SNAP in Utah

Utah at a Glance

- SNAP caseload as of April 2017 about: 82,922 Households. 7% decrease from April 2016
- The average SNAP Household size: 2.5
- Percentage of Utahns receiving SNAP: 6.8%
- Percentage of eligible households participating: 74%
- Percentage of working poor households participating: 66%
- The number of Utahns receiving SNAP benefits is about: 206,621
- The average household benefit is: $288
- The average per person benefit is: $3.85 a day or $1.28 per meal
- Percent SNAP households in headed by a single parent: 37%

![Average SNAP Caseload Utah](image)

Food Insecurity & Poverty

- One in 8 Utah households experience food insecurity.
- 11.3% of Utahns live below the poverty line.
- 12.5% of Utah children live below the poverty line.
- 6.8% of seniors live below the poverty line.

![Utah Individuals Receiving SNAP](image)

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SNAP kept 53,000 Utahns out of poverty, including 29,000 children, per year, between 2009 and 2012, on average. (These figures adjust for households underreporting benefits.)

Most SNAP Participants in Utah Are Poor
Share of participants by household income, FY 2015

- Income between 51-100% of poverty: 16%
- Income at or below 50% of poverty: 45%
- Income above 100% of poverty: 39%

Source: CBPP analysis of FY 2015 USDA SNAP Household Characteristics data

How Does SNAP Benefit the Economy?
Moody’s Analytics estimates that in a weak economy, $1 in SNAP benefits generates $1.70 in economic activity.

SNAP benefits pumped about $302 million into Utah’s economy in 2016.

Nearly All Households That Worked Before Receiving SNAP Continued Working
Work participation in year after starting to receive SNAP among households that worked in prior year

- Worked after starting to receive SNAP: 96%
- Did not work after starting to receive SNAP: 4%

Source: CBPP calculations based on 2004 SIPP Panel data.