

# Arkansas

## Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

### Population (2015)

Total People	2,978,204
Children (Under Age 18)	705,944

### Income and Poverty (2015)

Median Household Income	\$41,995
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	50
Total People Living In Poverty	550,508
Poverty Rate	19.1%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	4
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	187,693
Child Poverty Rate	27.2%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	4
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	1,115,645

### Food Insecurity and Food Hardship

Number of Households that are Food Insecure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	223,384
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	19.2%
Number of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	85,971
Percent of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	7.4%
Percent of Households Struggling Against Food Hardship (2015)	18.0%

## Federal Nutrition Programs

### School Breakfast Program (School Year 2014–2015)

Average Daily Student Participation	177,659
Free and Reduced-Price Students	150,887
Paid Students	26,772
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	2.8%
Free and Reduced-Price Students Participating in School Breakfast per 100 in School Lunch	61.8
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	7
Additional Free and Reduced-Price Students Served if Reached School Breakfast to Lunch Ratio of 70:100	20,109
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Ratio Reached 70:100	\$5,295,240
Number of Schools Participating	1,071
Schools Offering School Breakfast per 100 Offering School Lunch	99.9
Federal Funding for School Breakfast	\$49,726,104
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	Yes

### National School Lunch Program (School Year 2014–2015)

Average Daily Student Participation	317,789
Free and Reduced-Price Students	244,281
Paid Students	73,509
Number of Schools Participating	1,072
Federal Funding for School Lunch	\$130,037,963

### Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2015)

Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	36,564
July Summer Food Service Participation	27,096
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	9,468
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	160.6%
Summer Nutrition Participation as a Ratio to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Participation	16.0
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	26
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Reached Ratio of 40:100	55,090
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Reached Ratio of 40:100	\$4,347,952
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	156
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	720
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$6,346,813

## Arkansas, Continued

SNAP/Food Stamp Program	
Average Monthly Participation (Individuals) (FY 2015)	468,904
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years (FY 2010 - FY 2015)	0.5%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person (FY 2015)	\$115.30
Participation Rate of Eligible Persons (FY 2013)	77.0%
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	42
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2013)	73.0%
Program Access Index (PAI) - Ratio of SNAP Participants to Low-Income Population (FY 2014)	67.5
Federal Funding for SNAP/Food Stamps (FY 2015)	\$648,769,562
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (FY 2015)	
Average Monthly Participation	84,220
Women	21,939
Infants	23,581
Children	38,700
Change in Average Monthly Participation in the last 10 Years (FY 2005 - FY 2015)	-4.8%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$69,202,150
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (FY 2015)	
Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	397
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	3,307
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	-38.7%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	1,258
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	61,734
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	106.6%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$54,926,821
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (FY 2015)	
Federal Entitlement Funding	\$3,114,659
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$2,876,988
Administrative Funding	\$688,591
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2015)	
Average Monthly Participation	3,037
Federal Funding for CSFP	\$977,758
State Economic Security Policies	
Minimum Wage (2016)	
State Minimum Wage	\$8.00
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (2016)	
State EITC (Yes/No)	No
Refundable (Yes/No)	No
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) (FY 2015)	
Average Monthly Participation	10,855
Adults	2,880
Children	7,975
Maximum TANF Benefit, Single-Parent Family of Three	\$204
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$9,212,268