

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

Description

FDPIR provides USDA Foods to low-income households living on Indian reservations, and to American Indian households residing in approved areas near reservations or in Oklahoma.

Many households participate in FDPIR as an alternative to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), because they do not have easy access to SNAP offices or authorized food stores.

The program is administered locally by either Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs) or an agency of a State government. To date, there are approximately 276 tribes receiving benefits under FDPIR through 100 ITOs and 5 State agencies.

Participation

Average monthly participation for FY 2012 was We are getting this number We are getting this correct number individuals. Low-income American Indian and non-Indian households that reside on a reservation and households living in approved areas near a reservation or in Oklahoma that contains at least one person, who is a member of a Federally-recognized tribe, are eligible to participate in FDPIR.

Households are certified based on income and resource standards set by the Federal government, and must be recertified at least every 12 months. Elderly and disabled households may be certified for up to 24 months.

Households may not participate in FDPIR and SNAP in the same month.

Budget

In FY 2012, \$102.75 million was appropriated for FDPIR—approximately \$37.8 million for the Federal share of local level administrative costs, and the remainder for food purchases.

Contact Information

For more information about this program, we suggest that you contact your State Agency or Indian Tribal Organization (ITO) at www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/contacts/fdpiir-contacts.htm or your FNS Regional Office.