families	9,189	186,279	195,468
No workers in the past 12 months	11.9%	7.0%	7.2%
1 worker in the past 12 months	52.6%	33.9%	34.7%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	35.5%	59.1%	58.0%

Source: USDA FNS SNAP Program Data (downloaded February 2015), Reaching Those in Need: Estimates of State SNAP Participation Rates (February 2015); U.S. Census Bureau 2011-2013 American Community Survey, using 113th Congressional District boundaries

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