

New Jersey

Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

Population (2015)

Total People	8,958,013
Children (Under Age 18)	1,998,865

Income and Poverty (2015)

Median Household Income	\$72,222
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	5
Total People Living In Poverty	946,114
Poverty Rate	10.8%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	44
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	308,238
Child Poverty Rate	15.6%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	36
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	1,995,662

Food Insecurity and Food Hardship

Number of Households that are Food Insecure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	368,311
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	11.1%
Number of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	154,733
Percent of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	4.7%
Percent of Households Struggling Against Food Hardship (2015)	14.9%

Federal Nutrition Programs

School Breakfast Program (School Year 2014–2015)

Average Daily Student Participation	296,652
Free and Reduced-Price Students	252,420
Paid Students	44,232
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	6.1%
Free and Reduced-Price Students Participating in School Breakfast per 100 in School Lunch	55.3
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	23
Additional Free and Reduced-Price Students Served if Reached School Breakfast to Lunch Ratio of 70:100	66,864
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Ratio Reached 70:100	\$17,619,372
Number of Schools Participating	2,077
Schools Offering School Breakfast per 100 Offering School Lunch	78.1
Federal Funding for School Breakfast	\$85,039,705
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	Yes

National School Lunch Program (School Year 2014–2015)

Average Daily Student Participation	687,730
Free and Reduced-Price Students	456,121
Paid Students	231,610
Number of Schools Participating	2,659
Federal Funding for School Lunch	\$246,425,692

Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2015)

Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	79,093
July Summer Food Service Participation	52,801
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	26,291
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	7.0%
Summer Nutrition Participation as a Ratio to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Participation	18.5
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	14
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Reached Ratio of 40:100	92,044
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Reached Ratio of 40:100	\$7,264,547
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	108
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	1,112
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$7,464,548

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SNAP/Food Stamp Program

Average Monthly Participation (Individuals) (FY 2015)	905,728
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years (FY 2010 - FY 2015)	45.6%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person (FY 2015)	\$118.82
Participation Rate of Eligible Persons (FY 2013)	76.0%
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	45
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2013)	71.0%
Program Access Index (PAI) - Ratio of SNAP Participants to Low-Income Population (FY 2014)	70.4
Federal Funding for SNAP/Food Stamps (FY 2015)	\$1,291,435,885

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

Average Monthly Participation	161,664
Women	36,969
Infants	36,584
Children	88,112
Change in Average Monthly Participation in the last 10 Years (FY 2005 - FY 2015)	10.1%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$148,623,186

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

Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	455
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	2,252
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	-46.4%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	1,302
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	65,712
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	15.9%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$69,867,558

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

Federal Entitlement Funding	\$7,133,173
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$8,497,665
Administrative Funding	\$1,982,240

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2015)

Average Monthly Participation	2,987
Federal Funding for CSFP	\$890,457

State Economic Security Policies

Minimum Wage (2016)

State Minimum Wage	\$8.38
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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	56,865
Adults	15,000
Children	41,865
Maximum TANF Benefit, Single-Parent Family of Three	\$424
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$190,696,486