

During FY 2007, an average of 12.7 million children each month received Food Stamps.  
Nationally, 87 percent of eligible children receive Food Stamps.

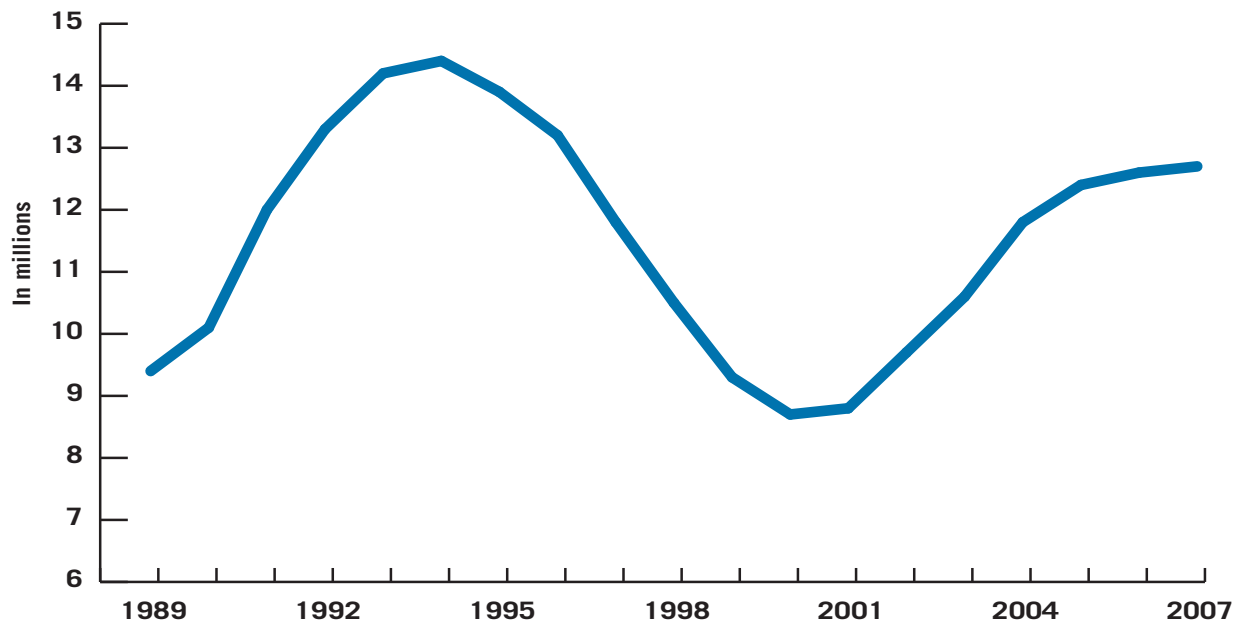
## Number of Children Receiving Food Stamps: Selected Years FY 1989–FY 2007

	FY 1989	FY 1994	FY 1999	FY 2004	FY 2007
Alabama	203,627	280,653	216,200	256,164	276,831
Alaska	13,852	24,710	20,743	26,409	25,630
Arizona	142,460	280,587	150,380	297,908	298,550
Arkansas	103,406	134,327	130,021	160,903	176,187
California	1,130,068	2,206,228	1,336,701	1,241,903	1,296,318
Colorado	108,030	142,831	84,579	123,636	127,338
Connecticut	62,617	123,647	86,894	87,480	80,830
Delaware	15,639	28,661	19,432	28,835	33,312
District of Columbia	29,772	52,408	42,400	40,083	34,796
Florida	319,164	748,014	425,329	532,930	546,972
Georgia	247,169	415,623	328,559	421,231	474,327
Hawaii	39,780	56,673	61,446	41,147	36,989
Idaho	29,783	43,834	29,799	45,628	44,148
Illinois	480,701	546,825	397,268	529,423	593,394
Indiana	139,258	254,607	159,095	259,955	279,973
Iowa	80,704	96,003	60,457	83,382	105,476
Kansas	60,856	89,723	56,731	78,205	84,800
Kentucky	190,408	228,424	167,608	235,191	251,041
Louisiana	356,575	403,454	280,474	355,683	307,897
Maine	38,077	59,146	41,572	50,107	61,232
Maryland	127,879	206,048	142,036	129,061	145,358
Massachusetts	153,172	240,069	131,011	178,840	191,733
Michigan	445,279	539,922	343,440	449,409	530,380
Minnesota	120,559	175,763	95,861	114,724	134,878
Mississippi	224,555	252,405	152,968	200,443	207,351
Missouri	192,188	295,224	197,603	291,754	427,138
Montana	26,322	35,654	28,819	37,002	34,452
Nebraska	45,161	62,558	45,471	58,361	59,053
Nevada	19,408	45,887	28,936	59,580	59,270
New Hampshire	9,273	30,016	19,239	24,456	25,313
New Jersey	191,648	290,707	193,346	176,165	192,124
New Mexico	75,537	126,461	92,563	118,897	121,240
New York	722,389	1,094,408	718,290	641,795	711,247
North Carolina	177,509	313,632	258,261	385,631	430,347
North Dakota	18,890	22,968	16,147	18,638	20,513
Ohio	492,247	598,321	305,001	466,333	490,566
Oklahoma	123,659	190,671	131,670	180,314	198,018
Oregon	90,838	134,838	103,126	185,357	183,006
Pennsylvania	441,560	544,571	395,157	447,651	479,009
Rhode Island	29,370	51,496	41,458	39,641	35,963
South Carolina	137,577	205,812	157,901	250,296	257,284
South Dakota	25,213	24,734	22,140	28,656	29,105
Tennessee	230,158	347,335	217,141	344,082	374,945
Texas	846,306	1,406,259	800,811	1,256,104	1,365,363
Utah	52,402	68,105	53,059	67,001	63,880
Vermont	14,362	29,579	18,208	15,969	18,822
Virginia	148,798	275,223	168,992	217,235	235,793
Washington	153,771	231,318	152,780	192,982	219,633
West Virginia	111,043	135,908	96,025	109,115	104,475
Wisconsin	175,538	181,645	96,597	176,275	202,616
Wyoming	14,572	16,868	12,554	14,199	10,681
United States	9,429,127	14,390,783	9,332,299	11,772,169	12,695,597

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, unpublished tabulations from Fiscal Year QC database.

Starting in 1989, the number of children receiving Food Stamps rose for several years, then fell for several years, but has been rising since 2000. These numbers are expected to continue to rise with the onset of the recession.

## Children Receiving Food Stamps: 1989–2007



Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, unpublished tabulations.

An average of 8.1 million women, infants and young children participated in the WIC program each month in FY 2007. Preliminary data for August 2008 show more than 8.9 million participants; this number is expected to rise as the recession continues.

## Nutrition Assistance for Women, Infants and Children Number of Participants: FY 2007

	<b>Women</b>	<b>Infants</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Total</b>
Alabama	31,446	36,287	58,547	126,280
Alaska	6,179	6,176	12,850	25,205
Arizona	47,891	52,670	85,908	186,470
Arkansas	23,959	24,945	35,553	84,457
California	347,362	317,802	713,584	1,378,748
Colorado	23,025	24,758	43,278	91,062
Connecticut	12,189	14,909	26,109	53,206
Delaware	4,581	5,877	9,947	20,405
District of Columbia	4,347	4,777	6,066	15,190
Florida	113,085	115,686	191,747	420,518
Georgia	74,358	78,625	130,124	283,107
Hawaii	8,116	8,147	16,350	32,612
Idaho	9,312	9,624	19,151	38,087
Illinois	71,879	83,547	124,556	279,982
Indiana	36,571	41,809	62,511	140,891
Iowa	17,130	17,024	35,314	69,468
Kansas	16,760	18,189	34,118	69,067
Kentucky	30,955	33,494	65,195	129,644
Louisiana	35,295	37,859	55,900	129,054
Maine	5,846	5,792	13,048	24,686
Maryland	33,588	34,633	55,647	123,868
Massachusetts	30,083	28,638	59,390	118,112
Michigan	54,937	56,087	120,983	232,007
Minnesota	32,959	32,366	69,338	134,662
Mississippi	25,121	34,419	43,129	102,669
Missouri	37,001	38,954	58,687	134,642
Montana	4,470	4,291	10,517	19,279
Nebraska	10,257	10,652	21,177	42,087
Nevada	14,244	15,362	22,737	52,343
New Hampshire	4,330	4,535	8,546	17,411
New Jersey	37,978	40,261	72,263	150,502
New Mexico	15,286	16,846	32,285	64,417
New York	124,945	124,331	233,511	482,787
North Carolina	61,369	65,592	115,128	242,088
North Dakota	3,453	3,502	7,589	14,545
Ohio	68,263	87,737	125,607	281,607
Oklahoma	30,117	31,764	57,878	119,759
Oregon	26,405	24,247	53,102	103,753
Pennsylvania	57,334	64,112	122,710	244,155
Rhode Island	5,681	5,912	12,627	24,220
South Carolina	32,851	35,584	46,303	114,737
South Dakota	5,150	5,808	10,837	21,795
Tennessee	43,110	46,010	70,938	160,058
Texas	225,180	230,327	444,890	900,396
Utah	17,382	14,654	32,182	64,218
Vermont	3,480	3,227	9,602	16,308
Virginia	39,697	38,674	64,900	143,271
Washington	40,389	39,023	85,793	165,206
West Virginia	12,123	12,228	25,237	49,588
Wisconsin	28,762	29,443	58,556	116,761
Wyoming	3,307	3,266	5,768	12,341
United States	2,049,537	2,120,480	3,897,711	8,067,728

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, unpublished tabulations. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

More than half the children participating in the School Lunch Program—more than 17 million children—received free or reduced-price meals in FY 2007. The 8 million children in the School Breakfast Program who received free or reduced-price meals—4 out of 5 participants—are the most needy children. Yet the Summer Food Service Program, an entitlement targeted at these children, served fewer than 2 million children in FY 2007, indicating that needy children are not receiving this important assistance during the summer months.

## Child Nutrition Programs

### Number of Participants: FY 2007

	School Lunch Program			School Breakfast Program			Summer Food Service Program	Child and Adult Care Food Program <sup>2</sup>
	Free	Reduced Price	Total <sup>1</sup>	Free	Reduced Price	Total <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	295,984	53,993	576,954	145,276	17,010	196,316	26,042	42,215
Alaska	28,426	6,422	52,884	10,238	1,614	14,210	1,188	9,165
Arizona	341,262	68,592	632,772	146,205	21,449	209,822	10,510	45,789
Arkansas	190,365	35,197	347,040	106,815	13,608	146,401	13,882	37,846
California	1,811,949	388,886	2,980,081	774,251	124,024	1,028,693	92,653	310,322
Colorado	160,930	34,300	364,556	60,995	9,025	90,710	9,879	31,852
Connecticut	117,995	25,480	317,013	45,042	4,909	59,931	6,749	16,814
Delaware	35,398	5,994	85,672	17,708	2,162	28,909	8,035	14,170
District of Columbia	30,871	2,640	42,685	14,461	1,187	19,268	47,905	6,180
Florida	815,911	184,296	1,535,281	406,117	60,778	599,278	82,522	144,325
Georgia	638,963	121,937	1,268,942	363,842	49,574	520,993	83,874	131,912
Hawaii	34,563	13,176	101,491	16,291	4,520	34,169	4,854	8,455
Idaho	64,367	22,419	165,320	39,211	7,735	63,571	17,788	9,453
Illinois	614,796	90,584	1,120,303	215,576	17,485	268,257	50,900	114,546
Indiana	271,719	68,822	734,476	122,139	17,226	175,079	33,306	57,419
Iowa	111,140	33,156	392,328	45,984	7,834	80,645	8,253	34,346
Kansas	121,381	38,659	343,178	56,219	11,572	87,942	14,256	46,953
Kentucky	262,143	50,428	548,589	155,385	20,903	228,055	64,018	42,440
Louisiana	330,771	47,955	586,050	177,733	16,952	232,490	28,497	57,459
Maine	43,104	10,275	108,731	20,490	3,161	33,352	5,760	13,301
Maryland	175,224	46,282	439,542	79,672	16,062	136,624	37,994	39,200
Massachusetts	206,347	37,469	560,930	97,728	9,130	129,051	44,362	52,970
Michigan	417,617	80,790	896,883	179,765	18,802	238,850	45,923	73,385
Minnesota	173,621	52,963	607,255	75,584	16,967	132,559	25,489	95,056
Mississippi	264,605	36,981	405,056	153,432	14,179	189,469	20,325	35,683
Missouri	263,778	60,896	639,127	141,263	22,207	217,665	24,855	59,689
Montana	31,456	9,213	83,840	14,665	2,584	23,080	5,787	13,681
Nebraska	75,634	24,783	237,410	31,024	5,842	53,058	5,349	37,305
Nevada	95,789	24,551	193,461	39,168	6,698	59,981	4,274	10,721
New Hampshire	24,713	8,287	113,605	9,886	1,705	21,025	4,474	6,655
New Jersey	271,373	59,569	655,940	106,095	14,018	149,686	39,971	58,416
New Mexico	133,505	23,496	214,380	83,963	12,246	119,130	39,236	49,862
New York	961,531	176,261	1,823,673	379,468	51,210	533,825	421,600	254,285
North Carolina	491,036	91,616	962,367	258,568	32,652	363,546	40,496	119,074
North Dakota	20,862	6,784	78,909	9,684	1,847	19,089	2,202	16,762
Ohio	458,347	94,033	1,099,400	218,774	24,708	312,813	56,978	109,777
Oklahoma	225,485	45,211	419,235	134,479	19,555	192,481	11,509	57,714
Oregon	154,190	32,286	304,422	90,527	13,755	139,473	22,903	33,560
Pennsylvania	422,310	97,761	1,142,313	173,808	22,667	260,172	104,917	105,018
Rhode Island	41,459	7,905	85,020	17,908	2,133	24,876	12,004	10,548
South Carolina	276,347	42,731	496,133	169,889	19,095	234,756	65,262	31,852
South Dakota	34,719	9,972	106,067	16,083	2,464	24,827	3,430	12,730
Tennessee	356,196	61,618	696,175	184,957	23,362	256,669	25,707	55,274
Texas	1,846,547	301,997	3,061,259	1,018,104	119,579	1,363,729	83,966	229,703
Utah	95,107	38,261	312,438	36,957	8,264	60,097	13,957	25,004
Vermont	17,646	5,453	55,358	10,737	2,134	19,746	2,482	9,371
Virginia	263,372	69,249	749,702	132,691	22,238	216,550	45,750	50,737
Washington	234,007	63,176	526,669	104,150	22,642	155,106	39,558	85,862
West Virginia	93,585	22,506	208,204	55,702	10,569	94,269	13,198	16,884
Wisconsin	187,142	52,830	597,202	74,733	12,654	119,301	32,860	63,848
Wyoming	15,650	6,584	53,565	6,810	1,766	12,813	3,056	8,674
United States	14,651,240	2,994,725	30,129,883	7,046,252	966,461	9,992,405	1,910,745	3,004,256

<sup>1</sup> Total includes participants who pay full price.

<sup>2</sup> 104,031 adults in adult care centers also receive benefits.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, unpublished tabulations. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.