

Louisiana

Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

Population (2007)	
Total People	4,293,204
Children (Under Age 18)	1,078,532
Income and Poverty (2007)	
Median Household Income (2007)	\$40,926
Rank Among States	46
Total People Living In Poverty	775,425
Poverty Rate	18.6%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	2
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	283,350
Child Poverty Rate	26.8%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	2
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	1,500,367
Food Insecurity Among Households (2005-2007, 3-Year Averages)	
Number of Households that are Food Insecure	183,000
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure	11.7%
Number of Households that are Very Low Food Secure	71,000
Percent of Households that are Very Low Food Secure	4.6%

Federal Nutrition Programs

School Breakfast Program (School Year 2007-2008)	
Average Daily Student Participation	238,324
Free and Reduced-Price Students	199,990
Paid Students	38,334
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	12.6%
Free and Reduced-Price Student Participation Rate (Compared to School Lunch Participation)	52.4
Rank Among States	13
Additional Free and Reduced-Price Students Served if Participation Rate Reached 60%	28,976
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 60%	\$6,503,441
Number of Schools Participating	1,534
School Participation Rate (Compared to Number of Schools Serving Lunch)	94.3%
Federal Funding for School Breakfast	\$52,134,143
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	Yes
National School Lunch Program (School Year 2007-2008)	
Average Daily Student Participation	585,020
Free and Reduced-Price Students	381,610
Paid Students	203,410
Number of Schools Participating	1,627
Federal Funding for School Lunch	\$159,930,687
Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2007)	
Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	29,593
July Summer Food Service Participation	26,799
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	2,794
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	-50.8%
Low-Income Participation Rate (Compared to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch)	8.5
Rank Among States	44
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Participation Rate Reached 40%	110,021
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 40%	\$6,630,942
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	67
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	387
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$5,908,227

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SNAP/Food Stamp Program (FY 2008)	
Average Monthly Participation (Individuals)	790,733
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years	20.7%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person	\$108.04
Participation Rate of Eligible Persons (FY 2006)	75%
Rank Among States	12
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2006)	70%
Federal Funding for SNAP/Food Stamps	\$1,025,182,241
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (FY 2008)	
Average Monthly Participation	141,704
Women	37,446
Infants	42,139
Children	62,119
Change in Participation in Last 10 Years	3.5%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$115,357,001
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (FY 2008)	
Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	6,214
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	28,562
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	-10.5%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	646
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	29,653
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	32.0%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$51,739,564
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (FY 2007)	
Federal Entitlement Funding	\$2,044,948
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$556,190
Administrative Funding	\$953,585
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2007)	
Average Monthly Participation	64,327
Federal Funding for CSFP	\$15,938,111

State Economic Security Policies

Minimum Wage (2007)	
State Minimum Wage	\$5.85 (July, 2007 - Federal)
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (2007)	
State EITC (Yes/No)	Yes
Refundable (Yes/No)	Yes
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) (FY 2006)	
Average Monthly Participation (FY 2006)	26,749
Adults	3,697
Children	23,052
Maximum Monthly Benefit per 3-Person Family (FY 2005)	\$240
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$44,789,652