

North Dakota Participants in the Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (Formerly the Federal Food Stamp Program): Fiscal Year 2009

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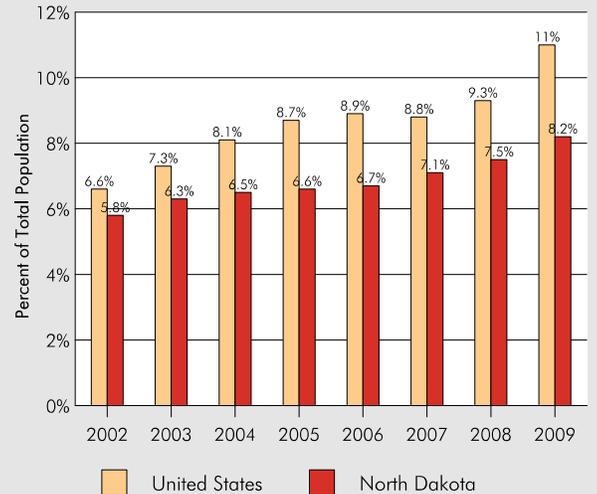
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SNAP participants in North Dakota each received, on average, \$124.94 per month in fiscal year 2009, an increase of 22.5 percent from \$102.02 in 2008. Nationally, participants each received an average of \$124.45 per month in 2009, up 22.6 percent from \$101.52 in 2008 (Table 1).

In an average month, SNAP recipients comprised 8.2 percent of North Dakota's total population in 2009. Nationwide, participants comprised 11.0 percent of the total population in 2009 (Figure 1).

SNAP participation data presented in this publication were obtained from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service and are subject to revision. As of October 1, 2008, SNAP is the new name for the federal Food Stamp Program. For additional information on SNAP, visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/snapmain.htm>.

Figure 1. Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Participants, FY 2002-2009: ND & U.S.



Note: The percentages represent the fiscal year average monthly SNAP participants divided by the July 1 total population estimates. Sources: SNAP Data - U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, <http://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/snapmain.htm>. POPULATION - U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Vintage July 1, 2009 population estimates, <http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php>.

Figure 2. Percent Change in the Average Monthly SNAP Participation by State: FY 2008 to FY 2009

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, <http://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/snapmain.htm>

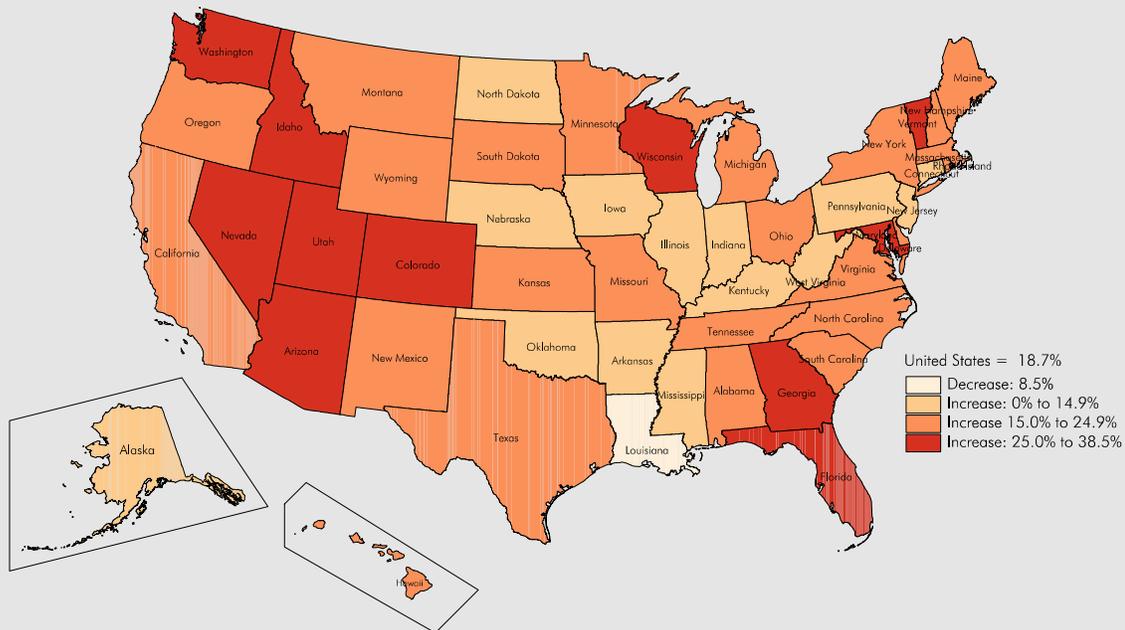


Table 1. Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Data by State: Fiscal Years 2004 to 2009

Notes: ¹Includes Guam and the Virgin Islands. ²Preliminary data. All data are subject to revision.

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Area	Average Monthly Participation (Persons)						Average Monthly Benefit Per Participant (Dollars)					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 ²	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 ²
United States ¹	23,857,607	25,717,830	26,672,294	26,468,563	28,409,880	33,722,293	\$85.99	\$92.57	\$94.32	\$95.63	\$101.52	\$124.45
Alabama	497,591	558,596	546,684	545,955	571,591	679,138	\$85.85	\$91.91	\$90.50	\$91.80	\$96.79	\$119.14
Alaska	49,323	55,567	57,153	56,181	56,977	64,385	\$108.81	\$120.58	\$125.37	\$127.69	\$137.87	\$167.77
Arizona	529,556	550,291	540,782	544,688	627,660	813,987	\$90.94	\$95.98	\$96.51	\$98.95	\$102.56	\$125.29
Arkansas	346,441	373,752	384,889	379,768	377,883	411,153	\$83.44	\$89.47	\$89.72	\$90.50	\$95.17	\$115.53
California	1,859,486	1,992,024	1,999,656	2,048,185	2,220,127	2,670,341	\$88.79	\$96.83	\$99.05	\$104.56	\$112.43	\$136.79
Colorado	241,780	245,926	251,385	250,704	252,933	319,121	\$87.18	\$106.14	\$106.42	\$103.24	\$107.11	\$131.26
Connecticut	195,980	204,146	210,288	212,562	225,383	258,165	\$83.99	\$91.11	\$94.74	\$99.21	\$105.31	\$134.65
Delaware	55,642	61,586	65,698	67,185	74,429	90,933	\$84.68	\$88.26	\$89.01	\$92.69	\$96.49	\$118.31
Dist. of Colum.	88,655	88,799	89,168	86,519	89,442	103,311	\$91.66	\$96.94	\$97.34	\$100.12	\$104.65	\$128.66
Florida	1,202,227	1,381,804	1,417,749	1,232,803	1,454,928	1,952,362	\$87.93	\$96.37	\$99.00	\$94.65	\$101.87	\$126.70
Georgia	867,148	921,427	946,812	950,038	1,021,155	1,286,078	\$88.78	\$94.77	\$96.67	\$98.76	\$104.19	\$125.95
Hawaii	98,589	93,548	87,942	89,629	96,551	114,599	\$128.32	\$138.88	\$140.10	\$145.55	\$159.34	\$199.02
Idaho	91,395	93,441	91,106	87,068	100,198	136,243	\$82.95	\$91.83	\$91.62	\$91.88	\$96.95	\$122.90
Illinois	1,069,596	1,158,271	1,225,093	1,246,400	1,299,443	1,462,421	\$94.38	\$100.73	\$102.25	\$104.65	\$110.19	\$132.36
Indiana	526,324	556,285	574,696	587,156	623,415	706,695	\$87.00	\$93.87	\$93.98	\$96.10	\$103.31	\$126.32
Iowa	179,179	206,696	225,717	238,349	258,173	295,106	\$82.01	\$88.60	\$90.17	\$92.81	\$98.66	\$118.56
Kansas	169,528	177,782	183,071	182,407	187,569	219,265	\$77.68	\$84.37	\$85.72	\$88.10	\$93.86	\$114.61
Kentucky	544,744	570,277	589,102	602,022	633,194	701,757	\$83.03	\$89.36	\$91.29	\$93.33	\$97.66	\$119.00
Louisiana	705,700	807,896	829,882	650,357	790,733	723,738	\$89.03	\$100.96	\$103.59	\$95.60	\$108.04	\$128.86
Maine	141,929	152,910	160,294	162,602	173,039	201,248	\$81.98	\$88.40	\$88.01	\$87.42	\$94.52	\$121.20
Maryland	273,872	288,943	305,395	317,825	359,985	454,196	\$87.24	\$92.33	\$91.71	\$93.67	\$100.01	\$122.69
Massachusetts	334,939	368,122	431,518	456,192	505,782	627,611	\$75.74	\$82.18	\$81.41	\$86.20	\$96.65	\$122.90
Michigan	943,713	1,047,594	1,133,793	1,204,409	1,256,373	1,450,272	\$79.13	\$87.41	\$91.05	\$94.63	\$99.89	\$121.06
Minnesota	247,465	259,937	263,986	276,414	293,918	344,972	\$83.10	\$88.16	\$89.15	\$89.36	\$93.44	\$114.21
Mississippi	376,864	434,958	447,710	426,116	447,181	505,920	\$79.81	\$88.70	\$94.39	\$86.79	\$92.59	\$113.83
Missouri	699,616	766,425	796,350	823,915	888,564	1,033,249	\$79.02	\$80.00	\$77.44	\$75.38	\$76.01	\$91.59
Montana	77,478	80,870	81,567	79,969	80,407	92,453	\$85.18	\$91.95	\$91.90	\$93.47	\$97.65	\$121.29
Nebraska	113,900	117,415	119,683	120,634	120,809	133,623	\$79.52	\$84.83	\$86.56	\$87.36	\$97.09	\$111.67
Nevada	120,275	121,707	117,920	122,224	144,494	200,056	\$82.81	\$88.26	\$87.86	\$91.18	\$97.88	\$119.04
New Hampshire	48,449	52,310	56,338	59,101	63,583	78,942	\$74.90	\$80.56	\$85.61	\$88.10	\$93.58	\$122.40
New Jersey	368,695	392,416	405,667	414,503	437,860	499,853	\$85.33	\$92.89	\$93.64	\$97.19	\$101.43	\$125.06
New Mexico	222,716	240,637	244,672	233,918	239,959	291,073	\$81.35	\$87.07	\$86.29	\$88.65	\$93.48	\$117.62
New York	1,598,143	1,754,861	1,785,914	1,801,984	1,952,991	2,322,742	\$97.83	\$101.43	\$104.52	\$107.49	\$109.78	\$141.90
North Carolina	747,274	799,747	854,407	882,946	946,978	1,137,294	\$83.99	\$89.21	\$89.83	\$91.77	\$97.19	\$119.11
North Dakota	41,421	42,204	42,576	45,122	48,412	53,070	\$81.05	\$88.21	\$90.47	\$95.83	\$102.02	\$124.94
Ohio	945,435	1,007,172	1,063,920	1,076,764	1,150,928	1,357,412	\$88.96	\$95.59	\$99.18	\$100.04	\$108.22	\$133.04
Oklahoma	411,840	424,402	435,519	421,316	419,038	472,908	\$80.49	\$86.32	\$89.42	\$90.77	\$97.72	\$117.44
Oregon	419,736	429,358	434,239	438,498	469,315	581,025	\$82.45	\$88.49	\$88.91	\$90.73	\$96.27	\$119.24
Pennsylvania	960,941	1,042,809	1,092,298	1,135,146	1,187,822	1,337,803	\$80.93	\$88.28	\$90.20	\$92.40	\$97.30	\$118.40
Rhode Island	77,528	76,085	73,195	76,315	84,868	102,303	\$79.06	\$86.00	\$92.14	\$97.57	\$105.77	\$138.85
South Carolina	497,218	521,125	534,294	545,293	589,763	687,508	\$84.00	\$90.48	\$91.93	\$94.47	\$99.87	\$121.42
South Dakota	53,459	56,095	58,466	60,246	62,945	73,981	\$84.07	\$91.33	\$94.29	\$97.67	\$103.27	\$125.34
Tennessee	806,490	849,703	870,416	864,870	911,253	1,072,055	\$83.88	\$92.35	\$93.44	\$96.70	\$101.95	\$124.66
Texas	2,258,951	2,441,975	2,622,548	2,422,198	2,532,047	3,003,156	\$85.10	\$90.75	\$93.40	\$93.52	\$100.98	\$122.07
Utah	123,411	133,263	131,753	123,475	134,180	185,282	\$83.14	\$88.31	\$88.81	\$89.90	\$93.75	\$118.40
Vermont	42,862	45,218	47,677	52,612	55,847	72,125	\$77.92	\$82.93	\$87.55	\$88.16	\$92.77	\$114.66
Virginia	485,877	488,481	506,656	515,032	545,079	651,725	\$81.67	\$85.25	\$86.47	\$89.23	\$93.26	\$118.00
Washington	453,497	508,472	535,768	536,333	581,001	761,220	\$83.66	\$88.34	\$92.48	\$93.33	\$97.65	\$114.59
West Virginia	255,936	262,442	267,630	269,343	276,800	305,960	\$75.45	\$81.94	\$82.95	\$85.05	\$91.56	\$111.25
Wisconsin	324,047	345,748	367,918	382,770	422,781	547,878	\$69.29	\$76.39	\$78.52	\$79.12	\$84.76	\$103.40
Wyoming	25,648	25,481	24,236	22,608	22,608	26,762	\$81.17	\$88.22	\$90.46	\$93.20	\$97.27	\$115.45

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"These new numbers are a bit of a wake-up call for North Dakota. They remind us that in spite of our economic successes and robust economy, there is a growing segment of our state which is not participating in the prosperity. These are the ones struggling to meet basic needs and certainly need our attention," said Richard Rathge, Director of the State Data center.

Nationally, participation in SNAP increased 18.7 percent from 2008 to 2009.

This month's "Economic Brief," a monthly publication from the North Dakota State Data Center, focuses on the average monthly participation in SNAP, along with the average monthly benefit per participant. The data were obtained from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service. As of October 1, 2008, SNAP became the new name for the federal Food Stamp Program. The new name reflects changes made to the program, including a focus on nutrition and an increase in benefit amounts.

Nearly \$80 million in SNAP benefits were distributed to North Dakota participants in fiscal year 2009, which is up 34.2 percent from 2008. Nationally, \$50.4 billion in SNAP benefits were distributed in 2009, which is up 45.5 percent from 2008.

On average, SNAP participants in North Dakota each received \$124.94 per month in fiscal year 2009, which is an increase of 22.5 percent from \$102.02 in 2008. Nationally, participants each received an average of \$124.45 per month in 2009, which is up 22.6 percent from \$101.52 in 2008. Hawaii reported the highest average monthly payment of \$199.02 in 2009. Missouri had the lowest at \$91.59.

During an average month, SNAP recipients comprised 8.2 percent of North Dakota's total population in 2009. Nearly half of all SNAP recipients in North Dakota were children. Nationwide, participants comprised 11.0 percent of the total population in 2009.
