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PROFILE OF SNAP HOUSEHOLDS

Washington Congressional District 8

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 $1.7 billion dollars in food benefits to a monthly average of 1,113,441 people in Washington. The program served 98 percent of those eligible for benefits in Washington 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	28,912	221,257	250,169
With one or more people 60 years and over	26.4%	32.3%	31.6%
With Children under 18 years	54.3%	34.1%	36.5%
Poverty Status in the past 12 Months			
Below poverty level	40.4%	5.7%	9.7%
Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin of Householder			
White	75.4%	86.7%	85.4%
Black or African American	5.1%	1.8%	2.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.9%	0.7%	0.8%
Asian	5.8%	6.4%	6.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1.4%	0.3%	0.4%
Some other race	5.2%	1.5%	2.0%
Two or more races	5.2%	2.5%	2.8%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	14.7%	5.8%	6.9%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	68.0%	82.7%	81.0%
Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2013 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)			
Median income (dollars)	$27,462	$76,976	$70,526
Work Status			
Families	21,210	159,746	180,956
No workers in the past 12 months	18.5%	10.9%	11.8%
1 worker in the past 12 months	49.4%	29.9%	32.2%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	32.1%	59.2%	56.0%

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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