

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): 2021

Survey of Income and Program Participation Snapshots

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1 in 5 children aged 0 to 17 received SNAP benefits.

Of non-Hispanic Black children, 45 percent received SNAP compared to 28 percent of Hispanic children (of any race), 12 percent of non-Hispanic White children, 6 percent of non-Hispanic Asian children, and 21 percent of non-Hispanic Some Other Race children.

77% of SNAP recipients had health insurance through Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Other benefits received by SNAP recipients include energy assistance (21 percent), Supplemental Security Income (SSI, 13 percent), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF, 3 percent).

48% of households with income below their poverty threshold got SNAP.

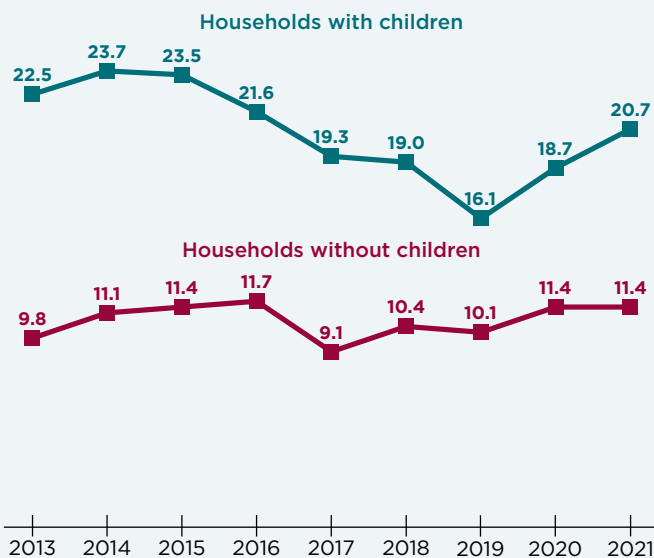
Among these households with income below their poverty threshold, the SNAP receipt rate for all renter-occupied households was 59 percent and the SNAP receipt rate for renter-occupied households with children was 71 percent.

What is SNAP?

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides nutrition assistance to low-income individuals and households via a monthly benefit on an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card, similar to a debit card, which can be used at authorized retailers to purchase food. SNAP eligibility and benefit amounts are determined by a household's size, income, resources, and expenses. Certain groups are also subject to work requirements in order to maintain eligibility. SNAP is the largest federal nutrition assistance program.

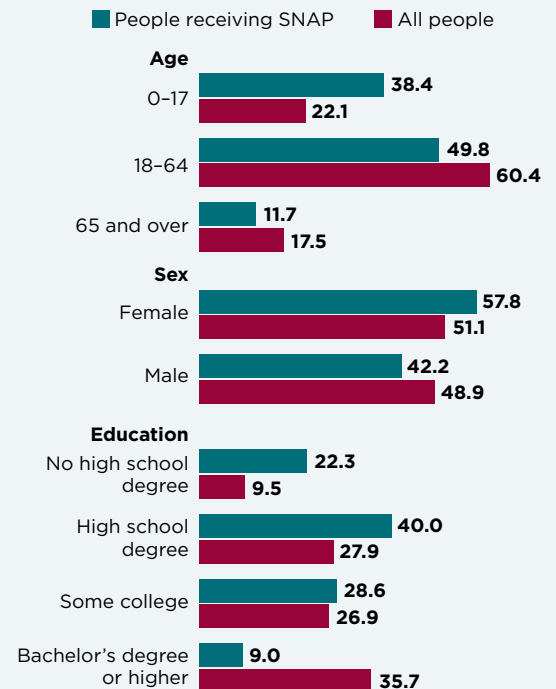
More information on SNAP and other social safety net programs is available in [fact sheets](#), [detailed program participation tables](#), [interactive data visualizations](#), and [reports](#).

Household SNAP Receipt by Presence of Children: 2013–2021
(In percent)



Between 2013 and 2021, households with children were more likely to receive SNAP benefits than households without children. In 2021, 20.7 percent of households with children received SNAP benefits compared to 11.4 percent of households without children.

Characteristics of SNAP Recipients Compared to all People: 2021
(In percent)



Note: Education results restricted to adults aged 18 and over.