

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

Programs	Mar 2013	Feb 2014	Mar 2014
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	47,725	46,177	46,098
Average Benefit (\$)	\$132.88	\$124.69	\$125.29
<b>National School Lunch Program</b>			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,402	30,588	30,455
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	21,355	21,850	21,739
Percent Free/Reduced Price	70.24%	71.43%	71.38%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	22,830	23,946	25,051
<b>School Breakfast Program</b>			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	13,040	13,354	13,508
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	11,055	11,351	11,457
Percent Free/Reduced Price	84.78%	85.00%	84.82%
<b>Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)</b>			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	45,703	41,798	45,213
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	118,143	112,422	121,442
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,705	5,246	5,707
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.36%	78.68%	78.72%
<b>Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	8,576	8,104	8,128
Average Benefit (\$)	\$42.00	\$44.29	\$40.72
<b>Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	583	567	579
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$21.78	\$25.13	\$26.78
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$17.30	\$20.97	\$21.87
<b>Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)</b>			
Participants (thousands)	73	82	85
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$4,244	\$4,948	\$5,059
<b>USDA Food Donations (All Programs)</b>			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$116,184	\$127,398	\$133,098
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$2,239	\$160	\$116
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$75,602	\$40,827	\$21,670

March 2014 participation in SNAP was over 46 million persons, a decrease of over 1.6 million persons (3.4 percent) from March 2013.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 8.1 million persons in March 2014, a decrease of 447 thousand persons from the March 2013 participation level.