

Colorado

Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

Population (2005)	
Total People	4,562,244
Children (Under Age 18)	1,176,163
Income and Poverty (2005)	
Median Household Income (2005)	\$50,652
Rank Among States	13
Total People Living In Poverty	504,106
Poverty Rate	11.1%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	37
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	165,586
Child Poverty Rate	14.2%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	38
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	1,105,993
Food Insecurity Among Households (2003-2005, 3-Year Averages)	
Number of Households that are Food Insecure	219,000
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure	12.0%
Number of Households that are Very-Low Food Secure	72,000
Percent of Households that are Very-Low Food Secure	3.9%

Federal Nutrition Programs

School Breakfast Program (School Year 2005-2006)	
Average Daily Student Participation	84,652
Free and Reduced-Price Students	66,308
Paid Students	18,344
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	100.0%
Free/Reduced-Price Student Participation Rate (Compared to School Lunch Participation)	35.8
Rank Among States	45
Additional Free and Reduced-Priced Children Served if Reached Participation Rate of 60%	44,700
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Reached Participation Rate of 60%	\$9,305,374
Number of Schools Participating	1,273
School Participation Rate (Compared to Number of Schools Serving Lunch)	77.9%
Federal Reimbursement for School Breakfast	\$17,354,703
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	No
National School Lunch Program (School Year 2005-2006)	
Average Daily Student Participation	346,649
Free and Reduced-Price Students	185,012
Paid Students	161,637
Number of Schools Participating	1,635
Federal Reimbursement for School Lunch	\$78,175,461
Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2005)	
Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	13,917
July Summer Food Service Participation	7,355
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	6,562
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	-30.1%
Low-Income Participation Rate (Compared to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch)	8.7
Rank Among States	44
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Participation Rate Reached 40%	49,988
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 40%	\$2,694,346
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	45
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	139
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$1,274,037

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Food Stamp Program (FY 2006)	
Average Monthly Number of Individuals Participating	251,385
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years	63.3%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person	\$107.30
Proportion of Eligible Persons Who Were Participating (FY 2004)	56%
Rank Among States	37
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2004)	47%
Federal Funding for Food Stamps	\$323,682,736
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (FY 2006)	
Average Monthly Number of Participants	86,171
Women	22,161
Infants	23,310
Children	40,701
Change in Last 10 Years (Total Participation)	22.2%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$50,472,066
Child and Adult Care Food Program (FY 2006)	
Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	2,040
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	9,867
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	-51.9%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	518
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	20,938
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	15.9%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$17,509,737
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (FY 2006)	
Federal Entitlement Funding	\$1,612,960
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$725,897
Administrative Funding	\$824,720
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2006)	
Average Monthly Participation	18,844
Federal Funding for CSFP	\$4,148,464

State Economic Security Policies

Minimum Wage (2006)	
State Minimum Wage	\$6.85
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (2006)	
State EITC (Yes/No)	No
Refundable (Yes/No)	No
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) (FY 2005)	
Average Monthly Number of Participants (2005)	38,623
Adults	10,879
Children	27,744
Maximum Monthly Benefit per 3-Person Family (FY 2004)	\$356
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$75,131,653