

## **CALCULATING THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) PROGRAM ACCESS INDEX: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR 2012**

### **Introduction**

The Program Access Index (PAI) is one of the measures the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) uses to reward States for high performance in the administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (also known as the 2002 Farm Bill) directed USDA to establish a number of indicators of effective program performance and to award bonus payments to States with the best and most improved performance. The PAI is designed to indicate the degree to which low-income people have access to SNAP benefits.

The PAI is not, strictly speaking, a measure of participation among people eligible for benefits. For most purposes, the participation rate among people eligible for benefits is a better measure of program performance.<sup>1</sup> FNS uses the poverty-based PAI because it is the best measure available in time to meet the law's requirements. The 2002 Farm Bill that authorizes the State performance awards requires payment by the end of the fiscal year following the period of performance – by September 2013 for performance during calendar year 2012, for example. The timing of the release of the official poverty statistics each year enables calculation of a PAI in time to meet the law's requirements. There is not enough time to complete the more precise estimates of the

number of people eligible for SNAP benefits. Waiting for the more precise estimates is inconsistent with the law and would also delay payments to States.

FNS issued a final rule on February 7, 2005, codifying the procedures for calculating and awarding performance bonuses for calendar year 2005 and beyond. For this access measure, FNS uses the American Community Survey (ACS) for poverty count estimates.<sup>2</sup> In addition, the final rule changed the name of the measure to the Program Access Index (PAI).

The purpose of this step-by-step guide is to describe the calculation of the PAI in detail. It includes all of the data, adjustments, and calculations used in determining the PAI for every State in 2012.

### **Calculating the PAI**

In general, the PAI is a simple index of the average monthly number of SNAP participants over the course of a calendar year to the number of people with income below 125 percent of the official poverty line in each State. FNS computes average monthly participation over a calendar year – rather than the Federal fiscal

<sup>1</sup> See for example *Reaching Those in Need: State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation Rates in 2010* available online at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/reaching-those-need-state-supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-participation-rates-2010>

<sup>2</sup> FNS did a comparative analysis of the merits of the American Community (ACS) and Current Population (CPS) surveys and determined that the ACS provided a better basis for the calculation of the Program Access Index beginning with the 2005 high performance bonuses. See *Estimating the Number of People in Poverty for the Program Access Index: The American Community Survey vs. the Current Population Survey* available online at [www.fns.usda.gov/snap/rules/Memo/2006/080206a.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/rules/Memo/2006/080206a.pdf)

year – to better align the participation count with the annual poverty measure.

FNS makes an adjustment to the counts of participants, the numerator of this index, to better reflect State performance in the administration of SNAP. FNS subtracts out estimates of the number of people who received SNAP disaster assistance. Disaster assistance is approved in limited circumstances and operates under special rules that differ from regular SNAP rules. The adjustment is intended to account for only those disaster assistance recipients who are new to the program – not existing participants who are issued replacement benefits. The quality of this adjustment depends in part on the accuracy of data reported by States to FNS on the operations of disaster assistance programs.

FNS makes two adjustments to the poverty counts in the denominator of the index. Participants in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are subtracted from the number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty in each State.

Participants in FDPIR would qualify for SNAP, but have opted to take the FDPIR commodity package instead. In addition, poor Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients in California are subtracted from the number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty. By law, SSI recipients in California are ineligible for SNAP because they receive a State-funded cash supplement for food. The number of participants in FDPIR and California SSI recipients offers no information on the effectiveness of State SNAP agency operations.

FNS awards performance bonuses to the four States with the highest PAI and to the four States with the most improved PAI, provided that a State is eligible to receive such a bonus. A State agency is not eligible for a bonus payment in any fiscal year for which it has a liability amount as a result of an excessive payment error rate in the same year. If a State qualifies under both the best and most improved criteria, it is awarded the bonus for most improved, and the State with the next highest PAI is awarded a bonus for best performance.

### Step-By-Step Guide

The following provides a step-by-step description of the calculation of the PAI, using the calculation of the 2012 PAI for Mississippi as an example. Calculations are made using unrounded numbers. The column references in the following example, along with the calculations for all States, can be found in the accompanying table: *SNAP Program Access Index Calculation: 2012*.

Description	Example (Mississippi)
<p><b>Step 1: Determine number of SNAP participants (CY 2012)</b></p> <p>The number of annual SNAP participants is the sum of the monthly counts from January to December 2012. The monthly counts are extracted from the Food and Nutrition Service National Data Bank and displayed in the <i>2012 SNAP Participants</i> table. The annual total is calculated in the last column of <i>2012 SNAP Participants</i>, and carried into Column B of <i>PAI Calculation</i>.</p>	<p>Column B:</p> <p>7,989,046</p>

<p><b>Step 2: Determine number of FDPIR participants (CY 2012)</b></p> <p>The number of annual FDPIR participants is the sum of the monthly counts from January to December 2012. The monthly counts are extracted from the Food and Nutrition Service National Data Bank and displayed in the <i>2012 FDPIR Participants</i> table. The annual total is calculated in the last column of <i>2012 FDPIR Participants</i>, and carried into Column C of <i>PAI Calculation</i>.</p>	<p>Column C:</p> <p>8,446</p>
<p><b>Step 3: Determine number of disaster assistance participants (CY 2012)</b></p> <p>The number of disaster assistance participants is calculated in the table: <i>2012 Disaster Assistance</i>. State- and disaster-specific adjustments are made to reflect the disaster policy in effect. For disasters that lasted more than a month, the reduction in participation was adjusted to reflect that. The annual total for all States is carried into Column D of <i>PAI Calculation</i>.</p>	<p>Column D:</p> <p>62,223</p>
<p><b>Step 4: Calculate adjusted number of annual SNAP participants (CY 2012)</b></p> <p>The adjusted annual number of participants is the annual number of SNAP participants (Column B) minus the number of disaster assistance recipients (Column D).</p>	<p>Column E:</p> <p>7,989,046 -62,223 = 7,926,823</p>
<p><b>Step 5: Calculate adjusted average monthly SNAP participants (CY 2012)</b></p> <p>The adjusted monthly average number of participants is equal to the annual number (Column E) divided by 12.</p>	<p>Column F:</p> <p>7,926,823 ÷ 12 = 660,569</p>
<p><b>Step 6: Determine the number of individuals with income below 125 percent of poverty</b></p> <p>Estimates of the number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty are published annually by the Bureau of the Census and are available online via the American FactFinder website (<a href="http://factfinder.census.gov/">http://factfinder.census.gov/</a>). The 2012 ACS estimates are displayed in Column G.</p>	<p>Column G:</p> <p>887,270</p>
<p><b>Step 7: Calculate adjustment for SSI recipients in California</b></p> <p>This adjustment is based on the number of SSI recipients among the population with income below 125 percent of the official poverty threshold in California. In 2012, 432,726 poor individuals are estimated to have received SSI in California. Column H provides this statistic based on the 2012 ACS.</p>	<p>Column H:</p> <p>N/A</p>

<p><b>Step 8: Calculate monthly FDPIR participants (CY 2012)</b></p> <p>The monthly average number of FDPIR participants is equal to the annual number of FDPIR participants (Column C) divided by 12.</p>	<p>Column I:</p> $\begin{array}{r} 8,446 \\ \div 12 \\ = 704 \end{array}$
<p><b>Step 9: Calculate adjusted number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty</b></p> <p>The adjusted number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty is equal to the official counts of persons below 125 percent of poverty (Column G) minus the Monthly FDPIR Participants (Column I). For California, the adjusted number of people in poverty (Column J) is equal to the official counts of persons below 125 percent of poverty (Column G) minus the Monthly FDPIR Participants (Column I) minus the SSI adjustment (Column H). The SSI adjustment is not applied in any other State.</p>	<p>Column J:</p> $\begin{array}{r} 887,270 \\ -704 \\ -0 \\ = 886,566 \end{array}$
<p><b>Step 10: Calculate the Program Access Index for 2012</b></p> <p>The final PAI is an index of the adjusted count of participants to the adjusted estimate of persons living below 125 percent of the official poverty line (Column F) divided by the adjusted poverty count (Column J).</p>	<p>Column K:</p> $\begin{array}{r} 660,569 \\ \div 886,566 \\ = .745 \end{array}$
<p><b>Step 11: Rank order States by Program Access Index</b></p> <p>State rankings are determined in descending order, from highest to lowest.</p>	<p>Column L:</p> $34$
<p><b>Step 12: Determine the Program Access Index for 2011</b></p> <p>The 2011 PAI was calculated in the same fashion, using prior year data.</p>	<p>Column M:</p> $0.752$
<p><b>Step 13: Calculate the difference between 2012 and 2011 PAIs</b></p> <p>The difference is equal to the 2012 PAI (Column K) minus the 2011 PAI (Column M). This provides the percentage point difference between 2012 and 2011. A positive difference indicates improvement; a negative difference indicates a reduction.</p>	<p>Column N:</p> $\begin{array}{r} 0.745 \\ - 0.752 \\ = -0.0069 \end{array}$
<p><b>Step 14: Rank order States by “Improvement”—the difference in 2012 and 2011 PAIs</b></p> <p>State rankings are determined in descending order, from highest to lowest.</p>	<p>Column O:</p> $43$

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## Calculation of SNAP Program Access Index: 2012

Worksheet Name	Column Description
PAI Calculation	B Annual count of SNAP participants (set equal to column N of Annual SNAP Participants Worksheet)
	C Annual count of FDPIR participants (set equal to column N of Annual FDPIR Participants Worksheet)
	D Annual count of disaster assistance recipients (set equal to column F of Disaster Assistance Worksheet)
	E Adjusted annual count of SNAP participants (set equal to column B - Column D)
	F Adjusted monthly average count of SNAP participants (set equal to column E divided by 12)
	G Count of persons in households with income less than 125% of poverty from 2011 ACS American FactFinder: 2011 ACS
	H CA Adjustment: Number of CA persons who receive SSI and have income less than 125% of poverty from 2011 ACS
	I Monthly FDPIR Participants (set equal to column C divided by 12)
	J Adjusted count of persons in households with income below 125% of poverty (set equal to column G - column H - column I)
	K Program Access Index, 2012 (set equal to column F divided by column J)
	L 2012 PAI Rank
	M Program Access Index, 2011
	N Improvement in Program Access Index from prior year (set equal to column K - column M)
	O Improvement Rank
SNAP Participants	Counts of individual SNAP participants by State and month in calendar year 2012. Extracted from National Data Bank in August 2013. Annual total shown in last column.
FDPIR Participants	Counts of individual participants in Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations by State and month in calendar year 2012. Extracted from National Data Bank in August 2013. Annual total shown in last column.
Disaster Assistance	Counts of individual recipients of disaster assistance; includes only new participants, excludes replacement issuances. Extracted from National Data Bank in August 2013.
2012 ACS Poverty	Counts of individuals with income below 125 percent of poverty in 2012. Extracted from the American FactFinder website ( <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a> )

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State	Annual SNAP Participants	Annual FDIPIR Participants	Disaster Assistance	Adjusted Annual SNAP Participants	Adjusted Monthly SNAP Participants	ACS 125% Poverty Count	CA SSI Adjustment	Monthly FDIPIR Participants	Adjusted Poverty Count	2012 PAI	2012 Rank	2011 PAI	Improvement	Improvement Rank
Alabama	10,939,971	-	-	10,939,971	911,664	1,157,921	-	-	1,157,921	0.78733	27	0.759	0.0283	23
Alaska	1,099,502	1,958	-	1,099,502	91,625	105,456	-	163	105,293	0.87019	13	0.862	0.0082	34
Arizona	13,466,867	131,124	-	13,466,867	1,122,239	1,542,380	-	10,927	1,531,453	0.73279	35	0.711	0.0218	28
Arkansas	6,039,251	-	-	6,039,251	503,271	737,852	-	-	737,852	0.68208	41	0.677	0.0051	35
California	48,267,374	70,268	-	48,267,374	4,022,281	8,325,530	432,726	5,856	7,886,948	0.50999	50	0.490	0.0200	29
Colorado	5,967,809	4,936	-	5,967,809	497,317	900,677	-	411	900,266	0.55241	48	0.514	0.0384	15
Connecticut	4,899,684	-	-	4,899,684	408,307	483,849	-	-	483,849	0.84387	15	0.777	0.0669	5
Delaware	1,796,018	-	-	1,796,018	149,668	138,349	-	-	138,349	1.08182	1	0.989	0.0928	1
District of Columbia	1,707,216	-	-	1,707,216	142,268	133,652	-	-	133,652	1.06447	2	1.070	-0.0055	41
Florida	41,078,310	-	-	41,078,310	3,423,193	4,288,362	-	-	4,288,362	0.79825	25	0.746	0.0523	10
Georgia	23,223,317	-	-	23,223,317	1,935,276	2,375,151	-	-	2,375,151	0.81480	18	0.777	0.0378	16
Hawaii	2,169,168	-	-	2,169,168	180,764	204,395	-	-	204,395	0.88439	11	0.794	0.0904	2
Idaho	2,773,637	17,986	-	2,773,637	231,136	334,266	-	1,499	332,767	0.69459	38	0.693	0.0016	40
Illinois	22,943,581	-	-	22,943,581	1,911,965	2,390,885	-	-	2,390,885	0.79969	23	0.738	0.0617	7
Indiana	10,967,169	-	1,281	10,965,888	913,824	1,289,225	-	-	1,289,225	0.70882	36	0.677	0.0318	19
Iowa	4,950,647	-	-	4,950,647	412,554	492,600	-	-	492,600	0.83750	16	0.766	0.0715	4
Kansas	3,702,399	5,144	-	3,702,399	308,533	520,640	-	429	520,211	0.59309	46	0.589	0.0041	37
Kentucky	10,262,508	-	3,904	10,258,604	854,884	1,052,226	-	-	1,052,226	0.81245	19	0.797	0.0155	31
Louisiana	11,547,804	-	587,805	10,959,999	913,333	1,143,699	-	-	1,143,699	0.79858	24	0.779	0.0196	30
Maine	3,028,792	-	-	3,028,792	252,399	253,595	-	-	253,595	0.99529	4	1.002	-0.0067	42
Maryland	8,719,211	-	1,184	8,718,027	726,502	763,742	-	-	763,742	0.95124	7	0.924	0.0272	24
Massachusetts	10,467,723	-	-	10,467,723	872,310	974,277	-	-	974,277	0.89534	10	0.851	0.0443	13
Michigan	21,754,439	14,999	-	21,754,439	1,812,870	2,125,842	-	1,250	2,124,592	0.85328	14	0.889	-0.0357	49
Minnesota	6,503,614	25,804	-	6,503,614	541,968	795,153	-	2,150	793,003	0.68344	40	0.637	0.0464	12
Mississippi	7,989,046	8,446	62,223	7,926,823	660,569	887,270	-	704	886,566	0.74509	34	0.752	-0.0069	43
Missouri	11,327,902	-	-	11,327,902	943,992	1,230,334	-	-	1,230,334	0.76726	29	0.783	-0.0157	47
Montana	1,518,820	27,368	-	1,518,820	126,568	204,658	-	2,281	202,377	0.62541	43	0.639	-0.0136	46
Nebraska	2,116,542	12,064	-	2,116,542	176,379	319,068	-	1,005	318,063	0.55454	47	0.551	0.0035	38
Nevada	4,279,713	15,729	-	4,279,713	356,643	595,988	-	1,311	594,677	0.59972	45	0.608	-0.0083	44
New Hampshire	1,414,783	-	-	1,414,783	117,899	166,736	-	-	166,736	0.70710	37	0.745	-0.0379	50
New Jersey	10,051,776	-	13,478	10,038,298	836,525	1,223,671	-	-	1,223,671	0.68362	39	0.650	0.0336	18
New Mexico	5,280,795	29,919	-	5,280,795	440,066	546,292	-	2,493	543,799	0.80924	21	0.755	0.0542	9
New York	37,195,711	4,241	19,613	37,176,098	3,098,008	3,863,439	-	353	3,863,086	0.80195	22	0.779	0.0230	27
North Carolina	20,268,332	6,770	-	20,268,332	1,689,028	2,265,242	-	564	2,264,678	0.74581	33	0.732	0.0138	33
North Dakota	700,325	44,865	-	700,325	58,360	100,472	-	3,739	96,733	0.60331	44	0.599	0.0043	36
Ohio	21,772,141	-	-	21,772,141	1,814,345	2,352,041	-	-	2,352,041	0.77139	28	0.757	0.0144	32
Oklahoma	7,371,969	310,673	-	7,371,969	614,331	846,440	-	25,889	820,551	0.74868	31	0.759	-0.0103	45
Oregon	9,826,494	7,825	-	9,826,494	818,875	849,973	-	652	849,321	0.96415	5	0.925	0.0392	14
Pennsylvania	21,541,907	-	-	21,541,907	1,795,159	2,211,259	-	-	2,211,259	0.81183	20	0.788	0.0238	26
Rhode Island	2,100,287	-	-	2,100,287	175,024	183,177	-	-	183,177	0.95549	6	0.872	0.0835	3
South Carolina	10,464,215	-	-	10,464,215	872,018	1,096,689	-	-	1,096,689	0.79514	26	0.760	0.0351	17
South Dakota	1,246,689	90,952	-	1,246,689	103,891	144,350	-	7,579	136,771	0.75960	30	0.728	0.0316	20
Tennessee	15,944,836	-	126	15,944,710	1,328,726	1,464,920	-	-	1,464,920	0.90703	9	0.859	0.0480	11
Texas	48,273,711	1,373	-	48,273,711	4,022,809	5,999,147	-	114	5,999,033	0.67058	42	0.668	0.0026	39
Utah	3,242,631	1,312	-	3,242,631	270,219	496,647	-	109	496,538	0.54421	49	0.583	-0.0388	51
Vermont	1,173,532	-	-	1,173,532	97,794	94,485	-	-	94,485	1.03502	3	0.969	0.0660	6
Virginia	11,065,805	-	-	11,065,805	922,150	1,234,285	-	-	1,234,285	0.74711	32	0.720	0.0271	25
Washington	13,338,352	38,269	-	13,338,352	1,111,529	1,184,256	-	3,189	1,181,067	0.94112	8	0.886	0.0551	8
West Virginia	4,172,127	-	3,451	4,168,676	347,390	420,802	-	-	420,802	0.82554	17	0.794	0.0315	21
Wisconsin	10,082,349	32,284	-	10,082,349	840,196	968,174	-	2,690	965,484	0.87023	12	0.839	0.0312	22
Wyoming	425,545	6,718	-	425,545	35,462	89,752	-	560	89,192	0.39759	51	0.433	-0.0354	48
US	562,462,346	911,027	693,065	561,769,281	46,814,107	63,569,291	432,726	75,919	63,060,646	0.74237		0.720	0.0224	

NOTE: Calculations use unrounded numbers.

**2012 SNAP Participants**

**NATIONAL DATA BANK VERSION 8.2 PUBLIC USE  
SC6 - STATES ASCENDING - MONTHLY/ANNUAL DATA  
Part. People Actual/Final**

State/Territory	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2012	May 2012	Jun 2012	Jul 2012	Aug 2012	Sep 2012	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012	Total
Alabama	913,281	908,268	905,117	902,277	906,884	908,345	909,525	914,441	912,152	919,211	920,764	919,706	10,939,971
Alaska	92,220	93,199	94,092	95,420	94,749	94,298	93,031	93,002	91,340	78,080	89,782	90,289	1,099,502
Arizona	1,131,693	1,118,039	1,118,247	1,112,064	1,110,833	1,116,483	1,119,607	1,127,702	1,120,861	1,137,786	1,128,883	1,124,669	13,466,867
Arkansas	505,812	501,713	500,233	496,399	497,114	500,190	502,287	504,553	503,794	508,583	509,224	509,349	6,039,251
California	3,917,804	3,925,017	3,961,829	3,956,504	3,980,231	4,011,628	4,034,260	4,062,422	4,074,501	4,107,543	4,108,565	4,127,070	48,267,374
Colorado	491,483	488,691	496,109	491,333	493,638	494,316	496,559	499,273	497,621	505,366	504,741	508,679	5,967,809
Connecticut	405,779	402,571	401,009	400,541	400,203	404,164	405,613	408,569	411,344	414,875	420,819	424,197	4,899,684
Delaware	148,854	148,764	148,654	146,263	148,467	148,295	147,509	151,337	150,330	151,387	153,651	152,507	1,796,018
District of Columbia	140,515	140,311	140,549	139,626	140,187	141,266	142,025	143,951	143,839	144,495	145,398	145,054	1,707,216
Florida	3,293,516	3,302,790	3,346,145	3,343,861	3,384,489	3,419,492	3,426,193	3,461,158	3,474,773	3,521,938	3,541,637	3,562,318	41,078,310
Georgia	1,891,322	1,891,077	1,898,349	1,905,267	1,923,169	1,936,525	1,959,113	1,959,837	1,953,302	1,963,601	1,972,221	1,969,534	23,223,317
Hawaii	173,786	175,291	176,729	176,160	177,887	179,700	180,733	182,867	184,734	186,330	187,034	187,917	2,169,168
Idaho	237,816	236,731	236,641	234,750	233,077	231,059	228,432	227,869	226,111	226,538	226,759	227,854	2,773,637
Illinois	1,818,122	1,831,898	1,856,202	1,820,124	1,852,926	1,874,051	1,891,581	1,957,192	1,973,243	2,004,436	2,012,520	2,051,286	22,943,581
Indiana	909,866	906,552	906,894	901,265	904,686	908,458	911,977	922,382	923,201	925,574	922,564	923,750	10,967,169
Iowa	402,829	405,317	408,614	409,261	410,761	412,889	412,187	415,718	417,898	419,315	418,440	417,418	4,950,647
Kansas	302,020	299,661	301,567	303,106	304,240	307,886	309,715	312,630	314,742	316,506	314,932	315,394	3,702,399
Kentucky	849,312	840,590	846,211	844,461	847,901	853,820	857,672	861,376	860,599	867,676	865,540	867,345	10,262,508
Louisiana	894,400	890,395	892,347	880,069	890,253	901,586	901,593	913,420	1,479,423	948,475	969,609	986,234	11,547,804
Maine	253,961	253,135	254,498	253,496	254,363	253,903	253,305	252,244	250,084	250,912	249,099	249,792	3,028,792
Maryland	709,754	708,889	709,305	711,720	712,757	719,507	722,629	733,869	738,510	747,316	750,784	754,171	8,719,211
Massachusetts	850,393	853,862	858,616	862,959	868,872	873,891	877,542	881,951	883,565	884,453	886,055	885,564	10,467,723
Michigan	1,838,439	1,834,577	1,828,826	1,820,669	1,813,788	1,806,925	1,805,450	1,806,365	1,805,687	1,807,567	1,796,122	1,790,024	21,754,439
Minnesota	535,308	535,455	539,710	539,415	542,735	541,786	542,945	544,835	542,348	547,774	545,690	545,613	6,503,614
Mississippi	650,774	651,171	651,812	651,721	654,029	659,191	660,743	666,220	728,675	669,930	672,441	672,339	7,989,046
Missouri	955,681	948,760	950,350	945,233	944,058	943,835	938,829	940,597	939,070	942,918	938,507	940,064	11,327,902
Montana	127,111	127,385	127,558	126,536	126,351	126,048	124,902	125,226	123,931	123,967	128,124	131,681	1,518,820
Nebraska	175,711	177,832	178,643	175,613	176,177	175,930	176,193	177,958	175,296	174,264	175,402	177,523	2,116,542
Nevada	354,081	354,540	353,855	353,983	355,713	355,349	355,940	358,009	358,015	360,559	360,777	358,892	4,279,713
New Hampshire	117,063	117,323	117,269	117,455	117,749	117,734	117,650	117,935	117,605	119,115	119,014	118,871	1,414,783
New Jersey	800,525	805,529	818,954	812,224	824,550	829,584	829,379	842,973	841,960	857,605	882,345	906,148	10,051,776
New Mexico	438,455	437,424	438,145	437,267	438,911	440,267	440,019	442,594	440,628	442,237	442,217	442,631	5,280,795
New York	3,059,120	3,059,262	3,081,831	3,063,238	3,082,995	3,095,534	3,094,677	3,109,436	3,101,190	3,110,070	3,152,122	3,186,236	37,195,711
North Carolina	1,660,464	1,655,362	1,653,501	1,650,483	1,653,436	1,674,350	1,687,148	1,706,480	1,705,395	1,756,474	1,738,799	1,726,440	20,268,332
North Dakota	59,501	59,195	59,134	58,575	58,379	58,243	57,901	58,400	57,911	57,911	57,565	57,610	700,325
Ohio	1,827,815	1,830,187	1,842,315	1,824,217	1,803,697	1,790,955	1,831,862	1,787,919	1,779,101	1,804,887	1,816,409	1,832,777	21,772,141
Oklahoma	617,178	613,639	610,392	604,999	606,710	610,448	608,952	618,019	619,146	621,760	621,286	619,440	7,371,969
Oregon	822,995	812,701	812,900	817,164	819,469	823,852	821,247	823,810	820,459	818,772	817,748	815,377	9,826,494
Pennsylvania	1,811,363	1,811,047	1,816,406	1,809,656	1,806,592	1,795,920	1,793,687	1,784,210	1,781,699	1,772,081	1,797,976	1,761,270	21,541,907
Rhode Island	172,629	172,284	172,907	172,781	173,639	174,069	175,014	175,590	176,619	176,998	178,630	179,127	2,100,287
South Carolina	866,362	865,231	869,859	868,216	869,916	872,149	875,828	873,432	869,900	875,328	878,636	879,358	10,464,215
South Dakota	104,704	104,084	103,909	103,632	103,349	103,914	103,934	104,501	103,498	103,511	103,821	103,832	1,246,689
Tennessee	1,303,369	1,306,650	1,319,476	1,320,324	1,334,012	1,342,885	1,341,252	1,345,085	1,330,238	1,342,144	1,332,860	1,326,541	15,944,836
Texas	4,141,317	4,043,923	3,913,693	3,936,704	3,967,242	3,951,184	3,976,675	3,998,108	4,006,566	4,123,827	4,111,672	4,102,800	48,273,711
Utah	285,527	287,651	285,742	280,865	279,523	275,698	257,736	258,520	256,715	257,744	258,722	258,188	3,242,631
Vermont	96,198	96,365	96,080	96,458	96,805	96,854	97,243	98,561	98,817	99,416	100,111	100,624	1,173,532
Virginia	911,412	914,445	914,709	912,926	914,236	917,816	919,909	926,872	926,457	933,462	937,224	936,337	11,065,805
Washington	1,099,545	1,102,036	1,111,501	1,111,832	1,115,696	1,115,286	1,111,084	1,118,464	1,116,382	1,112,770	1,109,014	1,114,742	13,338,352
West Virginia	347,986	344,066	342,678	340,365	341,384	341,853	362,023	354,395	347,956	349,450	350,217	349,754	4,172,127
Wisconsin	831,423	832,935	832,304	833,234	835,789	837,565	841,062	846,451	846,230	849,574	848,832	846,950	10,082,349
Wyoming	35,104	34,467	35,058	34,131	33,827	34,184	34,223	33,863	35,642	37,715	38,914	38,417	425,545
<b>US</b>	<b>46,449,737</b>	<b>46,326,287</b>	<b>46,405,224</b>	<b>46,274,631</b>	<b>46,496,761</b>	<b>46,670,301</b>	<b>46,836,236</b>	<b>47,102,765</b>	<b>47,710,283</b>	<b>47,551,829</b>	<b>47,682,072</b>	<b>47,792,056</b>	<b>563,298,182</b>



2012 FDIIR Participants

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SC6 - STATES ASCENDING - MONTHLY/ANNUAL DATA  
Number of Participants

State/Territory	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2012	May 2012	Jun 2012	Jul 2012	Aug 2012	Sep 2012	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012	Total
Alabama	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Alaska	143	144	141	158	166	167	175	203	198	124	146	193	1,958
Arizona	11,312	10,517	10,854	10,676	10,666	11,192	11,732	11,627	10,763	10,547	10,955	10,283	131,124
Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
California	6,360	5,987	5,750	5,955	5,756	5,849	5,826	6,079	5,707	6,010	5,781	5,208	70,268
Colorado	567	580	555	446	386	400	367	347	324	330	323	311	4,936
Connecticut	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Delaware	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
District of Columb	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Florida	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Georgia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Hawaii	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Idaho	1,546	1,393	1,564	1,545	1,649	1,602	1,468	1,428	1,296	1,343	1,588	1,564	17,986
Illinois	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Indiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Iowa	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Kansas	453	398	381	446	427	274	456	481	458	486	475	409	5,144
Kentucky	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Louisiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maryland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Massachusetts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Michigan	1,369	1,323	1,331	1,264	1,233	1,165	1,150	1,201	1,212	1,274	1,265	1,212	14,999
Minnesota	2,127	1,973	2,136	2,135	2,225	2,116	2,173	2,331	2,230	2,321	2,181	1,856	25,804
Mississippi	826	765	720	767	817	821	69	866	881	906	900	108	8,446
Missouri	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Montana	2,491	2,236	2,370	2,364	2,335	2,319	2,325	2,442	2,176	2,081	2,224	2,005	27,368
Nebraska	1,055	924	962	1,039	1,041	1,011	1,063	1,024	1,031	1,013	1,012	889	12,064
Nevada	1,299	1,356	1,355	1,351	1,366	1,198	1,260	1,340	1,301	1,246	1,359	1,298	15,729
New Hampshire	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Jersey	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Mexico	2,528	2,466	2,522	2,485	2,512	2,538	2,541	2,523	2,465	2,492	2,440	2,407	29,919
New York	443	362	327	298	388	314	331	324	319	377	430	328	4,241
North Carolina	668	561	641	689	704	7	652	658	646	740	784	20	6,770
North Dakota	3,907	3,739	3,893	3,747	3,878	3,844	3,865	4,054	3,738	3,533	3,637	3,030	44,865
Ohio	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Oklahoma	26,562	23,841	24,557	24,258	24,784	25,446	26,606	27,449	25,824	27,600	27,915	25,831	310,673
Oregon	652	651	669	686	671	649	656	604	611	664	675	637	7,825
Pennsylvania	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Rhode Island	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Carolina	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Dakota	8,079	7,006	7,889	7,628	7,872	7,081	7,514	8,126	7,779	7,554	7,736	6,688	90,952
Tennessee	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Texas	128	112	114	119	104	113	98	113	119	117	122	114	1,373
Utah	171	186	180	132	95	57	61	119	61	93	92	65	1,312
Vermont	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Washington	3,313	3,315	3,185	3,296	3,306	3,001	3,330	3,082	3,021	3,387	3,084	2,949	38,269
West Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Wisconsin	3,208	2,092	3,081	3,138	2,221	3,167	3,095	2,174	2,926	2,717	1,949	2,516	32,284
Wyoming	633	478	582	590	567	587	539	633	584	601	536	388	6,718
<b>US</b>	<b>79,840</b>	<b>72,405</b>	<b>75,759</b>	<b>75,212</b>	<b>75,169</b>	<b>74,918</b>	<b>77,352</b>	<b>79,228</b>	<b>75,670</b>	<b>77,556</b>	<b>77,609</b>	<b>70,309</b>	<b>911,027</b>

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Total Number of New Persons Issued D-SNAP Benefits

State/Territory	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2012	May 2012	Jun 2012	Jul 2012	Aug 2012	Sep 2012	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012	Total
Alabama	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Alaska	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Arizona	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
California	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Colorado	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Connecticut	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Delaware	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
District of Columt	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Florida	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Georgia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Hawaii	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Idaho	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Illinois	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Indiana	--	--	1,281	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,281
Iowa	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Kansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Kentucky	--	--	3,904	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3,904
Louisiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	587,805	--	--	--	--	587,805
Maine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maryland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,184	--	--	--	1,184
Massachusetts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Michigan	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Minnesota	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Mississippi	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	62,223	--	--	--	--	62,223
Missouri	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Montana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Nebraska	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Nevada	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Hampshire	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Jersey	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13,478	--	--	--	13,478
New Mexico	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New York	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6,174	13,439	--	19,613
North Carolina	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
North Dakota	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Ohio	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Oklahoma	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Oregon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Pennsylvania	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Rhode Island	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Carolina	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Dakota	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Tennessee	--	--	--	--	126	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	126
Texas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Utah	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Vermont	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Washington	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
West Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	925	--	2,526	3,451
Wisconsin	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Wyoming	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
US	--	--	5,185	--	126	--	--	62,223	587,805	15,587	6,174	15,965	693,065

**2012 American Community Survey Poverty Counts**

GEO_NAME	B17002_2_EST	B17002_3_EST	B17002_4_EST	B17002_5_EST	
Geography	Universe: POPULATION FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED: Under .50 (Estimate)	Universe: POPULATION FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED: .50 to .74 (Estimate)	Universe: POPULATION FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED: .75 to .99 (Estimate)	Universe: POPULATION FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED: 1.00 to 1.24 (Estimate)	TOTAL POPULATION UNDER 125% OF POVERTY
Alabama	399,317	237,825	255,422	265,357	1,157,921
Alaska	31,811	17,594	22,995	33,056	105,456
Arizona	566,992	309,735	317,779	347,874	1,542,380
Arkansas	234,771	148,717	184,577	169,787	737,852
California	2,766,368	1,601,407	1,957,544	2,000,211	8,325,530
Colorado	309,929	171,057	213,856	205,835	900,677
Connecticut	172,223	95,063	105,104	111,459	483,849
Delaware	52,029	26,773	28,505	31,042	138,349
District of Columbia	62,040	25,334	21,358	24,920	133,652
Florida	1,418,025	853,535	967,021	1,049,781	4,288,362
Georgia	851,775	474,156	522,602	526,618	2,375,151
Hawaii	78,683	36,213	42,347	47,152	204,395
Idaho	96,009	73,047	79,438	85,772	334,266
Illinois	820,554	487,742	542,266	540,323	2,390,885
Indiana	453,792	255,951	280,582	298,900	1,289,225
Iowa	159,392	104,615	113,477	115,116	492,600
Kansas	157,783	106,438	127,513	128,906	520,640
Kentucky	342,541	237,586	243,070	229,029	1,052,226
Louisiana	384,979	249,383	257,619	251,718	1,143,699
Maine	69,220	58,323	62,243	63,809	253,595
Maryland	280,402	144,270	166,131	172,939	763,742
Massachusetts	348,581	183,634	230,430	211,632	974,277
Michigan	768,553	446,990	469,635	440,664	2,125,842
Minnesota	258,077	155,476	184,818	196,782	795,153
Mississippi	295,541	190,791	211,920	189,018	887,270
Missouri	417,151	252,593	278,048	282,542	1,230,334
Montana	60,922	42,205	49,072	52,459	204,658
Nebraska	95,133	65,794	73,046	85,095	319,068
Nevada	193,694	111,823	141,323	149,148	595,988
New Hampshire	53,140	37,227	38,099	38,270	166,736
New Jersey	438,665	228,666	267,612	288,728	1,223,671
New Mexico	187,947	112,663	125,635	120,047	546,292
New York	1,349,996	755,445	919,575	838,423	3,863,439
North Carolina	754,629	441,473	517,030	552,110	2,265,242
North Dakota	35,318	19,588	20,797	24,769	100,472
Ohio	855,552	483,789	485,287	527,413	2,352,041
Oklahoma	273,676	166,664	197,089	209,011	846,440
Oregon	301,235	175,082	182,042	191,614	849,973
Pennsylvania	745,353	450,285	497,647	517,974	2,211,259
Rhode Island	62,056	33,135	43,716	44,270	183,177
South Carolina	376,931	225,389	235,450	258,919	1,096,689
South Dakota	50,820	28,335	28,691	36,504	144,350
Tennessee	483,568	298,883	346,879	335,590	1,464,920
Texas	1,895,369	1,239,604	1,427,379	1,436,795	5,999,147
Utah	154,441	94,071	111,505	136,630	496,647
Vermont	32,128	16,879	22,077	23,401	94,485
Virginia	416,102	235,543	280,160	302,480	1,234,285
Washington	424,609	236,192	254,477	268,978	1,184,256
West Virginia	150,998	87,307	81,750	100,747	420,802
Wisconsin	317,756	183,305	236,295	230,818	968,174
Wyoming	29,347	18,703	22,969	18,733	89,752
<b>TOTAL</b>					