

**Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
December 2012
US Summary**

Programs	Dec 2011	Nov 2012	Dec 2012
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	46,514	47,682	47,792
Average Benefit (\$)	\$133.68	\$135.73	\$133.73
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	31,722	31,230	31,165
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	21,117	21,567	21,568
Percent Free/Reduced Price	66.57%	69.06%	69.21%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	17,973	22,425	20,023
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	12,653	13,389	13,178
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	10,625	11,272	11,184
Percent Free/Reduced Price	83.97%	84.19%	84.87%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	45,336	43,928	41,615
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	98,182	110,348	95,054
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	5,737	5,557	5,390
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.53%	78.73%	79.23%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	8,865	8,799	8,558
Average Benefit (\$)	\$46.09	\$43.43	\$41.05
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	599	588	583
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$26.02	\$23.21	\$22.92
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$20.02	\$19.54	\$18.61
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	75	78	70
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$4,538	\$5,003	\$4,393
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$179,407	\$148,867	\$150,528
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$2,311	\$6,056	\$3,681
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$46,377	\$69,931	\$52,761

December 2012 participation in SNAP was over 47.7 million persons, an increase of over 1.2 million persons (2.7 percent) from December 2011.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 8.5 million persons in December 2012, a decrease of 307 thousand persons from the December 2011 participation level.