

Arkansas

Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

Population (2013)	
Total People	2,959,373
Children (Under Age 18)	723,822
Income and Poverty (2013)	
Median Household Income	\$39,919
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	50
Total People Living In Poverty	565,469
Poverty Rate	19.7%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	4
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	202,456
Child Poverty Rate	29.0%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	3
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	1,151,570
Food Insecurity Among Households (2011-2013, 3-Year Averages)	
Number of Households that are Food Insecure	248,464
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure	21.2%
Number of Households that are Very Low Food Secure	98,448
Percent of Households that are Very Low Food Secure	8.4%

Federal Nutrition Programs

School Breakfast Program (School Year 2013-2014)	
Average Daily Student Participation	169,678
Free and Reduced-Price Students	146,709
Paid Students	22,969
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	34.9%
Free and Reduced-Price Student Participation Rate (Compared to School Lunch Participation)	59.5%
Rank Among States	10
Additional Free and Reduced-Price Students Served if Participation Rate Reached 70%	25,883
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 70%	\$6,616,284
Number of Schools Participating	1,076
School Participation Rate (Compared to Number of Schools Serving Lunch)	99.9%
Federal Funding for School Breakfast (FY 2014)	\$47,003,379
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	Yes
National School Lunch Program (School Year 2013-2014)	
Average Daily Student Participation	324,201
Free and Reduced-Price Students	246,560
Paid Students	77,641
Number of Schools Participating	1,077
Federal Funding for School Lunch (FY 2014)	\$127,865,525
Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2013)	
Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	51,166
July Summer Food Service Participation	41,009
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	10,157
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	167.2%
Low-Income Participation Rate (Compared to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch)	22.2%
Rank Among States	6
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Participation Rate Reached 40%	40,885
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 40%	\$3,069,442
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	180
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	661
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$9,339,411

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SNAP/Food Stamp Program (FY 2013)

Average Monthly Participation (Individuals)	504,621
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years	22.7%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person	\$120.86
Participation Rate of Eligible Persons (FY 2012)	77.0%
Rank Among States	39
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2012)	73.0%
Federal Funding for SNAP/Food Stamps	\$733,396,874

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (FY 2013)

Average Monthly Participation	94,293
Women	23,487
Infants	24,500
Children	46,306
Change in Average Monthly Participation in the last 10 Years	12.0%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$126,707,387

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (FY 2013)

Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	N/A
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	N/A
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	N/A
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	N/A
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	N/A
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	N/A
Federal Funding for CACFP	N/A

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (FY 2013)

Federal Entitlement Funding	\$2,395,913
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	N/A
Administrative Funding	\$3,026,966

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2013)

Average Monthly Participation	2,958
Federal Funding for CSFP	N/A

State Economic Security Policies

Minimum Wage (2013)

State Minimum Wage	\$7.25
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Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (2013)

State EITC (Yes/No)	No
Refundable (Yes/No)	No

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) (FY 2013)

Average Monthly Participation	15,715
Adults	4,493
Children	11,222
Maximum TANF Benefit	\$204
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$13,186,751