

**PROFILE OF SNAP HOUSEHOLDS***Massachusetts Congressional District 1*

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Massachusetts Congressional District 1

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households not Receiving SNAP	Total
Households	51,246	233,494	284,740
With one or more people 60 years and over	30.0%	44.2%	41.6%
With Children under 18 years	48.1%	24.2%	28.5%
Poverty Status in the past 12 Months²			
Below poverty level	51.9%	6.3%	14.5%
Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin of Householder			
White	75.5%	90.4%	87.7%
Black or African American	10.3%	4.5%	5.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%
Asian	1.4%	2.0%	1.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A
Some other race	10.2%	1.8%	3.3%
Two or more races	2.2%	1.1%	1.3%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	37.4%	8.0%	13.3%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	50.8%	84.5%	78.5%
Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2015 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)			
Median income (dollars)	\$17,848	\$63,801	\$53,918
Work Status			
Families	32,673	147,030	179,703
No workers in the past 12 months	31.7%	12.4%	15.9%
1 worker in the past 12 months	46.3%	27.5%	30.9%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	22.0%	60.1%	53.2%

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Massachusetts Congressional District 2

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households not Receiving SNAP	Total
Households	34,802	241,078	275,880
With one or more people 60 years and over	32.1%	38.3%	37.5%
With Children under 18 years	40.4%	27.4%	29.1%
Poverty Status in the past 12 Months²			
Below poverty level	47.0%	8.5%	13.3%
Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin of Householder			
White	76.3%	89.3%	87.6%
Black or African American	11.8%	3.4%	4.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
Asian	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A
Some other race	5.3%	1.7%	2.2%
Two or more races	2.4%	1.3%	1.4%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	19.6%	5.8%	7.5%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	64.7%	85.5%	82.9%
Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2015 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)			
Median income (dollars)	\$18,850	\$70,337	\$62,448
Work Status			
Families	20,130	152,890	173,020
No workers in the past 12 months	29.9%	11.5%	13.7%
1 worker in the past 12 months	50.5%	27.6%	30.3%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	19.6%	60.8%	56.0%

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Massachusetts Congressional District 3

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households not Receiving SNAP	Total
Households	34,304	234,254	268,558
With one or more people 60 years and over	37.5%	36.1%	36.3%
With Children under 18 years	45.4%	32.8%	34.4%
Poverty Status in the past 12 Months²			
Below poverty level	45.2%	5.8%	10.8%
Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin of Householder			
White	68.9%	84.5%	82.6%
Black or African American	3.5%	2.9%	3.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.5%	0.1%	0.2%
Asian	5.6%	6.9%	6.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A
Some other race	18.8%	4.2%	6.1%
Two or more races	2.6%	1.3%	1.5%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	42.4%	10.4%	14.4%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	47.4%	79.3%	75.2%
Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2015 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)			
Median income (dollars)	\$19,648	\$82,386	\$72,570
Work Status			
Families	21,273	162,924	184,197
No workers in the past 12 months	26.9%	8.9%	11.0%
1 worker in the past 12 months	43.6%	28.3%	30.1%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	29.5%	62.8%	58.9%

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Massachusetts Congressional District 4

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households not Receiving SNAP	Total
Households	20,914	252,489	273,403
With one or more people 60 years and over	45.4%	38.6%	39.1%
With Children under 18 years	37.9%	33.4%	33.8%
Poverty Status in the past 12 Months²			
Below poverty level	40.2%	5.0%	7.7%
Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin of Householder			
White	82.5%	89.9%	89.4%
Black or African American	6.3%	2.2%	2.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	5.1%	5.3%	5.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A
Some other race	3.4%	1.5%	1.6%
Two or more races	2.7%	1.1%	1.3%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	8.1%	3.1%	3.5%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	78.7%	88.0%	87.3%
Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2015 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)			
Median income (dollars)	\$20,356	\$97,211	\$90,913
Work Status			
Families	12,089	176,085	188,174
No workers in the past 12 months	28.3%	9.6%	10.8%
1 worker in the past 12 months	40.0%	26.4%	27.3%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	31.7%	64.0%	61.9%

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Massachusetts Congressional District 5

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households not Receiving SNAP	Total
Households	20,422	271,109	291,531
With one or more people 60 years and over	53.1%	38.0%	39.1%
With Children under 18 years	33.7%	29.3%	29.6%
Poverty Status in the past 12 Months²			
Below poverty level	40.8%	6.2%	8.6%
Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin of Householder			
White	67.9%	83.6%	82.5%
Black or African American	10.7%	3.3%	3.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	11.5%	9.6%	9.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A
Some other race	5.9%	1.7%	2.0%
Two or more races	3.8%	1.6%	1.7%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	11.6%	6.0%	6.4%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	62.4%	79.3%	78.1%
Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2015 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)			
Median income (dollars)	\$19,118	\$91,388	\$86,183
Work Status			
Families	11,555	173,689	185,244
No workers in the past 12 months	24.2%	8.8%	9.7%
1 worker in the past 12 months	38.3%	25.7%	26.5%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	37.5%	65.6%	63.8%

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Massachusetts Congressional District 6

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households not Receiving SNAP	Total
Households	29,147	253,290	282,437
With one or more people 60 years and over	40.8%	42.6%	42.4%
With Children under 18 years	40.7%	30.1%	31.1%
Poverty Status in the past 12 Months²			
Below poverty level	41.7%	5.6%	9.3%
Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin of Householder			
White	71.4%	90.9%	88.9%
Black or African American	8.0%	2.1%	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	3.6%	3.5%	3.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A
Some other race	12.8%	2.4%	3.5%
Two or more races	3.7%	1.1%	1.3%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	22.9%	4.3%	6.2%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	64.8%	88.9%	86.4%
Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2015 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)			
Median income (dollars)	\$21,591	\$89,593	\$80,638
Work Status			
Families	17,721	173,050	190,771
No workers in the past 12 months	20.3%	10.8%	11.7%
1 worker in the past 12 months	48.2%	24.7%	26.9%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	31.5%	64.5%	61.4%

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Massachusetts Congressional District 7

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households not Receiving SNAP	Total
Households	54,900	235,711	290,611
With one or more people 60 years and over	40.9%	27.2%	29.8%
With Children under 18 years	41.2%	19.8%	23.8%
Poverty Status in the past 12 Months²			
Below poverty level	51.0%	11.1%	18.7%
Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin of Householder			
White	32.0%	60.4%	55.1%
Black or African American	40.7%	20.8%	24.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%
Asian	10.9%	9.2%	9.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A
Some other race	11.5%	4.9%	6.2%
Two or more races	4.4%	4.5%	4.5%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	30.4%	15.2%	18.1%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	20.1%	53.4%	47.1%
Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2015 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)			
Median income (dollars)	\$16,267	\$70,585	\$56,719
Work Status			
Families	33,310	112,850	146,160
No workers in the past 12 months	23.9%	6.8%	10.7%
1 worker in the past 12 months	43.0%	28.0%	31.4%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	33.1%	65.2%	57.9%

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Massachusetts Congressional District 8

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households not Receiving SNAP	Total
Households	31,086	264,133	295,219
With one or more people 60 years and over	46.7%	37.6%	38.5%
With Children under 18 years	38.3%	26.8%	28.0%
Poverty Status in the past 12 Months²			
Below poverty level	49.0%	6.8%	11.2%
Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin of Householder			
White	61.7%	84.1%	81.7%
Black or African American	20.5%	6.8%	8.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	8.1%	6.2%	6.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A
Some other race	7.9%	1.5%	2.1%
Two or more races	1.6%	1.4%	1.4%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	13.5%	3.4%	4.5%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	55.1%	82.0%	79.1%
Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2015 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)			
Median income (dollars)	\$18,400	\$87,984	\$79,789
Work Status			
Families	17,189	159,260	176,449
No workers in the past 12 months	25.7%	9.3%	10.9%
1 worker in the past 12 months	36.0%	25.7%	26.7%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	38.3%	65.0%	62.4%

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Massachusetts Congressional District 9

Characteristic	Households Receiving SNAP	Households not Receiving SNAP	Total
Households	35,569	262,003	297,572
With one or more people 60 years and over	34.0%	48.3%	46.6%
With Children under 18 years	36.1%	25.0%	26.3%
Poverty Status in the past 12 Months²			
Below poverty level	43.6%	6.5%	10.9%
Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin of Householder			
White	76.0%	93.1%	91.1%
Black or African American	5.2%	2.3%	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	1.5%	1.2%	1.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A
Some other race	13.1%	2.1%	3.4%
Two or more races	3.9%	1.3%	1.6%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	12.3%	1.9%	3.2%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	74.0%	92.2%	90.0%
Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2015 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)			
Median income (dollars)	\$17,890	\$70,899	\$63,532
Work Status			
Families	20,143	169,543	189,686
No workers in the past 12 months	27.8%	16.3%	17.5%
1 worker in the past 12 months	46.9%	27.1%	29.2%
2 or more workers in the past 12 months	25.3%	56.6%	53.3%

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