

Connecticut

Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

Population (2007)	
Total People	3,502,309
Children (Under Age 18)	819,050
Income and Poverty (2007)	
Median Household Income (2007)	\$65,967
Rank Among States	3
Total People Living In Poverty	268,880
Poverty Rate	7.9%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	50
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	89,373
Child Poverty Rate	11.1%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	47
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	590,220
Food Insecurity Among Households (2005-2007, 3-Year Averages)	
Number of Households that are Food Insecure	122,000
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure	8.8%
Number of Households that are Very Low Food Secure	45,000
Percent of Households that are Very Low Food Secure	3.2%

Federal Nutrition Programs

School Breakfast Program (School Year 2007-2008)	
Average Daily Student Participation	62,795
Free and Reduced-Price Students	51,215
Paid Students	11,580
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	44.2%
Free and Reduced-Price Student Participation Rate (Compared to School Lunch Participation)	35.7
Rank Among States	47
Additional Free and Reduced-Price Students Served if Participation Rate Reached 60%	34,860
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 60%	\$7,800,134
Number of Schools Participating	608
School Participation Rate (Compared to Number of Schools Serving Lunch)	52.0%
Federal Funding for School Breakfast	\$14,954,037
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	Yes
National School Lunch Program (School Year 2007-2008)	
Average Daily Student Participation	316,652
Free and Reduced-Price Students	143,458
Paid Students	173,194
Number of Schools Participating	1,169
Federal Funding for School Lunch	\$66,090,405
Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2007)	
Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	34,304
July Summer Food Service Participation	8,479
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	25,826
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	33.2%
Low-Income Participation Rate (Compared to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch)	26.0
Rank Among States	10
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Participation Rate Reached 40%	18,487
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 40%	\$1,114,191
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	23
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	144
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$768,259

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SNAP/Food Stamp Program (FY 2008)	
Average Monthly Participation (Individuals)	225,383
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years	24.9%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person	\$105.31
Participation Rate of Eligible Persons (FY 2006)	65%
Rank Among States	31
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2006)	45%
Federal Funding for SNAP/Food Stamps	\$284,829,257
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (FY 2008)	
Average Monthly Participation	56,328
Women	12,653
Infants	15,431
Children	28,245
Change in Participation in Last 10 Years	-6.5%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$44,514,278
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (FY 2008)	
Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	951
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	4,970
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	-48.9%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	284
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	12,380
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	21.4%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$11,149,576
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (FY 2007)	
Federal Entitlement Funding	\$1,276,943
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$311,979
Administrative Funding	\$454,198
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	\$7.65
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)	36,841
Adults	10,308
Children	26,533
Maximum Monthly Benefit per 3-Person Family (FY 2005)	\$543
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$124,148,328