

Tennessee

Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

Population (2015)

Total People	6,600,299
Children (Under Age 18)	1,493,800

Income and Poverty (2015)

Median Household Income	\$47,275
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	43
Total People Living In Poverty	1,077,900
Poverty Rate	16.7%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	11
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	355,175
Child Poverty Rate	24.2%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	11
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	2,213,860

Food Insecurity and Food Hardship

Number of Households that are Food Insecure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	401,892
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	15.1%
Number of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	159,211
Percent of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2013-2015, 3-year average)	6.0%
Percent of Households Struggling Against Food Hardship (2015)	18.5%

Federal Nutrition Programs

School Breakfast Program (School Year 2014–2015)

Average Daily Student Participation	371,475
Free and Reduced-Price Students	326,765
Paid Students	44,710
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	4.2%
Free and Reduced-Price Students Participating in School Breakfast per 100 in School Lunch	61.6
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	8
Additional Free and Reduced-Price Students Served if Reached School Breakfast to Lunch Ratio of 70:100	44,750
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Ratio Reached 70:100	\$11,073,088
Number of Schools Participating	1,752
Schools Offering School Breakfast per 100 Offering School Lunch	98.2
Federal Funding for School Breakfast	\$103,191,268
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	Yes

National School Lunch Program (School Year 2014–2015)

Average Daily Student Participation	670,494
Free and Reduced-Price Students	530,735
Paid Students	139,759
Number of Schools Participating	1,784
Federal Funding for School Lunch	\$269,064,982

Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2015)

Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	70,844
July Summer Food Service Participation	47,597
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	23,247
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	52.8%
Summer Nutrition Participation as a Ratio to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Participation	14.2
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	30
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Reached Ratio of 40:100	128,288
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Reached Ratio of 40:100	\$10,125,093
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	75
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	1,667
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$11,101,561

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SNAP/Food Stamp Program

Average Monthly Participation (Individuals) (FY 2015)	1,229,391
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years (FY 2010 - FY 2015)	0.4%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person (FY 2015)	\$127.75
Participation Rate of Eligible Persons (FY 2013)	100.0%
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	1
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2013)	82.0%
Program Access Index (PAI) - Ratio of SNAP Participants to Low-Income Population (FY 2014)	84.9
Federal Funding for SNAP/Food Stamps (FY 2015)	\$1,884,708,816

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

Average Monthly Participation	150,116
Women	40,181
Infants	42,284
Children	67,650
Change in Average Monthly Participation in the last 10 Years (FY 2005 - FY 2015)	-3.4%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$119,185,504

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

Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	1,685
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	11,419
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	33.7%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	1,742
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	61,710
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	29.1%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$61,028,198

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

Federal Entitlement Funding	\$6,186,879
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$5,971,372
Administrative Funding	\$1,781,630

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2015)

Average Monthly Participation	13,190
Federal Funding for CSFP	\$3,847,594

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	87,101
Adults	21,565
Children	65,536
Maximum TANF Benefit, Single-Parent Family of Three	\$185
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$80,668,768