

CALCULATING THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) PROGRAM ACCESS INDEX: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR 2014

Introduction

The Program Access Index (PAI) is one of the measures the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) uses to reward States for high performance in the administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (also known as the 2002 Farm Bill) directed USDA to establish a number of indicators of effective program performance and to award bonus payments to States with the best and most improved performance. The PAI is designed to indicate the degree to which low-income people have access to SNAP benefits.

The PAI is not, strictly speaking, a measure of participation among people eligible for benefits. For most purposes, the participation rate among people eligible for benefits is a better measure of program performance.¹ FNS uses the poverty-based PAI because it is the best measure available in time to meet the law's requirements. The 2002 Farm Bill that authorizes the State performance awards requires payment by the end of the fiscal year following the period of performance – by September 2015 for performance during calendar year 2014, for example. The timing of the release of the official poverty statistics each year enables calculation of a PAI in time to meet the law's requirements. There is not enough time to complete the more precise estimates of the number of people eligible for SNAP benefits.

¹ See for example *Reaching Those in Need: State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation Rates in 2012* by Karen E. Cunyngnam, available online at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/ops/Reaching2012.pdf>

Waiting for the more precise estimates is inconsistent with the law and would also delay payments to States.

FNS issued a final rule on February 7, 2005, codifying the procedures for calculating and awarding performance bonuses for calendar year 2005 and beyond. For this access measure, FNS uses the American Community Survey (ACS) for poverty count estimates.² In addition, the final rule changed the name of the measure to the PAI.

The purpose of this step-by-step guide is to describe the calculation of the PAI in detail. It includes all of the data, adjustments, and calculations used in determining the PAI for every State in 2014.

Calculating the PAI

In general, the PAI is a simple index of the average monthly number of SNAP participants over the course of a calendar year to the number of people with income below 125 percent of the official poverty line in each State. FNS computes average monthly participation over a calendar year – rather than the Federal fiscal year – to better align the participation count with the annual poverty measure.

² FNS did a comparative analysis of the merits of the American Community (ACS) and Current Population (CPS) surveys and determined that the ACS provided a better basis for the calculation of the Program Access Index beginning with the 2005 high-performance bonuses. See *Estimating the Number of People in Poverty for the Program Access Index: The American Community Survey vs. the Current Population Survey* available online at www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/080206a.pdf

FNS makes an adjustment to the counts of participants, the numerator of this index, to better reflect State performance in the administration of SNAP. FNS subtracts out estimates of the number of people who received SNAP disaster assistance. Disaster assistance is approved in limited circumstances and operates under special rules that differ from regular SNAP rules. The adjustment is intended to account for only those disaster assistance recipients who are new to the program – not existing participants who are issued replacement benefits. The quality of this adjustment depends in part on the accuracy of data reported by States to FNS on the operations of disaster assistance programs.

FNS makes two adjustments to the poverty counts in the denominator of the index. Participants in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are subtracted from the number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty in each State. Participants in FDPIR would qualify for SNAP

but have opted to take the FDPIR commodity package instead. In addition, poor Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients in California are subtracted from the number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty. By law, SSI recipients in California are ineligible for SNAP because they receive a State-funded cash supplement for food. The number of participants in FDPIR and California SSI recipients offers no information on the effectiveness of State SNAP agency operations.

FNS awards performance bonuses to the four States with the highest PAI and to the four States with the most improved PAI, provided that a State is eligible to receive such a bonus. A State agency is not eligible for a bonus payment in any fiscal year for which it has a liability amount as a result of an excessive payment error rate in the same year. If a State qualifies under both the best and most improved criteria, it is awarded the bonus for most improved, and the State with the next highest PAI is awarded a bonus for best performance.

Step-by-Step Guide

The following provides a step-by-step description of the calculation of the PAI, using the calculation of the 2014 PAI for Mississippi as an example. The column references in the following example, along with the calculations for all States, can be found in the accompanying table: *SNAP Program Access Index Calculation: 2014*. The example below may contain discrepancies due to rounding.

Description	Example (Mississippi)
<p>Step 1: Determine annual number of SNAP participants (CY 2014)</p> <p>The number of annual SNAP participants is the sum of the monthly counts from January to December 2014. The monthly counts are extracted from the Food and Nutrition Service National Data Bank. The annual total is displayed in Column B of the table.</p>	<p>Column B:</p> <p>7,828,801</p>
<p>Step 2: Determine number of FDPIR participants (CY 2014)</p> <p>The number of annual FDPIR participants is the sum of the monthly counts from January to December 2014. The monthly counts are extracted from the Food and Nutrition Service National Data Bank. The annual total is displayed in Column C of the table.</p>	<p>Column C:</p> <p>10,959</p>

<p>Step 3: Determine number of disaster assistance participants (CY 2014)</p> <p>The number of disaster assistance participants is also extracted from the Food and Nutrition Service National Data Bank. State and disaster specific adjustments are made to reflect the disaster policy in effect. For disasters that lasted more than a month, the reduction in participation is adjusted to reflect that. The annual total for all States is displayed in Column D of the table.</p>	<p>Column D:</p> <p>1,217</p>
<p>Step 4: Calculate adjusted number of annual participants (CY 2014)</p> <p>The adjusted annual number of participants is the annual number of SNAP participants (Column B) minus the number of disaster assistance recipients (Column D).</p>	<p>Column E:</p> <p>7,828,801 - 1,217 = 7,827,584</p>
<p>Step 5: Calculate adjusted average monthly participants (CY 2014)</p> <p>The adjusted monthly average number of participants is equal to the adjusted annual number of SNAP participants (Column E) divided by 12.</p>	<p>Column F:</p> <p>7,827,584 ÷ 12 = 652,299</p>
<p>Step 6: Determine the number of individuals with income below 125 percent of poverty</p> <p>Estimates of the number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty are published annually by the Bureau of the Census and are available online via the American FactFinder Web site (http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml). The 2014 ACS estimates are displayed in Column G.</p>	<p>Column G:</p> <p>812,858</p>
<p>Step 7: Calculate adjustment for SSI recipients in California</p> <p>This adjustment is based on the number of SSI recipients among the population with income below 125 percent of the official poverty threshold in California. This statistic is provided to us directly from the Census Bureau.</p>	<p>Column H:</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Step 8: Calculate monthly FDPIR participants (CY 2014)</p> <p>The monthly average number of FDPIR participants is equal to the annual number of FDPIR participants (Column C) divided by 12.</p>	<p>Column I:</p> <p>10,959 ÷ 12 = 913</p>

<p>Step 9: Calculate adjusted number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty</p> <p>The adjusted number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty is equal to the official counts of persons below 125 percent of poverty (Column G) minus the Monthly FDPIR Participants (Column I). For California, the adjusted number of people in poverty (Column J) is equal to the official counts of persons below 125 percent of poverty (Column G) minus the Monthly FDPIR Participants (Column I) minus the SSI adjustment (Column H). The SSI adjustment is not applied in any other State.</p>	<p>Column J:</p> <p>812,858 -913 -N/A = 811,945</p>
<p>Step 10: Calculate the Program Access Index for 2014</p> <p>The final PAI is an index of the adjusted count of participants to the adjusted estimate of persons living below 125 percent of the official poverty line. It is calculated by dividing adjusted monthly SNAP participants (Column F) by the adjusted poverty count (Column J).</p>	<p>Column K:</p> <p>652,299 ÷ 811,945 = .803</p>
<p>Step 11: Rank Order States by Program Access Index</p> <p>State rankings are determined in descending order, from highest to lowest.</p>	<p>Column L:</p> <p>20</p>
<p>Step 12: Determine the Program Access Index for 2013</p> <p>The 2013 PAI was calculated in the same fashion, using prior year data.</p>	<p>Column M:</p> <p>0.763</p>
<p>Step 13: Calculate the difference between 2014 and 2013 PAIs</p> <p>The difference is equal to the 2014 PAI (Column K) minus the 2013 PAI (Column M). This provides the percentage point difference between 2014 and 2013. A positive difference indicates improvement; a negative difference indicates a reduction.</p>	<p>Column N:</p> <p>0.803 - 0.763 = 0.0408</p>
<p>Step 14: Rank Order States by “Improvement” -- the difference in 2014 and 2013 PAIs</p> <p>State rankings are determined in descending order, from highest to lowest.</p>	<p>Column O:</p> <p>4</p>

Calculation of SNAP Program Access Index: 2014

Worksheet Name	Column	Description
PAI Calculation	B	Annual count of SNAP participants (set equal to column N of Annual SNAP Participants Worksheet)
	C	Annual count of FDPIR participants (set equal to column N of Annual FDPIR Participants Worksheet)
	D	Annual count of disaster assistance recipients (set equal to column F of Disaster Assistance Worksheet)
	E	Adjusted annual count of SNAP participants (set equal to column B - Column D)
	F	Adjusted monthly average count of SNAP participants (set equal to column E divided by 12)
	G	Count of persons in households with income less than 125% of poverty from 2014 ACS American FactFinder: 2014 ACS
	H	CA Adjustment: Number of CA persons who receive SSI and have income less than 125% of poverty from 2014 ACS
	I	Monthly FDPIR Participants (set equal to column C divided by 12)
	J	Adjusted count of persons in households with income below 125% of poverty (set equal to column G - column H - column I)
	K	Program Access Index, 2014 (set equal to column F divided by column J)
	L	2014 PAI Rank
	M	Program Access Index, 2013 (compare to current year for improvement)
	N	Improvement in Program Access Index from prior year (set equal to column K - column M)
O	Improvement Rank	
SNAP Participants		Counts of individual SNAP participants by State and month in calendar year 2014. Extracted from National Data Bank in August 2015. Annual total shown in last column.
FDPIR Participants		Counts of individual participants in Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations by State and month in calendar year 2014. Extracted from National Data Bank in August 2015. Annual total shown in last column.
Disaster Assistance		Counts of individual recipients of disaster assistance; includes only new participants, excludes replacement issuances. Extracted from National Data Bank in August 2015.
2013 ACS Poverty		Counts of individuals with income below 125 percent of poverty in 2014. Extracted from the American FactFinder website (http://factfinder.census.gov)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Program Access Index (PAI) Calculation: 2014

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
State	Annual SNAP Participants	Annual FDIPIR Participants	Disaster Assistance	Adjusted Annual SNAP Participants	Adjusted Monthly SNAP Participants	ACS 125% Poverty Count	CA SSI Adjustment	Monthly FDIPIR Participants	Adjusted Poverty Count	2014 PAI	2014 PAI Rank	2013 PAI	Improvement	Improvement Rank
Alabama	10,797,651	-	-	10,797,651	899,804	1,182,910	-	-	1,182,910	0.761	26	0.791	-0.0304	31
Alaska	1,024,074	4,647	-	1,024,074	85,340	108,653	-	387	108,266	0.788	23	0.969	-0.1804	51
Arizona	12,412,334	140,260	-	12,412,334	1,034,361	1,564,526	-	11,688	1,552,838	0.666	40	0.714	-0.0475	39
Arkansas	5,849,371	-	565	5,848,806	487,401	722,248	-	-	722,248	0.675	39	0.674	0.0012	19
California	52,610,418	65,003	-	52,610,418	4,384,202	8,198,675	432,726	5,417	7,760,532	0.565	47	0.532	0.0325	6
Colorado	6,053,111	5,243	-	6,053,111	504,426	854,664	-	437	854,227	0.591	45	0.568	0.0223	11
Connecticut	5,296,540	-	-	5,296,540	441,378	484,099	-	-	484,099	0.912	10	0.885	0.0267	10
Delaware	1,798,389	-	-	1,798,389	149,866	143,860	-	-	143,860	1.042	2	0.998	0.0434	3
District of Columbia	1,711,606	-	-	1,711,606	142,634	130,514	-	-	130,514	1.093	1	1.031	0.0619	1
Florida	42,762,638	-	-	42,762,638	3,563,553	4,264,883	-	-	4,264,883	0.836	16	0.836	-0.0001	20
Georgia	21,864,610	-	-	21,864,610	1,822,051	2,292,330	-	-	2,292,330	0.795	21	0.809	-0.0142	24
Hawaii	2,334,917	-	-	2,334,917	194,576	209,439	-	-	209,439	0.929	7	0.961	-0.0324	34
Idaho	2,491,081	19,112	-	2,491,081	207,590	338,551	-	1,593	336,958	0.616	43	0.674	-0.0583	46
Illinois	24,297,674	-	-	24,297,674	2,024,806	2,355,441	-	-	2,355,441	0.860	14	0.852	0.0073	15
Indiana	10,536,964	-	-	10,536,964	878,080	1,283,057	-	-	1,283,057	0.684	37	0.699	-0.0151	26
Iowa	4,837,228	-	-	4,837,228	403,102	500,834	-	-	500,834	0.805	19	0.842	-0.0376	37
Kansas	3,427,711	6,720	-	3,427,711	285,643	504,927	-	560	504,367	0.566	46	0.618	-0.0517	42
Kentucky	9,792,894	-	-	9,792,894	816,075	1,054,949	-	-	1,054,949	0.774	25	0.841	-0.0677	50
Louisiana	10,425,095	-	-	10,425,095	868,758	1,142,650	-	-	1,142,650	0.760	27	0.811	-0.0508	41
Maine	2,689,922	-	-	2,689,922	224,160	241,610	-	-	241,610	0.928	8	0.981	-0.0533	44
Maryland	9,430,211	-	-	9,430,211	785,851	781,607	-	-	781,607	1.005	3	1.014	-0.0082	22
Massachusetts	10,135,729	-	-	10,135,729	844,644	978,814	-	-	978,814	0.863	12	0.898	-0.0351	36
Michigan	19,826,112	22,610	-	19,826,112	1,652,176	2,032,883	-	1,884	2,030,999	0.813	18	0.847	-0.0336	35
Minnesota	6,264,198	32,726	-	6,264,198	522,017	788,480	-	2,727	785,753	0.664	41	0.708	-0.0435	38
Mississippi	7,828,801	10,959	1,217	7,827,584	652,299	812,858	-	913	811,945	0.803	20	0.763	0.0408	4
Missouri	10,163,170	-	-	10,163,170	846,931	1,195,344	-	-	1,195,344	0.709	34	0.756	-0.0475	40
Montana	1,487,441	38,320	-	1,487,441	123,953	208,149	-	3,193	204,956	0.605	44	0.601	0.0035	17
Nebraska	2,068,254	15,559	-	2,068,254	172,355	310,538	-	1,297	309,241	0.557	48	0.553	0.0043	16
Nevada	4,717,134	19,026	-	4,717,134	393,095	577,339	-	1,586	575,754	0.683	38	0.625	0.0580	2
New Hampshire	1,322,341	-	-	1,322,341	110,195	157,157	-	-	157,157	0.701	36	0.762	-0.0603	47
New Jersey	10,716,232	-	-	10,716,232	893,019	1,268,403	-	-	1,268,403	0.704	35	0.677	0.0274	9
New Mexico	5,244,292	35,107	-	5,244,292	437,024	564,143	-	2,926	561,217	0.779	24	0.757	0.0216	12
New York	37,104,880	4,539	-	37,104,880	3,092,073	3,910,928	-	378	3,910,550	0.791	22	0.820	-0.0289	30
North Carolina	19,182,101	9,061	-	19,182,101	1,598,508	2,214,894	-	755	2,214,139	0.722	32	0.747	-0.0246	28
North Dakota	641,865	58,459	-	641,865	53,489	107,768	-	4,872	102,896	0.520	49	0.511	0.0086	14
Ohio	20,745,474	-	-	20,745,474	1,728,790	2,280,425	-	-	2,280,425	0.758	28	0.785	-0.0269	29
Oklahoma	7,216,008	358,182	-	7,216,008	601,334	825,232	-	29,849	795,384	0.756	29	0.771	-0.0148	25
Oregon	9,572,024	10,562	-	9,572,024	797,669	847,831	-	880	846,951	0.942	5	0.963	-0.0215	27
Pennsylvania	21,592,418	-	-	21,592,418	1,799,368	2,196,807	-	-	2,196,807	0.819	17	0.817	0.0022	18
Rhode Island	2,131,298	-	-	2,131,298	177,608	188,567	-	-	188,567	0.942	4	0.946	-0.0040	21
South Carolina	9,870,362	-	-	9,870,362	822,530	1,106,809	-	-	1,106,809	0.743	30	0.795	-0.0518	43
South Dakota	1,202,468	97,899	-	1,202,468	100,206	148,685	-	8,158	140,527	0.713	33	0.685	0.0284	8
Tennessee	15,580,397	-	-	15,580,397	1,298,366	1,530,083	-	-	1,530,083	0.849	15	0.910	-0.0613	48
Texas	45,667,789	1,559	-	45,667,789	3,805,649	5,928,534	-	130	5,928,404	0.642	42	0.673	-0.0313	33
Utah	2,737,213	1,844	-	2,737,213	228,101	461,657	-	154	461,503	0.494	50	0.507	-0.0126	23
Vermont	1,079,768	-	-	1,079,768	89,981	96,765	-	-	96,765	0.930	6	0.984	-0.0540	45
Virginia	10,846,389	-	-	10,846,389	903,866	1,249,846	-	-	1,249,846	0.723	31	0.754	-0.0311	32
Washington	13,104,887	38,779	-	13,104,887	1,092,074	1,188,472	-	3,232	1,185,240	0.921	9	0.890	0.0313	7
West Virginia	4,385,291	-	-	4,385,291	365,441	424,222	-	-	424,222	0.861	13	0.821	0.0408	5
Wisconsin	10,033,556	37,109	-	10,033,556	836,130	957,356	-	3,092	954,264	0.876	11	0.863	0.0132	13
Wyoming	414,698	8,759	-	414,698	34,558	90,608	-	730	89,878	0.385	51	0.450	-0.0653	49
US	555,327,029	1,042,044	1,782	555,325,247	46,277,104	63,010,024	432,726	86,837	62,490,461	0.74054669		0.7518616	-0.0113	

Note: ACS: American Community Survey; FDIPIR: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations; CA SSI: Recipients of Supplemental Security Income in California

2014 SNAP Participants

NATIONAL DATA BANK VERSION 8.2 PUBLIC USE
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 Part. People Actual/Final

State/Territory	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Total
Alabama	898,898	898,745	897,818	896,185	898,301	899,097	899,307	900,886	900,545	903,079	902,523	902,267	10,797,651
Alaska	88,041	88,742	90,260	92,067	91,351	90,634	87,266	86,814	84,357	68,992	77,908	77,642	1,024,074
Arizona	1,072,103	1,035,650	1,018,000	1,016,742	1,024,764	1,031,316	1,034,470	1,040,026	1,040,099	1,040,557	1,033,350	1,025,257	12,412,334
Arkansas	496,935	492,663	488,926	486,651	488,404	487,710	486,465	487,174	486,312	486,130	481,749	480,252	5,849,371
California	4,308,752	4,311,206	4,336,066	4,349,203	4,362,874	4,419,104	4,434,106	4,439,090	4,429,570	4,431,666	4,381,564	4,407,217	52,610,418
Colorado	503,223	501,889	508,211	506,461	509,949	509,157	506,625	501,508	500,635	502,721	499,087	503,645	6,053,111
Connecticut	438,848	435,832	438,438	438,338	439,405	440,132	441,782	441,645	445,682	444,395	445,897	446,146	5,296,540
Delaware	150,018	147,318	146,647	149,158	149,362	150,029	151,222	149,416	149,950	151,279	150,571	153,419	1,798,389
District of Columbia	141,969	140,828	139,844	140,024	141,209	141,992	143,240	143,761	144,768	145,070	144,735	144,166	1,711,606
Florida	3,493,264	3,461,816	3,451,122	3,454,704	3,487,797	3,526,356	3,555,983	3,612,131	3,648,365	3,695,060	3,686,064	3,689,976	42,762,638
Georgia	1,727,545	1,705,685	1,741,696	1,777,309	1,847,395	1,877,788	1,882,484	1,889,570	1,881,761	1,862,649	1,841,721	1,829,007	21,864,610
Hawaii	193,897	193,255	193,930	193,600	193,933	194,865	195,703	192,117	196,420	196,639	195,626	194,932	2,334,917
Idaho	217,399	215,468	214,339	212,021	210,450	207,896	205,160	203,770	202,318	201,261	200,532	200,467	2,491,081
Illinois	1,999,327	1,975,705	2,012,035	2,006,258	2,020,820	2,026,028	2,033,995	2,029,888	2,033,787	2,043,607	2,039,353	2,076,871	24,297,674
Indiana	898,362	896,095	894,673	883,826	882,724	879,279	877,617	875,833	871,344	871,178	854,791	851,242	10,536,964
Iowa	411,462	410,210	408,195	407,506	406,150	403,934	400,241	399,826	397,866	398,748	396,004	397,086	4,837,228
Kansas	292,420	289,502	288,331	286,829	286,915	286,930	285,537	286,294	284,365	282,027	280,755	277,806	3,427,711
Kentucky	832,518	825,684	828,244	824,254	822,231	822,619	816,024	812,783	810,628	806,012	796,518	795,379	9,792,894
Louisiana	876,550	877,140	870,227	862,432	866,941	863,320	865,798	873,993	868,192	873,547	866,483	860,472	10,425,095
Maine	235,771	233,609	232,610	229,516	228,069	225,815	227,666	221,263	217,115	215,430	211,545	211,513	2,689,922
Maryland	783,592	781,927	781,441	784,864	785,557	788,806	788,843	787,477	785,263	789,349	786,347	786,745	9,430,211
Massachusetts	874,104	869,489	867,968	863,113	857,127	853,866	850,697	845,395	826,707	817,015	810,400	799,848	10,135,729
Michigan	1,685,232	1,686,312	1,684,253	1,678,883	1,681,322	1,669,334	1,656,802	1,642,746	1,632,020	1,613,544	1,602,319	1,593,345	19,826,112
Minnesota	548,682	533,213	531,552	528,763	527,118	524,072	522,512	517,785	513,911	511,415	502,782	502,393	6,264,198
Mississippi	660,320	657,672	653,779	650,774	650,853	650,144	649,948	652,057	650,911	652,120	651,409	648,814	7,828,801
Missouri	871,755	864,887	862,992	857,909	848,469	839,734	829,008	831,214	830,900	833,624	842,984	849,694	10,163,170
Montana	125,606	125,400	125,049	124,803	125,315	125,010	124,537	123,825	122,659	122,067	121,291	121,879	1,487,441
Nebraska	178,333	175,324	175,112	170,710	170,160	167,713	167,550	169,845	173,398	173,589	173,224	173,296	2,068,254
Nevada	373,901	375,708	379,657	384,136	388,284	391,816	395,236	399,514	402,937	407,529	408,215	410,201	4,717,134
New Hampshire	113,349	112,773	112,504	112,081	111,375	110,574	109,236	108,768	108,381	108,290	107,186	107,824	1,322,341
New Jersey	877,149	856,916	891,684	897,138	872,510	891,560	897,065	876,183	906,735	919,480	914,198	915,614	10,716,232
New Mexico	422,684	422,479	422,377	422,326	432,786	442,600	443,348	448,429	448,328	445,271	445,712	447,952	5,244,292
New York	3,148,532	3,114,414	3,109,524	3,103,477	3,101,888	3,094,747	3,088,298	3,075,125	3,066,686	3,068,825	3,057,644	3,075,720	37,104,880
North Carolina	1,573,226	1,566,955	1,386,020	1,602,564	1,467,250	1,629,073	1,628,467	1,631,689	1,670,130	1,673,939	1,691,116	1,661,672	19,182,101
North Dakota	53,943	54,093	54,089	54,174	54,159	53,752	53,252	53,194	53,034	52,862	52,505	52,808	641,865
Ohio	1,775,855	1,757,718	1,760,557	1,750,373	1,735,294	1,730,818	1,719,027	1,706,254	1,701,979	1,700,025	1,697,147	1,710,427	20,745,474
Oklahoma	620,031	605,563	598,409	598,336	598,483	599,302	598,167	601,365	600,021	601,161	599,367	595,803	7,216,008
Oregon	806,740	804,591	803,108	802,749	802,312	799,042	800,211	798,715	791,222	790,224	786,462	786,648	9,572,024
Pennsylvania	1,782,330	1,772,367	1,785,622	1,790,623	1,799,956	1,794,330	1,806,495	1,812,819	1,810,197	1,813,280	1,815,612	1,808,787	21,592,418
Rhode Island	179,736	179,420	179,824	178,483	178,110	177,697	176,146	176,110	176,750	177,210	175,705	176,107	2,131,298
South Carolina	843,141	832,734	834,569	820,495	818,094	818,960	816,523	818,211	816,717	819,056	816,789	815,073	9,870,362
South Dakota	102,253	101,468	101,163	100,971	100,646	100,534	100,433	100,041	99,101	98,624	98,353	98,881	1,202,468
Tennessee	1,329,164	1,307,038	1,316,813	1,311,887	1,305,837	1,302,428	1,307,290	1,295,020	1,282,580	1,286,059	1,264,669	1,271,612	15,580,397
Texas	3,870,787	3,826,274	3,806,053	3,777,873	3,810,926	3,812,561	3,802,668	3,802,188	3,806,160	3,817,979	3,782,821	3,751,499	45,667,789
Utah	228,503	230,108	231,684	230,361	229,970	227,179	225,880	228,203	227,229	226,927	225,352	225,817	2,737,213
Vermont	98,190	93,397	92,335	91,107	90,009	89,144	88,207	87,794	87,525	87,589	87,208	87,263	1,079,768
Virginia	930,264	926,704	922,065	918,852	913,672	908,370	901,498	895,829	888,797	884,933	879,175	876,230	10,846,389
Washington	1,088,502	1,088,175	1,112,524	1,105,343	1,103,493	1,099,975	1,094,228	1,089,665	1,077,374	1,083,140	1,082,731	1,079,737	13,104,887
West Virginia	353,507	362,133	362,392	364,798	362,759	368,825	369,840	369,360	369,249	367,993	366,492	367,943	4,385,291
Wisconsin	841,484	842,945	843,396	844,841	842,345	840,358	837,025	836,165	830,975	829,347	823,706	820,969	10,033,556
Wyoming	37,771	36,881	36,830	36,376	35,485	34,434	33,299	32,886	32,986	32,789	32,493	32,468	414,698
US	46,455,968	46,102,120	46,024,957	46,172,267	46,160,608	46,420,759	46,412,427	46,401,659	46,384,941	46,425,302	46,188,190	46,177,831	555,327,029

2014 FDPIR Participants

NATIONAL DATA BANK VERSION 8.2 PUBLIC USE
 SC6 - STATES ASCENDING - MONTHLY/ANNUAL DATA
 Number of Participants

State/Territory	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Total
Alabama	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Alaska	299	366	313	363	394	387	381	436	405	410	411	482	4,647
Arizona	11,789	10,855	11,488	11,411	11,702	12,141	12,428	12,233	11,620	11,742	11,139	11,712	140,260
Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
California	5,910	5,321	5,332	5,666	5,460	5,433	5,416	5,530	5,303	5,485	5,155	4,992	65,003
Colorado	476	466	417	477	456	466	475	469	387	387	404	363	5,243
Connecticut	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Delaware	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
District of Columbia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Florida	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Georgia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Hawaii	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Idaho	1,561	1,497	1,505	1,669	1,579	1,544	1,630	1,669	1,645	1,657	1,629	1,527	19,112
Illinois	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Indiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Iowa	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Kansas	568	511	565	543	563	523	591	578	532	582	577	587	6,720
Kentucky	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Louisiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maryland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Massachusetts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Michigan	1,931	1,907	1,892	1,999	1,935	1,831	1,795	1,788	1,862	1,848	1,857	1,965	22,610
Minnesota	2,808	2,576	2,769	2,842	2,865	2,865	2,954	2,772	2,593	2,661	2,421	2,600	32,726
Mississippi	879	821	866	807	856	867	832	952	970	1,041	1,032	1,036	10,959
Missouri	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Montana	3,288	3,084	3,253	3,281	3,246	3,212	3,253	3,272	3,046	3,205	3,087	3,093	38,320
Nebraska	1,233	1,127	1,077	1,138	1,276	1,362	1,451	1,386	1,322	1,382	1,446	1,359	15,559
Nevada	1,688	1,668	1,579	1,612	1,565	1,607	1,585	1,606	1,577	1,419	1,578	1,542	19,026
New Hampshire	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Jersey	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Mexico	2,852	2,892	2,933	2,920	2,915	2,903	2,909	2,905	2,906	2,984	3,000	2,988	35,107
New York	443	359	382	433	343	354	402	312	405	412	340	354	4,539
North Carolina	738	687	752	838	768	561	722	768	804	894	850	679	9,061
North Dakota	4,905	4,649	4,900	4,979	4,925	5,077	5,191	4,997	4,818	4,885	4,359	4,774	58,459
Ohio	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Oklahoma	29,700	27,483	28,133	28,143	28,533	29,372	30,984	31,192	30,756	31,810	30,820	31,256	358,182
Oregon	951	878	880	918	922	933	885	840	820	845	857	833	10,562
Pennsylvania	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Rhode Island	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Carolina	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Dakota	8,566	7,608	8,235	8,046	8,164	8,090	8,640	8,437	8,208	8,216	7,903	7,786	97,899
Tennessee	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Texas	133	125	136	140	126	128	131	129	125	123	132	131	1,559
Utah	176	85	140	122	137	206	130	189	185	137	174	163	1,844
Vermont	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Washington	3,359	3,272	3,316	3,184	3,222	3,121	3,357	3,209	3,177	3,186	3,194	3,182	38,779
West Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Wisconsin	3,014	2,628	2,982	3,077	2,980	3,066	3,250	3,136	3,306	3,234	3,110	3,326	37,109
Wyoming	925	704	839	763	419	656	791	838	761	786	616	661	8,759
US	88,192	81,569	84,684	85,371	85,351	86,705	90,183	89,643	87,533	89,331	86,091	87,391	1,042,044

2014 Disaster Assistance

NATIONAL DATA BANK VERSION 8.2 PUBLIC USE
 SC6 - STATES ASCENDING - MONTHLY/ANNUAL DATA
 Total Number of New Persons Issued D-SNAP Benefits

State/Territory	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Total
Alabama	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Alaska	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Arizona	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Arkansas	--	--	--	565	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	565
California	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Colorado	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Connecticut	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Delaware	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
District of Columbia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Florida	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Georgia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Hawaii	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Idaho	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Illinois	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Indiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Iowa	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Kansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Kentucky	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Louisiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maryland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Massachusetts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Michigan	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Minnesota	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Mississippi	--	--	--	1,217	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,217
Missouri	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Montana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Nebraska	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Nevada	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Hampshire	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Jersey	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Mexico	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New York	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
North Carolina	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
North Dakota	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Ohio	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Oklahoma	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Oregon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Pennsylvania	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Rhode Island	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Carolina	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Dakota	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Tennessee	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Texas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Utah	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Vermont	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Washington	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
West Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Wisconsin	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Wyoming	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
US	0	0	0	1,782	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,782

2014 ACS Poverty Counts

GEO_NAME	B17002_2_EST	B17002_3_EST	B17002_4_EST	B17002_5_EST	
Geography	Universe: POPULATION FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED: Under .50 (Estimate)	Universe: POPULATION FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED: .50 to .74 (Estimate)	Universe: POPULATION FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED: .75 to .99 (Estimate)	Universe: POPULATION FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED: 1.00 to 1.24 (Estimate)	TOTAL POPULATION UNDER 125% OF POVERTY
Alabama	390,019	247,974	272,182	272,735	1,182,910
Alaska	34,387	22,484	23,756	28,026	108,653
Arizona	561,138	305,605	332,318	365,465	1,564,526
Arkansas	217,844	148,116	177,922	178,366	722,248
California	2,677,525	1,541,553	2,040,020	1,939,577	8,198,675
Colorado	287,952	153,322	189,512	223,878	854,664
Connecticut	171,654	90,353	112,765	109,327	484,099
Delaware	54,216	27,608	31,684	30,352	143,860
District of Columbia	56,790	28,234	25,642	19,848	130,514
Florida	1,396,477	826,222	988,916	1,053,268	4,264,883
Georgia	810,355	470,937	516,677	494,361	2,292,330
Hawaii	68,688	40,707	47,334	52,710	209,439
Idaho	96,609	58,093	83,279	100,570	338,551
Illinois	829,130	457,474	517,931	550,906	2,355,441
Indiana	434,407	253,079	286,732	308,839	1,283,057
Iowa	163,544	87,989	116,283	133,018	500,834
Kansas	165,153	97,853	119,706	122,215	504,927
Kentucky	349,221	228,176	240,145	237,407	1,054,949
Louisiana	409,170	240,560	246,794	246,126	1,142,650
Maine	76,427	51,099	55,265	58,819	241,610
Maryland	274,369	139,306	176,143	191,789	781,607
Massachusetts	351,952	177,216	228,067	221,579	978,814
Michigan	719,061	411,298	438,485	464,039	2,032,883
Minnesota	260,064	149,424	201,866	177,126	788,480
Mississippi	293,739	162,341	167,033	189,745	812,858
Missouri	403,117	227,678	277,833	286,716	1,195,344
Montana	69,360	37,367	47,227	54,195	208,149
Nebraska	95,149	52,927	79,234	83,228	310,538
Nevada	208,738	91,953	126,039	150,609	577,339
New Hampshire	47,168	30,047	40,768	39,174	157,157
New Jersey	431,657	252,781	288,465	295,500	1,268,403
New Mexico	191,449	118,254	126,450	127,990	564,143
New York	1,349,961	789,831	923,146	847,990	3,910,928
North Carolina	712,244	451,140	505,302	546,208	2,214,894
North Dakota	40,799	17,492	23,973	25,504	107,768
Ohio	821,838	470,422	493,520	494,645	2,280,425
Oklahoma	276,433	148,982	198,425	201,392	825,232
Oregon	277,749	173,809	192,892	203,381	847,831
Pennsylvania	765,187	435,462	481,563	514,595	2,196,807
Rhode Island	64,970	35,547	45,079	42,971	188,567
South Carolina	395,480	198,307	250,073	262,949	1,106,809
South Dakota	47,820	28,382	40,641	31,842	148,685
Tennessee	502,189	315,233	353,885	358,776	1,530,083
Texas	1,881,475	1,203,993	1,438,240	1,404,826	5,928,534
Utah	145,545	90,210	104,145	121,757	461,657
Vermont	31,783	19,352	22,014	23,616	96,765
Virginia	441,667	231,144	280,584	296,451	1,249,846
Washington	413,973	221,299	278,347	274,853	1,188,472
West Virginia	142,062	92,294	93,408	96,458	424,222
Wisconsin	309,226	187,021	242,023	219,086	957,356
Wyoming	27,848	13,781	22,145	26,834	90,608
TOTAL					63,010,024