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PROFILE OF SNAP HOUSEHOLDS

Virginia 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 940,932 people in Virginia. The program served 84 percent of those eligible for benefits in Virginia 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	14,597	248,203	262,800
With one or more people 60 years and over	38.8%	29.1%	29.6%
With Children under 18 years	65.1%	36.4%	38.0%
Poverty Status in the past 12 Months			
Below poverty level	29.8%	3.8%	5.2%
Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin of Householder			
White	43.7%	67.5%	66.2%
Black or African American	28.0%	11.5%	12.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Asian	16.4%	15.4%	15.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	NA	NA	NA
Some other race	5.9%	2.4%	2.6%
Two or more races	4.6%	2.9%	3.0%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	28.1%	11.8%	12.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	23.9%	59.2%	57.2%
Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2013 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)			
Median income (dollars)	$44,899	$104,408	$101,433
Work Status			
Families	12,341	174,078	186,419
No workers in the past 12 months	8.3%	6.0%	6.1%
1 worker in the past 12 months	38.5%	29.9%	30.5%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	53.2%	64.1%	63.4%

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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