

# Louisiana

## Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

<b>Population (2005)</b>	
Total People	4,389,747
Children (Under Age 18)	1,140,628
<b>Income and Poverty (2005)</b>	
Median Household Income (2005)	\$36,729
Rank Among States	48
Total People Living In Poverty	864,277
Poverty Rate	19.8%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	2
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	319,095
Child Poverty Rate	28.4%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	3
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	1,645,278
<b>Food Insecurity Among Households (2003-2005, 3-Year Averages)</b>	
Number of Households that are Food Insecure	212,000
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure	12.8%
Number of Households that are Very-Low Food Secure	59,000
Percent of Households that are Very-Low Food Secure	3.6%

## Federal Nutrition Programs

<b>School Breakfast Program (School Year 2005-2006)</b>	
Average Daily Student Participation	216,107
Free and Reduced-Price Students	186,679
Paid Students	29,428
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	7.5%
Free/Reduced-Price Student Participation Rate (Compared to School Lunch Participation)	48.0
Rank Among States	16
Additional Free and Reduced-Priced Children Served if Reached Participation Rate of 60%	46,527
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Reached Participation Rate of 60%	\$9,799,355
Number of Schools Participating	1,380
School Participation Rate (Compared to Number of Schools Serving Lunch)	92.7%
Federal Reimbursement for School Breakfast	\$47,535,157
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	Yes
<b>National School Lunch Program (School Year 2005-2006)</b>	
Average Daily Student Participation	560,628
Free and Reduced-Price Students	388,677
Paid Students	171,951
Number of Schools Participating	1,489
Federal Reimbursement for School Lunch	\$156,247,120
<b>Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2005)</b>	
Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	35,796
July Summer Food Service Participation	32,790
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	3,006
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	-38.8%
Low-Income Participation Rate (Compared to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch)	9.4
Rank Among States	42
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Participation Rate Reached 40%	117,243
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 40%	\$6,319,401
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	70
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	640
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$7,097,007

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<b>Food Stamp Program (FY 2006)</b>	
Average Monthly Number of Individuals Participating	829,882
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years	60.1%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person	\$103.59
Proportion of Eligible Persons Who Were Participating (FY 2004)	75%
Rank Among States	7
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2004)	72%
Federal Funding for Food Stamps	\$1,031,646,570
<b>Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (FY 2006)</b>	
Average Monthly Number of Participants	122,438
Women	32,602
Infants	36,088
Children	53,748
Change in Last 10 Years (Total Participation)	-12.3%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$84,270,624
<b>Child and Adult Care Food Program (FY 2006)</b>	
Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	5,301
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	23,450
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	-40.3%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	563
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	28,008
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	44.7%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$41,177,267
<b>The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (FY 2006)</b>	
Federal Entitlement Funding	\$4,090,246
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$1,200,094
Administrative Funding	\$1,957,456
<b>Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2006)</b>	
Average Monthly Participation	48,387
Federal Funding for CSFP	\$11,673,145

## State Economic Security Policies

<b>Minimum Wage (2006)</b>	
State Minimum Wage	\$5.15 (Federal)
<b>Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (2006)</b>	
State EITC (Yes/No)	No
Refundable (Yes/No)	No
<b>Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) (FY 2005)</b>	
Average Monthly Number of Participants (2005)	35,806
Adults	5,561
Children	30,245
Maximum Monthly Benefit per 3-Person Family (FY 2004)	\$240
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$51,323,617