United States Department of Agriculture

Food and Nutrition Service, Office of Policy Support

March 2015

PROFILE OF SNAP HOUSEHOLDS

Rhode Island Congressional District 1

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 $0.3 billion dollars in food benefits to a monthly average of 179,925 people in Rhode Island. The program served 91 percent of those eligible for benefits in Rhode Island 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.

Rhode Island Congressional District 1

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households not Receiving SNAP	Total
Households	35,604	171,609	207,213
With one or more people 60 years and over	31.1%	37.9%	36.7%
With Children under 18 years	46.7%	26.1%	29.6%
Poverty Status in the past 12 Months			
Below poverty level	51.9%	8.2%	15.7%
Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin of Householder			
White	65.8%	85.9%	82.5%
Black or African American	15.1%	6.0%	7.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.9%	0.3%	0.4%
Asian	1.9%	2.5%	2.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	NA	NA	NA
Some other race	13.2%	3.6%	5.2%
Two or more races	3.2%	1.6%	1.9%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	31.0%	7.5%	11.6%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	51.2%	82.1%	76.8%
Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2013 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)			
Median income (dollars)	$16,284	$61,052	$51,564
Work Status			
Families	22,710	104,634	127,344
No workers in the past 12 months	25.1%	13.0%	15.2%
1 worker in the past 12 months	51.4%	29.4%	33.3%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	23.5%	57.6%	51.5%

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 113th Congressional District boundaries

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.