

## SNAP STATS/NUMBERS/INFO

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is a Federal Program through the United States Department of Agriculture. It is state supervised and county administered. It was previously named Food Stamps and Food Support. The SNAP program provides a monthly benefit to low-income families, seniors, people with disabilities and single adults for the purchase of food.

Some 2014 facts to consider:

- ✓ 40% of SNAP participants are families with minor children
  - ✓ 20% of SNAP participants are seniors
  - ✓ 42% of SNAP participants are adults with disabilities
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- 32% of SNAP recipients earn their income from working. The average earnings for working cases was \$1,458 per month.
  - Thirteen percent of SNAP cases had no income reported. This is a 44 percent drop in no-income adults from 2013.
  - People in households with no income had similar education levels to those with income. Two-thirds of each had at least a high school diploma or equivalent.
  - Eligibility is based on income, household size, and deductions. In Minnesota households must have income of less than 165% of the Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG).
  - The racial/ethnic composition of the SNAP caseload has not changed. Whites comprise 58 percent, African American 24 percent, Asians 8 percent and Hispanics and American Indians 4 percent each.
  - In Minnesota, the average monthly grant is approximately \$290.00 per household.

- SNAP benefits are federal funds. By increasing the number of people in SNAP, more federal money is brought into the local community.
- The USDA reports that every \$5 that is spent in new SNAP benefits generates \$9.20 in total community spending, which are federal dollars being spent in our communities to build the local economy.
- 70.3% of eligible Minnesota participants are enrolled in SNAP (29.7% are not), and only 50.9% of eligible seniors are enrolled (<http://dashboard.dhs.state.mn.us/measure01-2-1.aspx> ).

### **SNAP Education Information**

**SNAP Education** focuses on stretching food dollars, making healthy choices, and being physically active. The University of Minnesota Extension Office is the agency who implements SNAP Education in Minnesota with their Simply Good Eating program.

### **Web Sites to find Data and Statistics**

<http://www.hungerfreecommunities.org>

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/data-and-statistics>

Senior SNAP Participation: <http://dashboard.dhs.state.mn.us/measure01-6.aspx>

Characteristics of December 2011 Minnesota Food Support Program:

<https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfsrver/Public/DHA-5182f-ENG>

Alleviating Poverty in the US: The Critical Role of SNAP Benefits:

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/publicationserr132/err132.pdf>