

Arkansas

Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

Population (2007)	
Total People	2,834,797
Children (Under Age 18)	701,492
Income and Poverty (2007)	
Median Household Income (2007)	\$38,134
Rank Among States	49
Total People Living In Poverty	492,052
Poverty Rate	17.9%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	4
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	177,805
Child Poverty Rate	25.8%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	3
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	1,021,212
Food Insecurity Among Households (2005-2007, 3-Year Averages)	
Number of Households that are Food Insecure	164,000
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure	14.4%
Number of Households that are Very Low Food Secure	56,000
Percent of Households that are Very Low Food Secure	4.9%

Federal Nutrition Programs

School Breakfast Program (School Year 2007-2008)	
Average Daily Student Participation	150,497
Free and Reduced-Price Students	124,514
Paid Students	25,984
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	47.9%
Free and Reduced-Price Student Participation Rate (Compared to School Lunch Participation)	53.9
Rank Among States	10
Additional Free and Reduced-Price Students Served if Participation Rate Reached 60%	14,139
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 60%	\$3,152,103
Number of Schools Participating	1,148
School Participation Rate (Compared to Number of Schools Serving Lunch)	94.0%
Federal Funding for School Breakfast	\$34,344,028
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	Yes
National School Lunch Program (School Year 2007-2008)	
Average Daily Student Participation	349,080
Free and Reduced-Price Students	231,088
Paid Students	117,992
Number of Schools Participating	1,221
Federal Funding for School Lunch	\$100,937,947
Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2007)	
Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	18,524
July Summer Food Service Participation	12,198
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	6,326
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	22.4%
Low-Income Participation Rate (Compared to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch)	8.9
Rank Among States	42
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Participation Rate Reached 40%	65,200
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 40%	\$3,929,596
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	75
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	174
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$2,109,227

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SNAP/Food Stamp Program (FY 2008)	
Average Monthly Participation (Individuals)	377,883
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years	21.8%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person	\$95.17
Participation Rate of Eligible Persons (FY 2006)	77%
Rank Among States	11
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2006)	68%
Federal Funding for SNAP/Food Stamps	\$431,547,807
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (FY 2008)	
Average Monthly Participation	89,731
Women	24,450
Infants	25,681
Children	39,601
Change in Participation in Last 10 Years	8.2%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$67,631,230
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (FY 2008)	
Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	765
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	5,328
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	-3.3%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	874
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	34,010
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	107.3%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$33,213,618
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (FY 2007)	
Federal Entitlement Funding	\$1,376,326
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$779,623
Administrative Funding	\$632,890
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2007)	
Average Monthly Participation	Not Available
Federal Funding for CSFP	in This State

State Economic Security Policies

Minimum Wage (2007)	
State Minimum Wage	\$6.25
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (2007)	
State EITC (Yes/No)	No
Refundable (Yes/No)	No
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) (FY 2006)	
Average Monthly Participation (FY 2006)	17,925
Adults	4,205
Children	13,720
Maximum Monthly Benefit per 3-Person Family (FY 2005)	\$204
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$15,301,923