



## PROFILE OF SNAP HOUSEHOLDS

### Maryland Congressional District 6

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 \$1.2 billion dollars in food benefits to a monthly average of 771,021 people in Maryland. The program served 86 percent of those eligible for benefits in Maryland 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	27,513	239,767	267,280
With one or more people 60 years and over	26.8%	34.9%	34.1%
With Children under 18 years	55.1%	33.5%	35.7%
<b>Poverty Status in the past 12 Months</b>			
Below poverty level	46.3%	5.0%	9.3%
<b>Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin of Householder</b>			
White	68.3%	76.6%	75.7%
Black or African American	20.4%	10.2%	11.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.1%	0.2%	0.3%
Asian	4.2%	9.5%	9.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	NA	NA	NA
Some other race	3.8%	1.8%	2.0%
Two or more races	2.3%	1.6%	1.7%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	12.7%	8.1%	8.6%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	60.8%	71.1%	70.0%
<b>Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2013 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)</b>			
Median income (dollars)	\$22,429	\$78,627	\$72,021
<b>Work Status</b>			
Families	19,267	167,529	186,796
No workers in the past 12 months	18.1%	9.3%	10.2%
1 worker in the past 12 months	50.3%	27.9%	30.2%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	31.5%	62.8%	59.5%

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 113<sup>th</sup> Congressional District boundaries

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