Connecticut

Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

Population (2017)	
Total People	3,588,184
Children (Under Age 18)	743,826

Income and Poverty (2016)	
Median Household Income	$73,433
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	7
Total People Living In Poverty	339,128
Poverty Rate	9.8%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	48
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	95,597
Child Poverty Rate	12.9%
Rank Among States (Worst to Best)	44
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	719,732

Food Insecurity and Food Hardship	
Number of Households that are Food Insecure (2014-2016, 3-year average)	176,505
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure (2014-2016, 3-year average)	12.3%
Number of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2014-2016, 3-year average)	91,840
Percent of Households that are Very Low Food Secure (2014-2016, 3-year average)	6.4%
Percent of Households Struggling Against Food Hardship (2015)	13.5%

Federal Nutrition Programs

School Breakfast Program (School Year 2016–2017)	
Average Daily Student Participation	103,338
Free and Reduced-Price Students	88,192
Paid Students	15,146
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	0.9%
Free and Reduced-Price Students Participating in School Breakfast per 100 in School Lunch	51.6
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	38
Additional Free and Reduced-Price Students Served if Reached School Breakfast to Lunch Ratio of 70:100	31,551
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Ratio Reached 70:100	$8,845,330
Number of Schools Participating	886
Schools Offering School Breakfast per 100 Offering School Lunch	84.8
Federal Funding for School Breakfast	$30,794,779
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	Yes

National School Lunch Program (School Year 2016–2017)	
Average Daily Student Participation	273,396
Free and Reduced-Price Students	171,061
Paid Students	102,336
Number of Schools Participating	1,045
Federal Funding for School Lunch	$99,605,836

Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2016)	
Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	37,303
July Summer Food Service Participation	29,635
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	7,668
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	11.1%
Summer Nutrition Participation as a Ratio to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Participation	23.4
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	7
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Reached Ratio of 40:100	26,490
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Reached Ratio of 40:100	$1,952,277
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	43
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	598
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	$4,428,059

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SNAP/Food Stamp Program	
Average Monthly Participation (Individuals) (FY 2017)	4,924,133
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years (FY 2012 - FY 2017)	-1.2%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person (FY 2017)	$132.63
Participation Rate of Eligible Persons (FY 2015)	94.0%
Rank Among States (Best to Worst)	12
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2015)	69.0%
Program Access Index (PAI) - Ratio of SNAP Participants to Low-Income Population (FY 2016)	95.6%
Annual Federal Funding for SNAP/Food Stamps (FY 2017)	$653,081,099

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (FY 2017)	
Average Monthly Participation	47,830
Women	10,782
Infants	12,822
Children	24,226
Change in Average Monthly Participation in the last 10 Years (FY 2007 - FY 2017)	-10.1%
Federal Funding for WIC	$41,858,352

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (FY 2017)	
Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	811
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	4,302
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	-12.6%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	303
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	17,649
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	41.4%
Federal Funding for CACFP	$18,703,122

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (FY 2017)	
Federal Entitlement Funding	$3,257,144
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	$2,629,665
Administrative Funding	$597,044

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2017)	
Average Monthly Participation	2,391
Federal Funding for CSFP	$686,452

State Economic Security Policies

Minimum Wage (2018)	
State Minimum Wage	$10.10

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (2018)	
State EITC (Yes/No)	Yes
Refundable (Yes/No)	Yes

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	
Average Monthly Participation (FY 2016)	22,548
Adults	6,332
Children	16,216
Maximum TANF Benefit, Single-Parent Family of Three (FY 2016)	$698
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance (FY 2016)	$59,229,283