

Mississippi

Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

Population (2007)	
Total People	2,918,785
Children (Under Age 18)	766,443
Income and Poverty (2007)	
Median Household Income (2007)	\$36,338
Rank Among States	51
Total People Living In Poverty	581,534
Poverty Rate	20.6%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	1
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	220,446
Child Poverty Rate	29.3%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	1
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	1,145,323
Food Insecurity Among Households (2005-2007, 3-Year Averages)	
Number of Households that are Food Insecure	199,000
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure	17.4%
Number of Households that are Very Low Food Secure	80,000
Percent of Households that are Very Low Food Secure	7.0%

Federal Nutrition Programs

School Breakfast Program (School Year 2007-2008)	
Average Daily Student Participation	192,129
Free and Reduced-Price Students	169,853
Paid Students	22,276
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	28.6%
Free and Reduced-Price Student Participation Rate (Compared to School Lunch Participation)	56.3
Rank Among States	6
Additional Free and Reduced-Price Students Served if Participation Rate Reached 60%	11,075
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 60%	\$2,483,876
Number of Schools Participating	874
School Participation Rate (Compared to Number of Schools Serving Lunch)	91.8%
Federal Funding for School Breakfast	\$46,670,609
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	No
National School Lunch Program (School Year 2007-2008)	
Average Daily Student Participation	405,030
Free and Reduced-Price Students	301,546
Paid Students	103,484
Number of Schools Participating	952
Federal Funding for School Lunch	\$130,386,855
Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2007)	
Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	13,860
July Summer Food Service Participation	12,356
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	1,505
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	-61.1%
Low-Income Participation Rate (Compared to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch)	5.0
Rank Among States	50
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Participation Rate Reached 40%	97,988
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 40%	\$5,905,728
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	63
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	213
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$3,425,667

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SNAP/Food Stamp Program (FY 2008)	
Average Monthly Participation (Individuals)	447,181
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years	25.7%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person	\$92.59
Participation Rate of Eligible Persons (FY 2006)	63%
Rank Among States	32
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2006)	55%
Federal Funding for SNAP/Food Stamps	\$496,847,694
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (FY 2008)	
Average Monthly Participation	109,015
Women	25,164
Infants	34,428
Children	49,423
Change in Participation in Last 10 Years	10.0%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$80,344,085
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (FY 2008)	
Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	516
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	2,533
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	-37.2%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	600
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	34,592
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	49.9%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$29,958,577
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (FY 2007)	
Federal Entitlement Funding	\$1,838,804
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$892,232
Administrative Funding	\$669,430
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2007)	
Average Monthly Participation	6,963
Federal Funding for CSFP	\$1,897,866

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)	No
Refundable (Yes/No)	No
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) (FY 2006)	
Average Monthly Participation (FY 2006)	27,833
Adults	6,520
Children	21,313
Maximum Monthly Benefit per 3-Person Family (FY 2005)	\$170
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$22,325,652