

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

In Maine

- SNAP reaches 97,198 households with 185,379 individuals in an average month (FY 2016).
- SNAP helps 1 in 5 rural and small town households and 1 in 7 households in metro areas afford healthy, nutritious meals.²

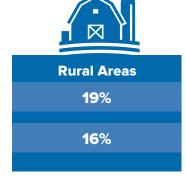
Percent of households participating in SNAP³

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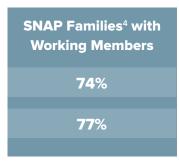


¹USDA, Characteristics of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Households: Fiscal Year 2016.

- Almost three-quarters of SNAP families had at least one working adult in the past 12 months.
- A very small number of SNAP households (3% or 3,000) participate in TANF, making SNAP a critical safety net for families with children.
- More than one-third of SNAP households included children.

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SNAP Households on TANF
3%
5%

SNAP Households with Children
35%
43%

Source for working families data: American Community Survey 2016 five-year estimates (2012-2016).

Source for TANF and children data: USDA, Characteristics of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Households: Fiscal Year 2016.

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²For the purpose of this analysis, **"Metro Areas"** are metropolitan statistical areas as delineated by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), each of which contains at least one Census Bureau-delineated urbanized area of 50,000 or more people; **"Small Towns"** are micropolitan statistical areas as delineated by OMB, each containing at least one Census Bureau-delineated urban cluster of between 10,000 and 50,000 people; and **"Rural Areas"** are non-metropolitan and non-micropolitan areas.

³ American Community Survey 2016 five-year estimates (2012-2016).

⁴ Based on the Census Bureau definition, **family** consists of a householder and one or more other people living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption.