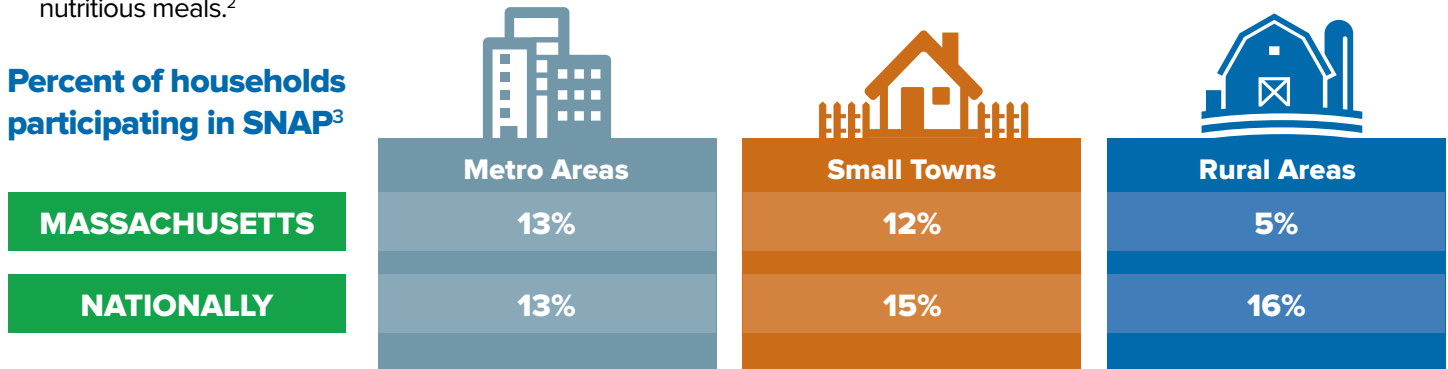


### In Massachusetts

- SNAP reaches 442,000 households with 767,000 individuals in an average month (FY 2015).<sup>1</sup>
- SNAP helps 1 in 8 households in metro areas and small towns, and 1 in 20 households in rural areas afford healthy, nutritious meals.<sup>2</sup>

#### Percent of households participating in SNAP<sup>3</sup>

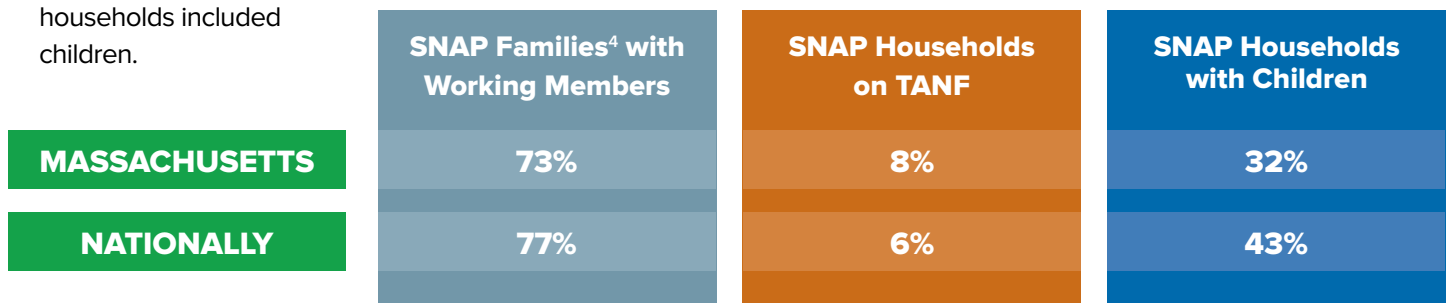


<sup>1</sup>USDA, Characteristics of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Households: Fiscal Year 2015.

<sup>2</sup>For the purpose of this analysis, “**Metro Areas**” are metropolitan statistical areas as delineated by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), each of which contains at least one Census Bureau-delineated urbanized area of 50,000 or more people; “**Small Towns**” are micropolitan statistical areas as delineated by OMB, each containing at least one Census Bureau-delineated urban cluster of between 10,000 and 50,000 people; and “**Rural Areas**” are non-metropolitan and non-micropolitan areas. Massachusetts has only one rural county—Nantucket. Nantucket’s median income in 2015 was \$86,014.

<sup>3</sup> American Community Survey 2015 five-year estimates (2011-2015).

- Almost three-quarters of SNAP families had at least one working adult in the past 12 months.
- A very small number of SNAP households (8% or 34,000) participate in TANF, making SNAP a critical safety net for families with children.
- Nearly one-third of SNAP households included children.



Source for working families data: American Community Survey 2015 five-year estimates (2011-2015).

Source for TANF and children data: USDA, Characteristics of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Households: Fiscal Year 2015.

<sup>4</sup> Based on the Census Bureau definition, **family** consists of a householder and one or more other people living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage or adoption.

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