

**Percentage of Total Population Participating in the SNAP/Food Stamp Program in August 2008 by State**

<b>State</b>	<b>Total Population 2007</b>	<b>SNAP/Food Stamp Participation August 2008</b>	<b>Percentage of Population Participating in SNAP/Food Stamps</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Alabama	4,627,851	593,827	12.8%	12
Alaska	683,478	59,669	8.7%	29
Arizona	6,338,755	675,664	10.7%	19
Arkansas	2,834,797	381,255	13.4%	10
California	36,553,215	2,325,856	6.4%	44
Colorado	4,861,515	259,006	5.3%	48
Connecticut	3,502,309	231,056	6.6%	43
Delaware	864,764	76,728	8.9%	27
District of Columbia	588,292	93,130	15.8%	2
Florida	18,251,243	1,576,981	8.6%	30
Georgia	9,544,750	1,086,410	11.4%	16
Hawaii	1,283,388	101,656	7.9%	36
Idaho	1,499,402	105,822	7.1%	39
Illinois	12,852,548	1,335,447	10.4%	21
Indiana	6,345,289	652,769	10.3%	22
Iowa	2,988,047	270,829	9.1%	26
Kansas	2,775,997	191,580	6.9%	40
Kentucky	4,241,474	648,602	15.3%	6
Louisiana	4,293,204	668,572	15.6%	4
Maine	1,317,207	177,638	13.5%	9
Maryland	5,618,344	382,063	6.8%	42
Massachusetts	6,449,755	537,675	8.3%	33
Michigan	10,071,822	1,278,720	12.7%	14
Minnesota	5,197,621	301,380	5.8%	46
Mississippi	2,918,785	462,074	15.8%	1
Missouri	5,878,415	925,446	15.7%	3
Montana	957,861	81,240	8.5%	31
Nebraska	1,774,571	121,105	6.8%	41
Nevada	2,565,382	155,547	6.1%	45
New Hampshire	1,315,828	65,388	5.0%	50
New Jersey	8,685,920	455,068	5.2%	49
New Mexico	1,969,915	251,523	12.8%	13
New York	19,297,729	2,051,611	10.6%	20
North Carolina	9,061,032	993,081	11.0%	18
North Dakota	639,715	48,714	7.6%	37
Ohio	11,466,917	1,178,935	10.3%	23
Oklahoma	3,617,316	425,679	11.8%	15
Oregon	3,747,455	491,022	13.1%	11
Pennsylvania	12,432,792	1,214,802	9.8%	24
Rhode Island	1,057,832	88,423	8.4%	32
South Carolina	4,407,709	614,975	14.0%	8
South Dakota	796,215	64,133	8.1%	34
Tennessee	6,156,719	940,414	15.3%	7
Texas	23,904,380	2,683,648	11.2%	17
Utah	2,645,330	143,382	5.4%	47
Vermont	621,254	57,672	9.3%	25
Virginia	7,712,091	562,781	7.3%	38
Washington	6,468,424	573,891	8.9%	28
West Virginia	1,812,035	281,727	15.5%	5
Wisconsin	5,601,640	450,632	8.0%	35
Wyoming	522,830	22,297	4.3%	51
<b>United States</b>	<b>301,621,159</b>	<b>29,459,946</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	

Sources: Population data from U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2007. Participation data from USDA SNAP/Food Stamp Program.