

**Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
December 2014
US Summary**

Programs	Dec 2013	Nov 2014	Dec 2014
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	46,782	46,263	46,252
Average Benefit (\$)	\$124.37	\$127.55	\$127.73
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,421	30,840	30,434
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	21,531	21,964	21,810
Percent Free/Reduced Price	70.78%	71.22%	71.66%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	18,246	19,902	18,880
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	13,370	14,381	13,843
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	11,349	12,198	11,788
Percent Free/Reduced Price	84.89%	84.82%	85.15%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	40,990	38,651	42,250
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	101,629	107,352	108,140
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,604	5,313	5,962
Percentage of Meals Served Free	79.32%	79.25%	79.07%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	8,152	8,146	8,038
Average Benefit (\$)	\$45.31	\$42.37	\$44.29
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	569	575	569
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$25.01	\$20.49	\$20.08
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$20.58	\$17.62	\$17.00
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	80	86	87
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$4,976	\$6,008	\$6,273
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$149,767	\$160,880	\$155,635
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$287	\$2,507	\$2,844
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$50,069	\$39,555	\$36,922

December 2014 participation in SNAP was over 46 million persons, a decrease of over 530 thousand persons (1.1 percent) from December 2013.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 8 million persons in December 2014, a decrease of 113 thousand persons from the December 2013 participation level.