

Mississippi

Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

Population (2015)

Total People	2,992,333
Children (Under Age 18)	728,007

Income and Poverty (2015)

Median Household Income	\$40,593
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	51
Total People Living In Poverty	637,128
Poverty Rate	22.0%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	1
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	224,273
Child Poverty Rate	31.3%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	1
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	1,220,838

Food Insecurity and Food Hardship

Number of Households that are Food Insecure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	236,931
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	20.8%
Number of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	89,545
Percent of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	7.9%
Percent of Households Struggling Against Food Hardship (2015)	23.0%

Federal Nutrition Programs

School Breakfast Program (School Year 2014–2015)

Average Daily Student Participation	202,056
Free and Reduced-Price Students	187,674
Paid Students	14,382
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	0.7%
Free and Reduced-Price Students Participating in School Breakfast per 100 in School Lunch	58.5
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	13
Additional Free and Reduced-Price Students Served if Reached School Breakfast to Lunch Ratio of 70:100	36,761
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Ratio Reached 70:100	\$9,546,180
Number of Schools Participating	858
Schools Offering School Breakfast per 100 Offering School Lunch	94.1
Federal Funding for School Breakfast	\$61,236,844
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	No

National School Lunch Program (School Year 2014–2015)

Average Daily Student Participation	380,605
Free and Reduced-Price Students	320,622
Paid Students	59,984
Number of Schools Participating	912
Federal Funding for School Lunch	\$169,323,951

Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2015)

Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	21,931
July Summer Food Service Participation	21,111
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	820
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	33.6%
Summer Nutrition Participation as a Ratio to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Participation	7.3
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	50
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Reached Ratio of 40:100	98,366
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Reached Ratio of 40:100	\$7,763,555
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	107
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	562
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$6,530,968

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SNAP/Food Stamp Program

Average Monthly Participation (Individuals) (FY 2015)	636,322
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years (FY 2010 - FY 2015)	10.5%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person (FY 2015)	\$120.03
Participation Rate of Eligible Persons (FY 2013)	85.0%
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	30
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2013)	84.0%
Program Access Index (PAI) - Ratio of SNAP Participants to Low-Income Population (FY 2014)	80.3
Federal Funding for SNAP/Food Stamps (FY 2015)	\$916,551,543

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

Average Monthly Participation	88,715
Women	21,563
Infants	25,771
Children	41,381
Change in Average Monthly Participation in the last 10 Years (FY 2005 - FY 2015)	-13.1%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$82,965,010

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

Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	757
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	3,492
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	30.4%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	705
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	38,814
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	31.7%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$40,591,316

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

Federal Entitlement Funding	\$3,519,700
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$3,459,889
Administrative Funding	\$867,037

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2015)

Average Monthly Participation	9,686
Federal Funding for CSFP	\$3,050,361

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)	No
Refundable (Yes/No)	No

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

Average Monthly Participation	13,972
Adults	3,281
Children	10,692
Maximum TANF Benefit, Single-Parent Family of Three	\$170
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$11,350,245