

Connecticut

Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

Population (2015)

Total People	3,590,886
Children (Under Age 18)	763,325

Income and Poverty (2015)

Median Household Income	\$71,346
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	6
Total People Living In Poverty	366,909
Poverty Rate	10.5%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	46
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	109,293
Child Poverty Rate	14.5%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	43
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	741,332

Food Insecurity and Food Hardship

Number of Households that are Food Insecure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	183,893
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	13.1%
Number of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	88,199
Percent of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	6.3%
Percent of Households Struggling Against Food Hardship (2015)	13.5%

Federal Nutrition Programs

School Breakfast Program (School Year 2014–2015)

Average Daily Student Participation	93,709
Free and Reduced-Price Students	79,410
Paid Students	14,299
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	10.1%
Free and Reduced-Price Students Participating in School Breakfast per 100 in School Lunch	47.8
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	37
Additional Free and Reduced-Price Students Served if Reached School Breakfast to Lunch Ratio of 70:100	36,825
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Ratio Reached 70:100	\$10,245,202
Number of Schools Participating	866
Schools Offering School Breakfast per 100 Offering School Lunch	80.6
Federal Funding for School Breakfast	\$28,207,703
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	Yes

National School Lunch Program (School Year 2014–2015)

Average Daily Student Participation	276,488
Free and Reduced-Price Students	166,050
Paid Students	110,438
Number of Schools Participating	1,075
Federal Funding for School Lunch	\$96,056,735

Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2015)

Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	39,574
July Summer Food Service Participation	24,784
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	14,789
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	42.6%
Summer Nutrition Participation as a Ratio to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Participation	25.4
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	5
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Reached Ratio of 40:100	22,728
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Reached Ratio of 40:100	\$1,793,831
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	34
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	479
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$3,514,450

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SNAP/Food Stamp Program

Average Monthly Participation (Individuals) (FY 2015)	442,161
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years (FY 2010 - FY 2015)	31.6%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person (FY 2015)	\$134.82
Participation Rate of Eligible Persons (FY 2013)	90.0%
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	18
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2013)	77.0%
Program Access Index (PAI) - Ratio of SNAP Participants to Low-Income Population (FY 2014)	91.2
Federal Funding for SNAP/Food Stamps (FY 2015)	\$715,334,947

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (FY 2015)

Average Monthly Participation	51,295
Women	11,208
Infants	12,953
Children	27,135
Change in Average Monthly Participation in the last 10 Years (FY 2005 - FY 2015)	-1.5%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$45,702,910

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (FY 2015)

Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	840
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	4,418
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	-9.3%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	354
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	16,651
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	40.0%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$15,402,835

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (FY 2015)

Federal Entitlement Funding	\$3,195,558
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$2,805,476
Administrative Funding	\$472,541

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2015)

Average Monthly Participation	334
Federal Funding for CSFP	\$210,328

State Economic Security Policies

Minimum Wage (2016)

State Minimum Wage	\$9.60
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Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (2016)

State EITC (Yes/No)	Yes
Refundable (Yes/No)	Yes

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) (FY 2015)

Average Monthly Participation	26,274
Adults	7,698
Children	18,576
Maximum TANF Benefit, Single-Parent Family of Three	\$698
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$69,820,413