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North Dakota Participants in the Federal Food Stamp Program: Fiscal Years 2002 to 2007

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Food Stamp Program participation data presented in this publication were obtained from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service and are subject to revision. For additional information on the Food Stamp Program, www.fns.usda.gov/pd/fspmain.htm.

Figure 1. Food Stamp Program Participants: FY 2002-07 North Dakota and the United States 8% Percent of Total Population

Note: The percentages represent the fiscal year average monthly food stamp participants divided by the July 1 total population estimates. Sources: FOOD STAMP DATA - U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Food Stamp Program, www.fns.usda.gov/pd/fspmain.htm. POPULATION - U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Vintage July 1, 2007 population estimates, www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php.

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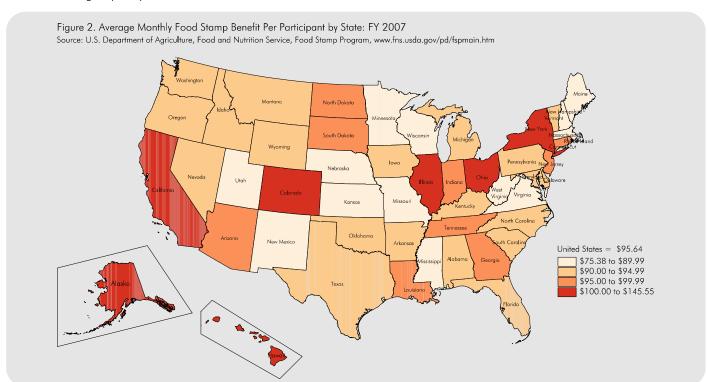
United States

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North Dakota

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Table 1. Federal Food Stamp Program Data by State: Fiscal Years 2002 to 2007

Notes: ¹Includes Guam and the Virgin Islands. ²Preliminary data as of January 30, 2008. All data are subject to revision. Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Food Stamp Program, www.fns.usda.gov/pd/fspmain.htm

	Average Monthly Participation (Persons)						Average Monthly Benefit Per Participant (Dollars)					
Area	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007²	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007²
United States ¹	19,095,637	21,259,152	23,857,607	25,717,830	26,671,819	26,465,816	\$79.67	\$83.90	\$85.99	\$92.57	\$94.32	\$95.64
Alabama	443,547	472,066	497,591	558,596	546,684	545,955	\$78.42	\$82.28	\$85.85	\$91.91	\$90.50	\$91.80
Alaska	46,166	50,687	49,323	55,567	57,153	56,181	\$107.32	\$108.06	\$108.81	\$120.58	\$125.37	\$127.69
Arizona	378,719	466,151	529,556	550,291	540,782	544,688	\$84.92	\$88.96	\$90.94	\$95.98	\$96.51	\$98.95
Arkansas	283,909	310,359	346,441	373,752	384,889	379,768	\$77.65	\$81.72	\$83.44	\$89.47	\$89.72	\$90.50
California	1,711,332	1,708,522	1,859,486	1,992,024	1,999,656	2,048,185	\$83.09	\$88.07	\$88.79	\$96.83	\$99.05	\$104.56
Colorado	178,490	208,053	241,780	245,926	251,385	250,704	\$77.24	\$81.43	\$87.18	\$106.14	\$106.42	\$103.24
Connecticut	168,591	180,512	195,980	204,146	210,288	212,562	\$72.07	\$76.11	\$83.99	\$91.11	\$94.74	\$99.21
Delaware	39,628	46,027	55,642	61,586	65,698	67,185	\$82.63	\$86.53	\$84.68	\$88.26	\$89.01	\$92.69
Dist. of Colum.	74,271	81,777	88,655	88,799	89,168	86,519	\$84.90	\$91.83	\$91.66	\$96.94	\$97.34	\$100.12
Florida	985,130	1,041,315	1,202,227	1,381,804	1,417,749	1,232,803	\$74.31	\$79.05	\$87.93	\$96.37	\$99.00	\$94.65
Georgia	645,633	750,208	867,148	921,427	946,812	950,038	\$80.19	\$86.91	\$88.78	\$94.77	\$96.67	\$98.76
Hawaii	105,147	100,382	98,589	93,548	87,942	89,629	\$120.28	\$129.66	\$128.32	\$138.88	\$140.10	\$145.55
Idaho	69,998	81,524	91,395	93,441	91,106	87,068	\$73.83	\$78.28	\$82.95	\$91.83	\$91.62	\$91.88
Illinois	886,344	953,929	1,069,596	1,158,271	1,225,093	1,246,400	\$86.81	\$91.97	\$94.38	\$100.73	\$102.25	\$104.65
Indiana	410,887	470,183	526,324	556,285	574,696	587,156	\$82.76	\$85.73	\$87.00	\$93.87	\$93.98	\$96.10
lowa	140,729	153,816	179,179	206,696	225,717	238,349	\$76.25	\$80.86	\$82.01	\$88.60	\$90.17	\$92.81
Kansas	140,403	160,705	169,528	177,782	183,071	182,407	\$67.23	\$72.80	\$77.68	\$84.37	\$85.72	\$88.10
Kentucky	450,102	502,677	544,744	570,277	589,102	602,022	\$75.93	\$80.61	\$83.03	\$89.36	\$91.29	\$93.33
Louisiana	588,458	655,300	705,700	807,896	829,882	650,357	\$83.14	\$87.14	\$89.03	\$100.96	\$103.59	\$95.60
Maine	111,147	132,582	141,929	152,910	160,294	162,602	\$73.06	\$77.98	\$81.98	\$88.40	\$88.01	\$87.42
Maryland	228,329	252,383	273,872	288,943	305,395	317,825	\$78.54	\$84.83	\$87.24	\$92.33	\$91.71	\$93.67
Massachusetts	242,542	292,200	334,939	368,122	431,518	456,192	\$71.89	\$72.37	\$75.74	\$82.18	\$81.41	\$86.20
Michigan	750,037	837,629	943,713	1,047,594	1,133,793	1,204,409	\$71.62	\$77.91	\$79.13	\$87.41	\$91.05	\$94.63
Minnesota	216,960	234,631	247,465	259,937	263,986	276,414	\$77.07	\$80.67	\$83.10	\$88.16	\$89.15	\$89.33
Mississippi	324,852	355,783	376,864	434,958	447,710	426,116	\$76.43	\$78.48	\$79.81	\$88.70	\$94.39	\$86.79
Missouri	515,006	591,532	699,616	766,425	796,350	823,915	\$77.17	\$79.96	\$79.02	\$80.00	\$77.44	\$75.38
Montana	63,347	71,320	77,478	80,870	81,567	79,969	\$76.19	\$80.56	\$85.18	\$91.95	\$91.90	\$93.47
Nebraska	88,461	99,243	113,900	117,415	119,683	120,634	\$70.07	\$74.99	\$79.52	\$84.83	\$86.56	\$87.36
Nevada	97,035	111,352	120,275	121,707	117,920	122,224	\$82.02	\$84.32	\$82.81	\$88.26	\$87.86	\$91.18
New Hampshire	41,053	44,783	48,449	52,310	56,338	59,101	\$70.35	\$74.22	\$74.90	\$80.56	\$85.61	\$88.10
New Jersey	319,799	339,047	368,695	392,416	405,667	414,503	\$81.89	\$83.28	\$85.33	\$92.89	\$93.64	\$97.19
New Mexico	170,457	194,795	222,716	240,637	244,672	233,918	\$75.47	\$78.50	\$81.35	\$87.07	\$86.29	\$88.65
New York	1,348,677	1,435,986	1,598,143	1,754,861	1,785,914	1,801,984	\$91.37	\$97.29	\$97.83	\$101.43	\$104.52	\$107.49
North Carolina	574,369	649,426	747,274	799,747	854,407	882,946	\$77.83	\$82.82	\$83.99	\$89.21	\$89.83	\$91.77
North Dakota	36,781	39,663	41,421	42,204	42,576	45,122	\$71.08	\$77.11	\$81.05	\$88.21	\$90.47	\$95.83
Ohio	734,679	855,401	945,435	1,007,172	1,063,920	1,076,764	\$82.38	\$85.61	\$88.96	\$95.59	\$99.18	\$100.04
Oklahoma	316,684	380,299	411,840	424,402	435,519	421,316	\$75.90	\$79.42	\$80.49	\$86.32	\$89.42	\$90.77
Oregon	359,138	398,377	419,736	429,358	434,239	438,498	\$74.13	\$79.70	\$82.45	\$88.49	\$88.91	\$90.73
Pennsylvania	766,615	822,696	960,941	1,042,809	1,092,298	1,135,146	\$76.13	\$79.56	\$80.93	\$88.28	\$90.20	\$92.40
Rhode Island	71,933	74,068	77,528	76,085	73,195	76,315	\$74.44	\$77.41	\$79.06	\$86.00	\$92.14	\$97.57
South Carolina	379,310	450,556	497,218	521,125	534,294	545,293	\$77.26	\$82.00	\$84.00	\$90.48	\$91.93	\$94.47
South Dakota	47,663	51,176	53,459	56,095	58,466	60,246	\$79.24	\$82.26	\$84.07	\$91.33	\$94.29	\$97.67
Tennessee	598,012	728,305	806,490	849,703	870,416	864,870	\$76.85	\$82.59	\$83.88	\$92.35	\$93.44	\$96.70
Texas	1,554,428		2,258,951	2,441,975	2,622,548	2,422,198	\$81.61	\$83.71	\$85.10	\$90.75	\$93.40	\$93.52
Utah	89,899	105,630		133,263	131,753	123,475	\$73.89	\$80.63	\$83.14	\$88.31	\$88.81	\$89.90
Vermont	39,914	41,333				49,865	\$71.51	\$75.87	\$77.92	\$82.93	\$88.44	\$93.02
Virginia	352,172	392,515			506,656	515,032	\$72.28	\$77.75	\$81.67	\$85.25	\$86.47	\$89.23
Washington	350,373	403,992	453,497		535,768	536,333	\$75.55	\$81.35	\$83.66	\$88.34	\$92.48	\$93.33
West Virginia	235,736	246,890			267,630	269,343	\$70.00	\$72.93	\$75.45	\$81.94	\$82.95	\$85.05
Wisconsin	262,310	296,717	324,047	345,748	367,918	382,770	\$62.69	\$65.57	\$69.29	\$76.39	\$78.52	\$79.12
Wyoming	23,530				24,236	22,608		\$79.21	\$81.17	\$88.22	\$90.46	\$93.20



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This month's "Economic Brief," a monthly publication from the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University, focuses on the average monthly participation in the federal Food Stamp Program along with the average monthly benefit per participant. The data were obtained from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service.

Nearly \$52 million in food stamp benefits were distributed to North Dakota participants in fiscal year 2007, up 12.3 percent from 2006. "A large portion of our food stamp budget goes to children. For fiscal year 2007, nearly 47 percent of all food stamp recipients were 18 years or younger," said Richard Rathge, Director of the State Data Center.

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