

# Arkansas

## Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

### Population (2017)

Total People	3,004,279
Children (Under Age 18)	705,540

### Income and Poverty (2016)

Median Household Income	\$44,334
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	49
Total People Living In Poverty	499,225
Poverty Rate	17.2%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	7
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	165,100
Child Poverty Rate	23.8%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	8
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	1,069,618

### Food Insecurity and Food Hardship

Number of Households that are Food Insecure (2014-2016, 3-year average)	208,950
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure (2014-2016, 3-year average)	17.5%
Number of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2014-2016, 3-year average)	81,192
Percent of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2014-2016, 3-year average)	6.8%
Percent of Households Struggling Against Food Hardship (2015)	18.0%

## Federal Nutrition Programs

### School Breakfast Program (School Year 2016–2017)

Average Daily Student Participation	182,149
Free and Reduced-Price Students	154,518
Paid Students	27,631
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	-0.4%
Free and Reduced-Price Students Participating in School Breakfast per 100 in School Lunch	63.8
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	8
Additional Free and Reduced-Price Students Served if Reached School Breakfast to Lunch Ratio of 70:100	14,907
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Ratio Reached 70:100	\$4,140,944
Number of Schools Participating	1,053
Schools Offering School Breakfast per 100 Offering School Lunch	99.9
Federal Funding for School Breakfast	\$53,155,051
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	Yes

### National School Lunch Program (School Year 2016–2017)

Average Daily Student Participation	310,574
Free and Reduced-Price Students	242,035
Paid Students	68,539
Number of Schools Participating	1,054
Federal Funding for School Lunch	\$135,447,856

### Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2016)

Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	28,921
July Summer Food Service Participation	20,251
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	8,669
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	91.1%
Summer Nutrition Participation as a Ratio to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Participation	12.6
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	30
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Reached Ratio of 40:100	62,739
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Reached Ratio of 40:100	\$4,623,868
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	116
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	574
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$5,404,099

## Arkansas, Continued

### SNAP/Food Stamp Program

Average Monthly Participation (Individuals) (FY 2017)	4,660,345
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years (FY 2012 - FY 2017)	-22.7%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person (FY 2017)	\$109.45
Participation Rate of Eligible Persons (FY 2015)	72.0%
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	44
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2015)	64.0%
Program Access Index (PAI) - Ratio of SNAP Participants to Low-Income Population (FY 2016)	61.2%
Annual Federal Funding for SNAP/Food Stamps (FY 2017)	\$510,095,847

### Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (FY 2017)

Average Monthly Participation	76,519
Women	19,998
Infants	22,303
Children	34,217
Change in Average Monthly Participation in the last 10 Years (FY 2007 - FY 2017)	-9.4%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$68,538,833

### Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (FY 2017)

Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	313
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	2,678
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	-55.7%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	1,096
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	57,777
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	72.0%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$58,873,968

### The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (FY 2017)

Federal Entitlement Funding	\$2,940,168
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$4,977,730
Administrative Funding	\$670,691

### Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2017)

Average Monthly Participation	4,470
Federal Funding for CSFP	\$1,382,648

## State Economic Security Policies

### Minimum Wage (2018)

State Minimum Wage	\$8.50
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### Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (2018)

State EITC (Yes/No)	No
Refundable (Yes/No)	N/A

### Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Average Monthly Participation (FY 2016)	8,501
Adults	2,114
Children	6,387
Maximum TANF Benefit, Single-Parent Family of Three (FY 2016)	\$204
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance (FY 2016)	\$7,039,380