

**Table 570. Selected Characteristics of Food Stamp Households and Participants: 1990 to 2008**

[7,811 represents 7,811,000. For years ending September 30. Data for 1990 exclude Guam and the Virgin Islands. Based on a sample of households from the Food Stamp Quality Control System]

Year	Households				Participants		
	Total <sup>1</sup> (1,000)	Percent of total			Total (1,000)	Percent of total	
		With children	With elderly <sup>2</sup>	With disabled <sup>3</sup>		Children	Elderly <sup>2</sup>
1990	7,811	60.3	18.1	8.9	20,440	49.6	7.7
1995	10,883	59.7	16.0	18.9	26,955	51.5	7.1
2000	7,335	53.9	21.0	27.5	17,091	51.3	10.0
2004	10,070	54.3	17.3	22.9	23,486	50.2	8.2
2005	10,854	53.8	17.1	23.1	24,881	50.0	8.2
2006	11,315	52.2	17.9	23.1	25,595	49.2	8.7
2007	11,563	51.3	17.9	23.9	25,926	49.1	8.7
2008	12,465	50.9	18.5	22.6	27,791	48.6	9.1

<sup>1</sup> Total does not include those who are ineligible or those receiving disaster benefits. <sup>2</sup> Persons 60 years old and over. <sup>3</sup> The substantial increase in 1995 and decrease in 2003 are due in part to the changes in definition of a disabled household. Prior to 1995, disabled households were defined as households with SSI income but no members over age 59. In 1995, that definition changed to households with at least one member under 65 who received SSI, or at least one member aged 18–61 who received Social Security, veterans' benefits, or other government benefits as a result of a disability. Because of changes to the QC data in 2003, the definition of a disabled household changed to households either SSI income or a medical expense deduction and without an elderly person, and households containing a nonelderly adult who does not appear to be working and who is receiving Social Security, veterans' benefits, or workers' compensation.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service. Percentages obtained from *Characteristics of Food Stamp Households: Fiscal Year 2008*, September 2008. See also <<http://www.fns.usda.gov/ora/MENU/Published/snap/SNAPParthh.htm>>.

**Table 571. Food Stamp Households and Participants—Summary: 2008**

[12,465 represents 12,465,000. For year ending September 30. Based on a sample of households from the Food Stamp Quality Control System. Figures are lower than official participation counts because they do not include ineligible participants or those receiving disaster food stamp assistance]

Household type and income source	Households		Age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin	Participants	
	Number (1,000)	Percent		Number (1,000)	Percent
Total	12,465	100.0	Total	27,791	100.0
With children	6,342	50.9	Children	13,496	48.6
Single-parent households	3,876	31.1	Under 5 years old	4,656	16.8
Married-couple households	1,057	8.5	5 to 17 years old	8,840	31.8
Other	1,409	11.3	Adults	14,294	51.4
With elderly	2,312	18.5	18 to 35 years old	6,117	22.0
Living alone	1,865	15.0	36 to 59 years old	5,658	20.4
Not living alone	447	3.6	60 years old and over	2,519	9.1
Disabled	2,821	22.6	Male	11,537	41.5
Living alone	1,581	12.7	Female	16,254	58.5
Not living alone	1,240	9.9	White, non-Hispanic	8,417	30.3
Earned income	3,640	29.2	Black, non-Hispanic	6,270	22.6
Wages and salaries	3,222	25.8	Hispanic	4,112	14.8
Unearned income	8,171	65.6	Asian	693	2.5
TANF <sup>1</sup>	1,321	10.6	Native American	1,192	4.3
Supplemental security income	3,278	26.3	Other <sup>2</sup>	7,108	25.6
Social security	3,064	24.6			
No income	1,986	15.9			

<sup>1</sup> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. <sup>2</sup> For FY 2008, this category includes respondents who recorded more than one race, and those with no racial/ethnic data.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, *Characteristics of Food Stamp Households: Fiscal Year 2008*, September 2009. See also <<http://www.fns.usda.gov/ora/menu/Published/snap/SNAPParthh.htm>>.

**Table 572. Head Start—Summary: 1980 to 2009**

[For years ending September 30 (376 represents 376,000)]

Year	Enrollment (1,000)	Appropriation (mil. dol.)	Age and race	Enrollment, 2009 (percent)	Item	
					Number	Number
1980	376	735	Under 3 years old	10	Average cost per child:	
1990	541	1,552	3 years old	36	1995	\$4,534
1995	751	3,534	4 years old	51	2000	\$5,951
1999	826	4,658	5 years old and over	3	2009	\$7,600
2000	858	5,267				
2001	905	6,200	White	40	Paid staff (1,000):	
2002	912	6,537	Black	30	1995	147
2003	910	6,668	Hispanic	36	2000	180
2004	906	6,775	American Indian/	5	2009	212
2005	907	6,843	Alaska Native	4	Volunteers (1,000):	
2006	909	6,872	Asian	2	1995	1,235
2007	908	6,888	Hawaiian/	2	2000	1,252
2008	907	6,878	Pacific Islander	1	2009	1,274
2009	904	7,113				

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Services, Administration for Children and Families, "Head Start Statistical Fact Sheet"; <<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/about>>.