



PROFILE OF SNAP HOUSEHOLDS

New Jersey Congressional District 11

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 \$1.4 billion dollars in food benefits to a monthly average of 876,266 people in New Jersey. The program served 77 percent of those eligible for benefits in New Jersey 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	7,365	259,133	266,498
With one or more people 60 years and over	49.4%	39.8%	40.1%
With Children under 18 years	47.8%	33.3%	33.7%
Poverty Status in the past 12 Months			
Below poverty level	33.5%	4.0%	4.8%
Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin of Householder			
White	74.3%	87.3%	87.0%
Black or African American	8.4%	3.2%	3.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native	NA	NA	NA
Asian	8.5%	7.8%	7.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	NA	NA	NA
Some other race	5.3%	0.8%	1.0%
Two or more races	3.5%	0.8%	0.9%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	22.3%	6.6%	7.0%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	57.2%	81.9%	81.2%
Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2013 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)			
Median income (dollars)	\$28,005	\$100,119	\$98,315
Work Status			
Families	5,433	187,442	192,875
No workers in the past 12 months	23.8%	10.2%	10.5%
1 worker in the past 12 months	35.2%	29.6%	29.7%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	41.0%	60.3%	59.7%

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