

## North Dakota Participants in the Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (Formerly the Federal Food Stamp Program): Fiscal Year 2010

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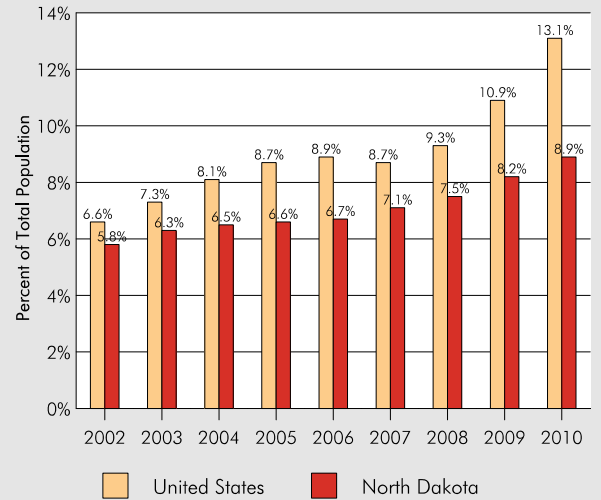
In 2010, \$95 million in SNAP benefits were distributed to North Dakota participants, which is up 19 percent from \$80 million 2009.

On average, SNAP participants in North Dakota each received \$132 per month in fiscal year 2010, which is an increase of 6 percent from \$125 in 2009. Nationally, participants each received an average of \$134 per month in 2010, which is up 7 percent from \$125 in 2009 (Table 1).

In an average month, SNAP recipients comprised 9 percent of North Dakota's total population in 2010. Nationally, participants comprised 13 percent of the total population in 2010 (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>.

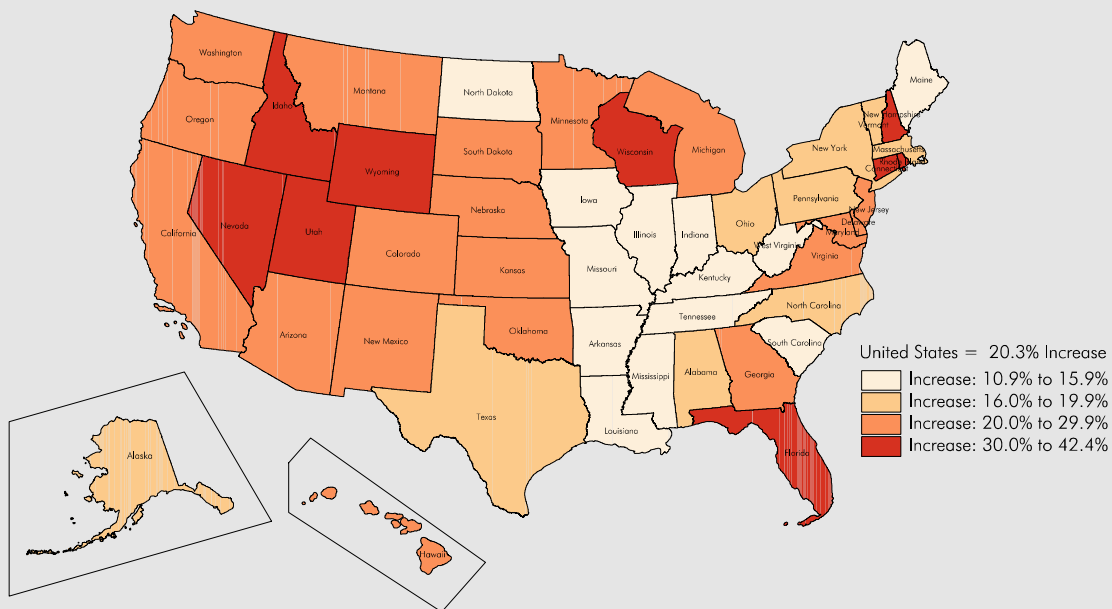
Figure 1. Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Participants, FY 2002-2010: ND & U.S.



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>; Census 2010.

Figure 2. Percent Change in Average Monthly SNAP Participation by State: FY 2009 to FY 2010

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 2005 to 2010**

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

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

Area	Average Monthly Participation (Persons)						Average Monthly Benefit Per Participant (Dollars)					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 <sup>2</sup>	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 <sup>2</sup>
United States <sup>1</sup>	25,717,830	26,548,833	26,316,045	28,222,625	33,489,975	40,301,657	\$92.57	\$94.75	\$96.18	\$102.19	\$125.31	\$133.79
Alabama	558,596	546,684	545,955	571,591	679,138	805,095	\$91.91	\$90.50	\$91.80	\$96.79	\$119.14	\$126.90
Alaska	55,567	57,153	56,181	56,977	64,385	76,445	\$120.58	\$125.37	\$127.69	\$137.87	\$167.77	\$173.78
Arizona	550,291	540,782	544,688	627,660	813,987	1,018,171	\$95.98	\$96.51	\$98.95	\$102.56	\$125.29	\$129.95
Arkansas	373,752	384,889	379,768	377,883	411,153	466,598	\$89.47	\$89.72	\$90.50	\$95.17	\$115.53	\$122.59
California	1,992,024	1,999,656	2,048,185	2,220,127	2,670,341	3,238,548	\$96.83	\$99.05	\$104.56	\$112.43	\$136.75	\$146.52
Colorado	245,926	251,385	250,704	252,933	319,121	404,679	\$106.14	\$106.42	\$103.24	\$107.11	\$131.26	\$141.62
Connecticut	204,146	210,288	212,562	225,383	258,165	336,064	\$91.11	\$94.74	\$99.21	\$105.31	\$134.65	\$141.26
Delaware	61,586	65,698	67,185	74,429	90,933	112,513	\$88.26	\$89.01	\$92.69	\$96.49	\$118.31	\$126.77
Dist. of Colum.	88,799	89,168	86,519	89,442	103,311	118,493	\$96.94	\$97.34	\$100.12	\$104.65	\$128.66	\$137.77
Florida	1,381,804	1,417,749	1,232,803	1,454,928	1,952,362	2,603,185	\$96.37	\$99.00	\$94.65	\$101.87	\$126.70	\$141.40
Georgia	921,427	946,812	950,038	1,021,155	1,286,078	1,591,078	\$94.77	\$96.67	\$98.76	\$104.19	\$125.95	\$134.35
Hawaii	93,548	87,942	89,629	96,551	114,599	138,166	\$138.88	\$140.10	\$145.55	\$159.34	\$199.02	\$216.01
Idaho	93,441	91,106	87,068	100,198	136,243	194,033	\$91.83	\$91.62	\$91.88	\$96.95	\$122.90	\$128.65
Illinois	1,158,271	1,225,093	1,246,400	1,299,443	1,462,421	1,645,722	\$100.73	\$102.25	\$104.65	\$110.19	\$132.36	\$141.00
Indiana	556,285	574,696	587,156	623,415	706,695	813,403	\$93.87	\$93.98	\$96.10	\$103.31	\$126.32	\$132.29
Iowa	206,696	225,717	238,349	258,173	295,106	340,304	\$88.60	\$90.17	\$92.81	\$98.66	\$118.56	\$128.84
Kansas	177,782	183,071	182,407	187,569	219,265	269,710	\$84.37	\$85.72	\$88.10	\$93.86	\$114.61	\$124.40
Kentucky	570,277	589,102	602,022	633,194	701,757	778,114	\$89.36	\$91.29	\$93.33	\$97.66	\$119.00	\$127.05
Louisiana	807,896	829,882	650,357	790,733	723,738	825,918	\$100.96	\$103.59	\$95.60	\$108.04	\$128.86	\$129.75
Maine	152,910	160,294	162,602	173,039	201,248	229,731	\$88.40	\$88.01	\$87.42	\$94.52	\$121.20	\$129.17
Maryland	288,943	305,395	317,825	359,985	454,196	560,848	\$92.33	\$91.71	\$93.67	\$100.01	\$122.69	\$130.45
Massachusetts	368,122	431,518	456,192	505,782	627,611	749,121	\$82.18	\$81.41	\$86.20	\$96.65	\$122.90	\$129.70
Michigan	1,047,594	1,133,793	1,204,409	1,256,373	1,450,272	1,776,368	\$87.41	\$91.05	\$94.63	\$99.89	\$121.06	\$131.77
Minnesota	259,937	263,986	276,414	293,923	344,993	430,338	\$88.16	\$89.15	\$89.36	\$93.44	\$114.18	\$120.77
Mississippi	434,958	447,710	426,116	447,181	505,920	575,674	\$88.70	\$94.39	\$86.79	\$92.59	\$113.83	\$122.54
Missouri	766,425	672,889	671,397	701,304	800,909	901,349	\$80.00	\$91.65	\$92.51	\$96.31	\$118.16	\$125.86
Montana	80,870	81,567	79,969	80,407	92,453	113,570	\$91.95	\$91.90	\$93.47	\$97.65	\$121.29	\$129.51
Nebraska	117,415	119,683	120,634	120,809	133,623	162,817	\$84.83	\$86.56	\$87.36	\$97.09	\$111.67	\$121.60
Nevada	121,707	117,920	122,224	144,494	200,056	278,105	\$88.26	\$87.86	\$91.18	\$97.88	\$119.04	\$124.23
New Hampshire	52,310	56,338	59,101	63,583	78,942	104,375	\$80.56	\$85.61	\$88.10	\$93.58	\$122.40	\$121.21
New Jersey	392,416	405,667	414,503	437,860	499,853	622,022	\$92.89	\$93.64	\$97.19	\$101.43	\$125.06	\$138.03
New Mexico	240,637	244,672	233,918	239,959	291,073	356,822	\$87.07	\$86.29	\$88.65	\$93.48	\$117.62	\$126.54
New York	1,754,861	1,785,914	1,801,984	1,952,991	2,322,742	2,757,836	\$101.43	\$104.52	\$107.49	\$109.78	\$141.90	\$150.63
North Carolina	799,747	854,407	882,946	946,978	1,137,294	1,346,495	\$89.21	\$89.83	\$91.77	\$97.19	\$119.11	\$128.24
<b>North Dakota</b>	<b>42,204</b>	<b>42,576</b>	<b>45,122</b>	<b>48,412</b>	<b>53,070</b>	<b>59,888</b>	<b>\$88.21</b>	<b>\$90.47</b>	<b>\$95.83</b>	<b>\$102.02</b>	<b>\$124.94</b>	<b>\$132.21</b>
Ohio	1,007,172	1,063,920	1,076,764	1,150,928	1,357,412	1,607,422	\$95.59	\$99.18	\$100.04	\$108.22	\$133.04	\$141.72
Oklahoma	424,402	435,519	421,316	419,038	472,908	582,492	\$86.32	\$89.42	\$90.77	\$97.72	\$117.44	\$128.71
Oregon	429,358	434,239	438,498	469,315	581,025	704,822	\$88.49	\$88.91	\$90.73	\$96.27	\$119.21	\$126.19
Pennsylvania	1,042,809	1,092,298	1,135,146	1,187,822	1,337,803	1,574,783	\$88.28	\$90.20	\$92.40	\$97.30	\$118.40	\$123.43
Rhode Island	76,085	73,195	76,315	84,868	102,303	138,966	\$86.00	\$92.14	\$97.57	\$105.77	\$138.85	\$142.49
South Carolina	521,125	534,294	545,293	589,763	687,508	797,110	\$90.48	\$91.93	\$94.47	\$99.87	\$121.42	\$131.34
South Dakota	56,095	58,466	60,246	62,945	73,981	95,336	\$91.33	\$94.29	\$97.67	\$103.27	\$125.34	\$133.80
Tennessee	849,703	870,416	864,870	911,253	1,072,055	1,224,023	\$92.35	\$93.44	\$96.70	\$101.95	\$124.66	\$133.86
Texas	2,441,975	2,622,548	2,422,198	2,532,047	3,003,156	3,551,581	\$90.75	\$93.40	\$93.52	\$100.98	\$122.07	\$127.82
Utah	133,263	131,753	123,475	134,180	185,282	247,405	\$88.31	\$88.81	\$89.90	\$93.75	\$118.40	\$123.58
Vermont	45,218	47,677	52,612	55,847	72,125	85,538	\$82.93	\$87.55	\$88.16	\$92.77	\$114.66	\$121.11
Virginia	488,481	506,656	515,032	545,079	651,725	786,157	\$85.25	\$86.47	\$89.23	\$93.26	\$118.00	\$128.63
Washington	508,472	535,768	536,333	581,001	761,220	956,004	\$88.34	\$92.48	\$93.33	\$97.65	\$114.59	\$120.87
West Virginia	262,442	267,630	269,343	276,800	305,960	341,156	\$81.94	\$82.95	\$85.05	\$91.56	\$111.25	\$118.94
Wisconsin	345,748	367,918	382,770	422,781	547,878	715,213	\$76.39	\$78.52	\$79.12	\$84.76	\$103.42	\$116.36
Wyoming	25,481	24,236	22,608	22,608	26,762	34,799	\$88.22	\$90.46	\$93.20	\$97.27	\$115.45	\$123.75

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## North Dakota Sees Increase in the Number of People Participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

An average of 59,888 North Dakotans participated in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) per month in fiscal year 2010 (based on preliminary data as of Dec. 2, 2010). The participation rate is up 13 percent from the 53,070 monthly average in 2009.

“The apparent contradiction between the state’s growing and robust economy and the increase in SNAP recipients is an important reminder that many families are still struggling in North Dakota. What is particularly noteworthy is the fact that nearly half of SNAP recipients are children,” said Richard Rathge.

Nationally, participation in SNAP increased 20 percent from 2009 to 2010.

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.

In 2010, \$95 million in SNAP benefits were distributed to North Dakota participants, up 19 percent from \$80 million 2009. The federal stimulus legislation signed into law on Feb. 17, 2009 increased SNAP benefits by 13.6 percent in North Dakota in April 2009. According to Sheila Peterson, stimulus coordinator for North Dakota, “Absent the stimulus legislation, SNAP benefits per participant would have decreased in fiscal year 2009 by .95 percent and been held flat in fiscal year 2010.”

On average, SNAP participants in North Dakota each received \$132 per month in fiscal year 2010, which is an increase of 6 percent from \$125 in 2009. Nationally, participants each received an average of \$134 per month in 2010, which is up 7 percent from \$125 in 2009. Hawaii reported the highest average monthly payment at \$216 in 2010. Wisconsin had the lowest at \$116.

During an average month, SNAP recipients comprised 9 percent of North Dakota’s total population in 2010. Nationally, participants comprised 13 percent of the total population in 2010.