

Table A-14. Trends in Food Stamp Participation, Selected Years 1962 – 1999

Fiscal Year	Food Stamp Participants ¹			Participants as a Percent of:			Child Participants As a Percent of:	
	Including Territories (in thousands)	Excluding Territories (in thousands)	Children Excl'd Terr. (in thousands)	Total Population ²	All Poor Persons ²	Pre-transfer Poverty Population ³	Total Child Population ²	Children in Poverty ²
1962	6,554	6,554	NA	3.5	17.0	NA	NA	NA
1965	5,166	5,166	NA	2.7	15.5	NA	NA	NA
1970	8,277	8,277	NA	4.1	32.6	NA	NA	NA
1971	13,042	13,042	NA	6.3	51.0	NA	NA	NA
1972	14,102	14,102	NA	6.7	57.7	NA	NA	NA
1973	14,641	14,641	NA	6.9	63.7	NA	NA	NA
1974	14,784	14,765	NA	6.9	63.2	NA	NA	NA
1975 ⁴	18,308	17,217	NA	8.0	66.2	NA	NA	NA
1976	18,240	16,733	9,126	7.7	66.7	NA	13.8	88.8
1977	17,014	15,579	NA	7.1	62.7	NA	NA	NA
1978	15,988	14,503	NA	6.5	58.9	NA	NA	NA
1979 ⁵	17,682	15,976	NA	7.1	60.9	57.1	NA	NA
1980	21,082	19,253	9,493	8.5	65.5	60.7	15.5	85.6
1981	22,430	20,654	9,674	9.0	64.6	60.8	15.5	78.4
1982 ⁶	22,055	20,392	9,545	8.8	59.0	56.3	15.3	70.3
1983 ⁶	23,195	21,667	10,783	9.3	61.1	58.5	17.4	78.4
1984 ⁶	22,384	20,796	10,372	8.8	61.7	58.5	16.8	78.2
1985 ⁶	21,379	19,847	9,824	8.3	60.0	56.6	15.8	76.1
1986 ⁶	20,909	19,381	9,846	8.1	59.9	56.2	15.7	76.5
1987 ⁶	20,583	19,072	9,765	7.9	59.2	55.6	15.5	75.4
1988 ⁶	20,095	18,613	9,363	7.6	58.6	55.2	14.8	75.1
1989 ⁶	20,266	18,778	9,429	7.6	59.6	55.6	14.9	74.9
1990 ⁶	21,547	20,038	10,127	8.0	59.7	55.7	15.8	75.4
1991 ⁶	24,115	22,599	11,952	9.0	63.3	59.3	18.4	83.3
1992 ⁶	26,886	25,369	13,349	9.9	66.7	64.0	20.2	87.3
1993 ⁶	28,422	26,952	14,196	10.5	68.6	63.8	21.2	90.3
1994 ⁶	28,879	27,434	14,391	10.5	72.2	66.9	21.2	94.1
1995 ⁶	27,989	26,579	13,860	10.1	73.0	67.6	20.2	94.5
1996 ⁶	26,872	25,494	13,189	9.6	69.9	64.7	19.1	91.2
1997 ⁶	24,148	22,820	11,847	8.5	64.3	60.0	17.0	83.9
1998 ⁶	20,970	19,746	10,524	7.3	57.4	57.9	15.1	78.1
1999 ⁶	19,327	18,151	NA	6.7	NA	NA	NA	NA

¹ Total participants includes all participating States, the District of Columbia, and the territories (including Puerto Rico). The number of child participants includes only the participating States and D.C. (the territories are not included). From 1962 to 1983 the number of participants includes the Family Food Assistance Program (FFAP) which was largely replaced by the Food Stamp program in 1975. The FFAP participants (as of December) for the seven years shown during the period from 1962 to 1974 were respectively: 6,411; 4,742; 3,977; 3,642; 3,002; 2,441; and 1,406 (all in thousands). From 1975 to 1983 the number of FFAP participants averaged only 88 thousand. The monthly average number of participants for 1970-76 is computed as an average from October of the prior calendar year to September, the span of the fiscal year since 1977.

² Includes all participating States and the District of Columbia only--the territories are excluded from both numerator and denominator. Population numbers used as denominators are the resident population—see *Current Population Reports*, Series P25-1106. For the persons living in poverty used as denominators, see *Current Population Reports*, Series P60-207.

³ The pretransfer poverty population used as denominator is the number of all persons in families or living alone whose income (cash income plus social insurance plus Social Security but before taxes and means-tested transfers) falls below the appropriate poverty threshold. See Appendix J, Table 20, *1992 Green Book*; data for subsequent years are unpublished Congressional Budget Office tabulations.

⁴ The first fiscal year in which food stamps were available nationwide.

⁵ The fiscal year in which the food stamp purchase requirement was eliminated, on a phased in basis.

⁶ Participation figures in column 1 from 1982 on include enrollment in Puerto Rico's Nutrition Assistance Program (averaging 1.2 to 1.5 million persons a month under the nutrition assistance grant and higher figures in earlier years under Food Stamps) as shown in Table A-18.

Sources: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, National Data Bank, the *1996 Green Book*, and U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Poverty in the United States: 1998," *Current Population Reports*, Series P60-207 and earlier years.