

CHARACTERISTICS OF SNAP HOUSEHOLDS
 Iowa Congressional District 5

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the cornerstone of the Nation's nutrition assistance safety net. SNAP touches the lives of over one in seven Americans. Benefits are available to most people who meet the financial requirements, and the program serves a broad spectrum of low income people. In Fiscal Year 2011, SNAP provided about \$567.9 million dollars in food benefits to a monthly average of 373,856 people in Iowa. The program served 88 percent of those eligible for benefits in Iowa in 2010. 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 2009-2011 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 2011*, available at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/research-and-analysis>.

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Characteristics	Households Receiving SNAP	Households Not Receiving SNAP	Total
Households	24,225	206,268	230,493
With one or more people 60 years and over	17.7%	39.9%	37.6%
With children under 18 years	56.6%	26.8%	29.9%
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS			
Below poverty level	53.9%	6.6%	11.6%
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDER			
White	88.6%	96.4%	95.5%
Black or African American	2.3%	0.7%	0.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.5%	0.3%	0.4%
Asian	1.1%	0.6%	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some other race	4.0%	1.5%	1.8%
Two or more races	2.6%	0.6%	0.8%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	8.6%	3.5%	4.1%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	84.5%	94.6%	93.5%
HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2011 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)			
Median income (dollars)	\$17,429	\$51,087	\$46,864
WORK STATUS			
Families	16,432	137,612	154,044
No workers in past 12 months	15.5%	12.5%	12.8%
1 worker in past 12 months	50.4%	23.9%	26.7%
2 or more workers in past 12 months	34.1%	63.6%	60.5%

Sources: National Data Bank Version 8.2 Public Use, Annual FY 2011 Final (April 2013 download). Empirical Bayes Shrinkage Estimates of State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation Rates in 2008-2010 for All Eligible People and the Working Poor (February 2013). Available <http://www.fns.usda.gov/research-and-analysis> U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2011 American Community Survey, using 112th Congressional District boundaries.