

Tennessee

Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

Population (2017)

Total People	6,715,984
Children (Under Age 18)	1,507,502

Income and Poverty (2016)

Median Household Income	\$48,547
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	44
Total People Living In Poverty	1,023,177
Poverty Rate	15.8%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	12
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	334,238
Child Poverty Rate	22.6%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	13
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	2,149,407

Food Insecurity and Food Hardship

Number of Households that are Food Insecure (2014-2016, 3-year average)	356,440
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure (2014-2016, 3-year average)	13.4%
Number of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2014-2016, 3-year average)	154,280
Percent of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2014-2016, 3-year average)	5.8%
Percent of Households Struggling Against Food Hardship (2015)	18.5%

Federal Nutrition Programs

School Breakfast Program (School Year 2016–2017)

Average Daily Student Participation	385,668
Free and Reduced-Price Students	333,734
Paid Students	51,934
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	-1.9%
Free and Reduced-Price Students Participating in School Breakfast per 100 in School Lunch	65.0
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	6
Additional Free and Reduced-Price Students Served if Reached School Breakfast to Lunch Ratio of 70:100	25,799
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Ratio Reached 70:100	\$7,240,248
Number of Schools Participating	1,758
Schools Offering School Breakfast per 100 Offering School Lunch	98.3
Federal Funding for School Breakfast	\$114,345,844
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	Yes

National School Lunch Program (School Year 2016–2017)

Average Daily Student Participation	648,942
Free and Reduced-Price Students	513,617
Paid Students	135,325
Number of Schools Participating	1,788
Federal Funding for School Lunch	\$287,410,095

Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2016)

Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	65,713
July Summer Food Service Participation	41,326
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	24,388
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	50.2%
Summer Nutrition Participation as a Ratio to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Participation	13.3
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	29
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Reached Ratio of 40:100	132,290
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Reached Ratio of 40:100	\$9,749,744
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	59
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	1,522
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$9,453,380

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SNAP/Food Stamp Program	
Average Monthly Participation (Individuals) (FY 2017)	12,564,691
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years (FY 2012 - FY 2017)	-22.5%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person (FY 2017)	\$126.28
Participation Rate of Eligible Persons (FY 2015)	95.0%
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	11
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2015)	79.0%
Program Access Index (PAI) - Ratio of SNAP Participants to Low-Income Population (FY 2016)	80.9%
Annual Federal Funding for SNAP/Food Stamps (FY 2017)	\$1,586,711,088
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (FY 2017)	
Average Monthly Participation	136,303
Women	36,560
Infants	39,310
Children	60,433
Change in Average Monthly Participation in the last 10 Years (FY 2007 - FY 2017)	-14.8%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$123,937,873
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (FY 2017)	
Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	1,371
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	12,137
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	35.1%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	1,499
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	73,777
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	50.8%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$68,978,272
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (FY 2017)	
Federal Entitlement Funding	\$5,793,318
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$5,253,370
Administrative Funding	\$1,894,637
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2017)	
Average Monthly Participation	12,531
Federal Funding for CSFP	\$3,755,735
State Economic Security Policies	
Minimum Wage (2018)	
State Minimum Wage	
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (2018)	
State EITC (Yes/No)	No
Refundable (Yes/No)	N/A
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	
Average Monthly Participation (FY 2016)	68,975
Adults	15,918
Children	53,057
Maximum TANF Benefit, Single-Parent Family of Three (FY 2016)	\$185
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance (FY 2016)	\$71,412,477