

**Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Welfare and Supportive Services**

“Quick Facts”: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Program:

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program formally the Food Stamp Program helps low-income people buy the food they need for good health. Benefits may be available to those who: work for low wages; are unemployed or work part time; receive welfare or other public assistance payments; are elderly or disabled and live on a small income; or are homeless.

The amount of assistance received for this federally funded program is based on the USDA Thrifty Food Plan, which is an estimate of how much it costs to buy food to prepare nutritious, low-cost meals for a household. The estimate is updated every year to keep pace with food prices. For most households, benefits are only part of their food budget; they must spend some of their own cash along with their benefits to buy enough food for a month.

Eligibility:

Applicants must (1) be a resident of Nevada (2) be a U.S. Citizen or qualified alien: (3) have a Social Security number and (4) cooperate with work requirements. On March 16, 2009 Nevada implemented the Broad Based Categorical Eligibility option to allow individuals be at or below 200% of the federal poverty level to qualify.

Contact Info:

Details on the SNAP program may be accessed by going to the State of Nevada website at: www.dwss.nv.gov or by calling 1-800-992-0900

Other:

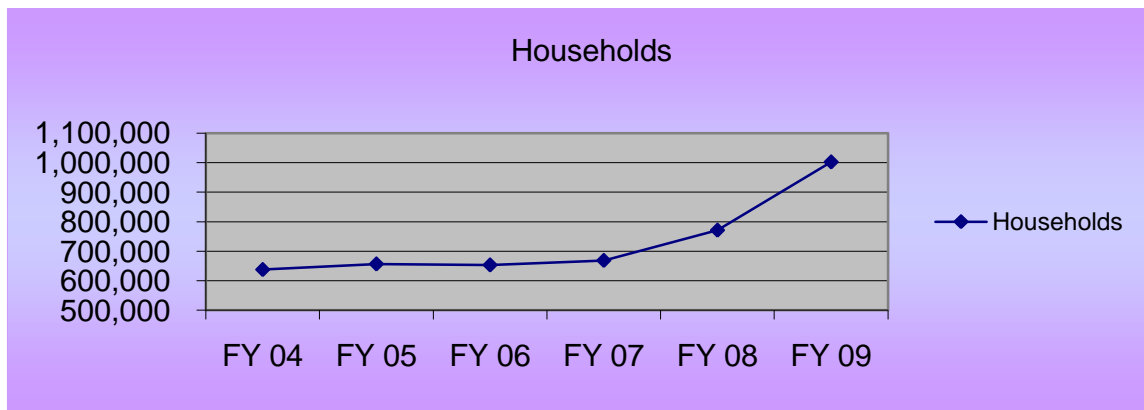
Fiscal Year Participant Data

Fiscal Year		Total Households	Total Persons	Average Family Size	Average Benefit Per Household	Average Benefit Per Person	Benefit Value
FY04	Total	637,831	1,436,995	2.3	\$185.99	\$82.56	\$118,632,583
	Average	53,153	119,750				\$9,886,049
FY05	Total	656,827	1,464,498	2.2	\$192.50	\$86.33	\$126,436,277
	Average	54,736	122,042				\$10,536,356
FY06	Total	653,397	1,420,434	2.2	\$190.52	\$87.64	\$124,486,526
	Average	54,450	118,370				\$10,373,877
FY07	Total	668,707	1,435,155	2.1	\$193.28	\$90.06	\$129,249,045
	Average	55,726	119,596				\$10,770,754
FY08	Total	771,198	1,651,071	2.1	\$204.86	\$95.69	\$157,984,295
	Average	64,267	137,589				\$13,165,358
FY09	Total	1,002,177	2,157,478	2.2	\$241.46	\$112	\$241,986,318
	Average	83,515	179,790				\$20,165,527

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Caseload History:

Fiscal Year	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09
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Another key aspect of the WIC program is the current initiative, through a contract with JP Morgan, to fully automate the system for the purchase of authorized WIC food items. By the summer of 2009, the WIC program expects to issue to all

Trends

Multiple outreach efforts and increased economical needs have increased SNAP participation in Nevada. The state participation rate reported for 2008 was 52%, one of the lowest in the country. From January 1, 2008 through October, 31, 2009 there was a 79.26% increase in Nevada SNAP participants.