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PROFILE OF SNAP HOUSEHOLDS

Pennsylvania Congressional District 5

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 $2.7 billion dollars in food benefits to a monthly average of 1,784,790 people in Pennsylvania. The program served 90 percent of those eligible for benefits in Pennsylvania 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	34,972	239,453	274,425
With one or more people 60 years and over	25.9%	41.4%	39.4%
With Children under 18 years	47.3%	23.4%	26.5%
Poverty Status in the past 12 Months			
Below poverty level	53.2%	9.8%	15.4%
Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin of Householder			
White	95.5%	97.0%	96.8%
Black or African American	1.7%	0.7%	0.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.6%	0.2%	0.2%
Asian	0.6%	1.4%	1.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	NA	NA	NA
Some other race	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or more races	1.4%	0.5%	0.6%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1.2%	0.7%	0.8%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	94.8%	96.5%	96.2%
Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2013 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)			
Median income (dollars)	$16,892	$50,258	$45,222
Work Status			
Families	21,573	154,172	175,745
No workers in the past 12 months	23.8%	16.9%	17.7%
1 worker in the past 12 months	49.8%	28.0%	30.7%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	26.4%	55.1%	51.6%

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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