

Louisiana

Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

Population (2015)

Total People	4,670,724
Children (Under Age 18)	1,116,185

Income and Poverty (2015)

Median Household Income	\$45,727
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	45
Total People Living In Poverty	889,946
Poverty Rate	19.6%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	3
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	312,710
Child Poverty Rate	28.4%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	3
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	1,672,912

Food Insecurity and Food Hardship

Number of Households that are Food Insecure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	331,528
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	18.4%
Number of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	138,855
Percent of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	7.7%
Percent of Households Struggling Against Food Hardship (2015)	21.5%

Federal Nutrition Programs

School Breakfast Program (School Year 2014–2015)

Average Daily Student Participation	263,885
Free and Reduced-Price Students	235,403
Paid Students	28,482
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	4.1%
Free and Reduced-Price Students Participating in School Breakfast per 100 in School Lunch	57.1
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	19
Additional Free and Reduced-Price Students Served if Reached School Breakfast to Lunch Ratio of 70:100	53,149
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Ratio Reached 70:100	\$13,506,108
Number of Schools Participating	1,563
Schools Offering School Breakfast per 100 Offering School Lunch	95.1
Federal Funding for School Breakfast	\$75,053,019
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	Yes

National School Lunch Program (School Year 2014–2015)

Average Daily Student Participation	541,782
Free and Reduced-Price Students	412,217
Paid Students	129,565
Number of Schools Participating	1,644
Federal Funding for School Lunch	\$216,194,233

Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2015)

Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	34,555
July Summer Food Service Participation	32,526
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	2,029
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	-3.5%
Summer Nutrition Participation as a Ratio to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Participation	8.9
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	45
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Reached Ratio of 40:100	120,109
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Reached Ratio of 40:100	\$9,479,576
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	81
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	569
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$9,677,568

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SNAP/Food Stamp Program

Average Monthly Participation (Individuals) (FY 2015)	859,738
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years (FY 2010 - FY 2015)	4.1%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person (FY 2015)	\$125.86
Participation Rate of Eligible Persons (FY 2013)	86.0%
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	27
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2013)	78.0%
Program Access Index (PAI) - Ratio of SNAP Participants to Low-Income Population (FY 2014)	76.0
Federal Funding for SNAP/Food Stamps (FY 2015)	\$1,298,445,656

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

Average Monthly Participation	128,935
Women	33,260
Infants	37,558
Children	58,117
Change in Average Monthly Participation in the last 10 Years (FY 2005 - FY 2015)	-10.3%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$120,330,066

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

Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	8,032
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	39,199
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	60.2%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	906
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	64,655
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	98.7%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$85,215,852

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

Federal Entitlement Funding	\$4,157,816
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$4,343,852
Administrative Funding	\$1,204,719

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2015)

Average Monthly Participation	60,172
Federal Funding for CSFP	\$19,480,190

State Economic Security Policies

Minimum Wage (2016)

State Minimum Wage	\$7.25
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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	11,859
Adults	1,479
Children	10,380
Maximum TANF Benefit, Single-Parent Family of Three	\$240
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$18,826,852