

Introduction

The Program Access Index (PAI) is one of the measures FNS uses to reward States for high performance in the administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Performance awards were authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (also known as the 2002 Farm Bill). The PAI is designed to indicate the degree to which low-income people have access to SNAP benefits.

The PAI is not, strictly speaking, a measure of participation among people eligible for benefits. For most purposes, the participation rate among people eligible for benefits is a better measure of program performance.¹ FNS uses the poverty-based PAI because it is the best measure available in time to meet the law's requirements. The 2002 Farm Bill that authorizes the State performance awards requires payment by the end of the fiscal year following the period of performance – by September 2012 for performance during calendar year 2011, for example. The timing of the release of the official poverty statistics each year enables calculation of a PAI in time to meet the law's requirements. There is not enough time to complete the more precise estimates of the number of people eligible for SNAP benefits. Waiting for the more precise estimates is inconsistent with the law and would also delay payments to States.

FNS issued a final rule on February 7, 2005 codifying the procedures for calculating and awarding performance bonuses for calendar year

2005 and beyond. For this access measure, FNS uses the American Community Survey (ACS) for poverty count estimates.² In addition, the final rule changed the name of the measure to the Program Access Index (PAI).

The purpose of this step-by-step guide is to describe the calculation of the PAI in detail. It includes all of the data, adjustments, and calculations used in determining the PAI for every State in 2011.

Calculating the PAI

In general, the PAI is a simple index of the average monthly number of SNAP participants over the course of a calendar year to the number of people with income below 125 percent of the official poverty line in each State. FNS computes average monthly participation over a calendar year – rather than the Federal fiscal year – to better align the participation count with the annual poverty measure.

FNS makes an adjustment to the counts of participants, the numerator of this index, to better reflect State performance in the administration of the SNAP Program. FNS subtracts out estimates of the number of people who received SNAP disaster assistance. Disaster assistance is approved in limited circumstances and operates under special rules that differ from those of the regular SNAP Program. The adjustment is intended to account for only those disaster assistance recipients who

¹ See for example *Reaching Those in Need: State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation Rates in 2009* by Karen Cunyngnam available on-line at www.fns.usda.gov/ora/MENU/Published/snap/FILES/Participation/Reaching2009.pdf

² FNS did a comparative analysis of the merits of the ACS and CPS surveys and determined that the ACS provided a better basis for the calculation of the Program Access Index beginning with the 2005 high performance bonuses. See *Estimating the Number of People in Poverty for the Program Access Index: The American Community Survey vs. the Current Population Survey* available on-line at www.fns.usda.gov/snap/rules/Memo/2006/080206a.pdf

are new to the program – not existing participants who are issued replacement benefits. The quality of this adjustment depends in part on the accuracy of data reported by States to FNS on the operations of disaster assistance programs.

FNS makes two adjustments to the poverty counts in the denominator of the index. Participants in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are subtracted from the number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty in each State. Participants in FDPIR would qualify for SNAP, but have opted to take the FDPIR commodity package instead. In addition, poor SSI recipients in California are subtracted from the number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty. By law, SSI recipients in California are

ineligible for SNAP because they receive a State-funded cash supplement for food. The number of participants in FDPIR and California SSI recipients offers no information on the effectiveness of State SNAP agency operations.

FNS awards performance bonuses to the four States with the highest PAI and to the four States with the most improved PAI, provided that a State is eligible to receive such a bonus. A state agency is not eligible for a bonus payment in any fiscal year for which it has a liability amount as a result of an excessive payment error rate in the same year. If a State qualifies under both the best and most improved criteria, it is awarded the bonus for most improved, and the State with the next highest PAI is awarded a bonus for best performance.

Step-By-Step Guide

The following provides a step-by-step description of the calculation of the PAI, using the calculation of the 2011 PAI for Mississippi as an example. Calculations are made using unrounded numbers. The column references in the following example, along with the calculations for all States, can be found in the accompanying table: *SNAP Program Access Index Calculation: 2011*.

Description	Example (Mississippi)
<p>Step 1: Determine number of SNAP participants (CY 2011)</p> <p>The number of annual SNAP participants is the sum of the monthly counts from January to December 2011. The monthly counts are extracted from the Food and Nutrition Service National Data Bank and displayed in the <i>2011 SNAP Participants</i> table. The annual total is calculated in the last column of <i>2011 SNAP Participants</i>, and carried into Column B of <i>PAI Calculation</i>.</p>	<p>Column B:</p> <p>7,578,095</p>
<p>Step 2: Determine number of FDPIR participants (CY 2011)</p> <p>The number of annual FDPIR participants is the sum of the monthly counts from January to December 2011. The monthly counts are extracted from the Food and Nutrition Service National Data Bank and displayed in the <i>2011 FDPIR Participants</i> table. The annual total is calculated in the last column of <i>2011 FDPIR Participants</i>, and carried into Column C of <i>PAI Calculation</i>.</p>	<p>Column C:</p> <p>8,786</p>

<p>Step 3: Determine number of disaster assistance participants (CY 2011)</p> <p>The number of disaster assistance participants is calculated in the table: <i>2011 Disaster Assistance</i>. State and disaster specific adjustments are made to reflect the disaster policy in effect. For disasters that lasted more than a month, the reduction in participation was adjusted to reflect that. The annual total for all States is carried into Column D of <i>PAI Calculation</i>.</p>	<p>Column D:</p> <p>18,159</p>
<p>Step 4: Calculate adjusted number of annual SNAP participants (CY 2011)</p> <p>The adjusted annual number of participants is the annual number of SNAP participants (Column B) minus the number of disaster assistance recipients (Column D).</p>	<p>Column E:</p> <p>7,578,095 -18,159 = 7,559,936</p>
<p>Step 5: Calculate adjusted average monthly SNAP participants (CY 2011)</p> <p>The adjusted monthly average number of participants is equal to the annual number (Column E) divided by 12.</p>	<p>Column F:</p> <p>7,559,936 ÷ 12 = 629,995</p>
<p>Step 6: Determine the number of individuals with income below 125 percent of poverty</p> <p>Estimates of the number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty are published annually by the Bureau of the Census and are available on-line via the American FactFinder website (http://factfinder.census.gov/). The 2011 ACS estimates are displayed in Column G.</p>	<p>Column G:</p> <p>838,349</p>
<p>Step 7: Calculate adjustment for SSI recipients in California</p> <p>This adjustment is based on the number of SSI recipients among the population with income below 125 percent of the official poverty threshold in California. In 2011 429,194 poor individuals are estimated to have received SSI in California. Column H provides this statistic based on the 2011 ACS.</p>	<p>Column H:</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Step 8: Calculate monthly FDPIR participants (CY 2011)</p> <p>The monthly average number of FDPIR participants is equal to the annual number of FDPIR participants (Column C) divided by 12.</p>	<p>Column I:</p> <p>8,786 ÷ 12 = 732</p>

<p>Step 9: Calculate adjusted number of people with income below 125 percent of poverty</p> <p>The adjusted number of people with income below 125% of poverty is equal to the official counts of persons below 125% of poverty (Column G) minus the Monthly FDPIR Participants (Column I). For California, the adjusted number of people in poverty (Column J) is equal to the official counts of persons below 125% of poverty (Column G) minus the Monthly FDPIR Participants (Column I) minus the SSI adjustment (Column H). The SSI adjustment is not applied in any other State.</p>	<p>Column J:</p> <p>838,349 -732 -0 = 837,617</p>
<p>Step 10: Calculate the Program Access Index for 2011</p> <p>The final PAI is an index of the adjusted count of participants to the adjusted estimate of persons living below 125% of the official poverty line (Column F) divided by the adjusted poverty count (Column J).</p>	<p>Column K:</p> <p>629,995 ÷ 837,617 = .752</p>
<p>Step 11: Rank Order States by Program Access Index</p> <p>State rankings are determined in descending order, from highest to lowest.</p>	<p>Column L:</p> <p>29</p>
<p>Step 12: Determine the Program Access Index for 2010</p> <p>The 2010 PAI was calculated in the same fashion, using prior year data.</p>	<p>Column M:</p> <p>0.707</p>
<p>Step 13: Calculate the difference between 2011 and 2010 PAIs</p> <p>The difference is equal to the 2011 PAI (Column K) minus the 2010 PAI (Column M). This provides the percentage point difference between 2011 and 2010. A positive difference indicates improvement; a negative difference indicates a reduction.</p>	<p>Column N:</p> <p>0.752 - 0.707 = 0.0452</p>
<p>Step 14: Rank Order States by 'Improvement' -- the difference in 2011 and 2010 PAIs</p> <p>State rankings are determined in descending order, from highest to lowest.</p>	<p>Column O:</p> <p>18</p>

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, political beliefs, genetic information, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call toll-free at (866) 632-9992 (English) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (English Federal-relay) or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish Federal-relay). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Calculation of SNAP Program Access Index: 2011

Worksheet Name	Column Description
PAI Calculation	B Annual count of SNAP participants (set equal to column N of Annual SNAP Participants Worksheet)
	C Annual count of FDPIR participants (set equal to column N of Annual FDPIR Participants Worksheet)
	D Annual count of disaster assistance recipients (set equal to column F of Disaster Assistance Worksheet)
	E Adjusted annual count of SNAP participants (set equal to column B - Column D)
	F Adjusted monthly average count of SNAP participants (set equal to column E divided by 12)
	G Count of persons in households with income less than 125% of poverty from 2011 ACS American FactFinder: 2011 ACS
	H CA Adjustment: Number of CA persons who receive SSI and have income less than 125% of poverty from 2011 ACS
	I Monthly FDPIR Participants (set equal to column C divided by 12)
	J Adjusted count of persons in households with income below 125% of poverty (set equal to column G - column H - column I)
	K Program Access Index, 2011 (set equal to column F divided by column J)
	L 2011 PAI Rank
	M Program Access Index, 2010
	N Improvement in Program Access Index from prior year (set equal to column K - column M)
	O Improvement Rank
SNAP Participants	Counts of individual SNAP participants by State and month in calendar year 2011. Extracted from National Data Bank in August 2012. Annual total shown in last column.
FDPIR Participants	Counts of individual participants in Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations by State and month in calendar year 2011. Extracted from National Data Bank in August 2012. Annual total shown in last column.
Disaster Assistance	Counts of individual recipients of disaster assistance; includes only new participants, excludes replacement issuances. Extracted from National Data Bank in August 2012.
2011 ACS Poverty	Counts of individuals with income below 125 percent of poverty in 2011. Extracted from the American FactFinder website (http://factfinder.census.gov)

SNAP Program Access Index Calculation: 2011

State	Annual SNAP Participants	Annual FDPIR Participants	Disaster Assistance	Adjusted Annual SNAP	Adjusted Monthly SNAP	ACS 125% Poverty Count	CA SSI Adjustment	Monthly FDPIR Participants	Adjusted Poverty Count	2011 PAI		Improvement		
				Participants	Participants	Participants	Participants	Count	Adjustment	Participants	Count	2011 PAI	Rank	2010 PAI
Alabama	11,199,363	-	550,143	10,649,220	887,435	1,168,591	-	-	1,168,591	0.759	25	0.714	0.0458	17
Alaska	1,059,955	1,522	-	1,059,955	88,330	102,538	-	127	102,411	0.862	10	0.803	0.0590	12
Arizona	13,067,489	137,462	-	13,067,489	1,088,957	1,543,469	-	11,455	1,532,014	0.711	36	0.706	0.0046	40
Arkansas	5,890,511	-	6,124	5,884,387	490,366	724,850	-	-	724,850	0.677	39	0.669	0.0072	38
California	45,130,387	74,871	-	45,130,387	3,760,866	8,113,384	429,074	6,239	7,678,071	0.490	50	0.458	0.0315	25
Colorado	5,582,301	6,674	-	5,582,301	465,192	905,066	-	556	904,510	0.514	49	0.476	0.0388	22
Connecticut	4,635,925	-	74,230	4,561,695	380,141	489,522	-	-	489,522	0.777	22	0.769	0.0078	37
Delaware	1,671,059	-	-	1,671,059	139,255	140,838	-	-	140,838	0.989	3	0.926	0.0623	11
District of Columbia	1,645,155	-	-	1,645,155	137,096	128,155	-	-	128,155	1.070	1	0.959	0.1106	1
Florida	37,691,188	-	-	37,691,188	3,140,932	4,213,033	-	-	4,213,033	0.746	30	0.681	0.0649	10
Georgia	21,809,541	-	13,991	21,795,550	1,816,296	2,338,069	-	-	2,338,069	0.777	21	0.749	0.0280	29
Hawaii	1,969,864	-	-	1,969,864	164,155	206,863	-	-	206,863	0.794	16	0.777	0.0161	33
Idaho	2,788,191	18,624	-	2,788,191	232,349	336,765	-	1,552	335,213	0.693	37	0.622	0.0715	8
Illinois	21,832,509	-	3,826	21,828,683	1,819,057	2,464,612	-	-	2,464,612	0.738	32	0.740	-0.0018	44
Indiana	10,643,825	-	-	10,643,825	886,985	1,309,850	-	-	1,309,850	0.677	38	0.661	0.0157	34
Iowa	4,627,956	-	-	4,627,956	385,663	503,616	-	-	503,616	0.766	23	0.693	0.0726	7
Kansas	3,598,957	5,490	-	3,598,957	299,913	509,775	-	458	509,318	0.589	46	0.538	0.0505	16
Kentucky	9,976,559	-	-	9,976,559	831,380	1,043,083	-	-	1,043,083	0.797	14	0.762	0.0353	24
Louisiana	10,740,584	-	-	10,740,584	895,049	1,148,766	-	-	1,148,766	0.779	20	0.790	-0.0108	48
Maine	3,003,903	-	-	3,003,903	250,325	249,768	-	-	249,768	1.002	2	1.017	-0.0150	51
Maryland	8,215,180	-	-	8,215,180	684,598	740,598	-	-	740,598	0.924	6	0.817	0.1072	2
Massachusetts	9,894,641	-	12,542	9,882,099	823,508	967,908	-	-	967,908	0.851	12	0.810	0.0412	20
Michigan	22,973,093	13,961	-	22,973,093	1,914,424	2,153,681	-	1,163	2,152,518	0.889	7	0.887	0.0022	42
Minnesota	6,254,434	24,158	-	6,254,434	521,203	820,820	-	2,013	818,807	0.637	43	0.555	0.0812	6
Mississippi	7,578,095	8,786	18,159	7,559,936	629,995	838,349	-	732	837,617	0.752	29	0.707	0.0452	18
Missouri	11,387,777	-	-	11,387,777	948,981	1,211,373	-	-	1,211,373	0.783	18	0.785	-0.0020	45
Montana	1,505,268	28,699	-	1,505,268	125,439	198,843	-	2,392	196,451	0.639	42	0.610	0.0286	27
Nebraska	2,100,138	12,453	-	2,100,138	175,012	318,458	-	1,038	317,420	0.551	48	0.541	0.0100	35
Nevada	4,089,568	14,908	-	4,089,568	340,797	562,216	-	1,242	560,974	0.608	44	0.571	0.0365	23
New Hampshire	1,371,272	-	-	1,371,272	114,273	153,384	-	-	153,384	0.745	31	0.756	-0.0113	49
New Jersey	9,484,513	-	158,731	9,325,782	777,149	1,195,068	-	-	1,195,068	0.650	41	0.561	0.0889	4
New Mexico	5,079,947	31,294	-	5,079,947	423,329	563,032	-	2,608	560,424	0.755	28	0.701	0.0540	15
New York	36,352,331	4,294	6,522	36,345,809	3,028,817	3,887,449	-	358	3,887,091	0.779	19	0.781	-0.0015	43
North Carolina	19,474,832	6,200	180,869	19,293,963	1,607,830	2,197,147	-	517	2,196,630	0.732	33	0.661	0.0713	9
North Dakota	726,876	45,749	2,756	724,120	60,343	104,593	-	3,812	100,781	0.599	45	0.554	0.0450	19
Ohio	21,448,594	-	-	21,448,594	1,787,383	2,361,407	-	-	2,361,407	0.757	27	0.726	0.0308	26
Oklahoma	7,399,710	310,868	243	7,399,467	616,622	838,259	-	25,906	812,353	0.759	26	0.752	0.0070	39
Oregon	9,430,489	7,750	-	9,430,489	785,874	850,243	-	646	849,597	0.925	5	0.917	0.0084	36
Pennsylvania	20,976,811	-	76,343	20,900,468	1,741,706	2,210,681	-	-	2,210,681	0.788	17	0.748	0.0396	21
Rhode Island	1,969,442	-	-	1,969,442	164,120	188,191	-	-	188,191	0.872	9	0.784	0.0882	5
South Carolina	10,224,457	-	-	10,224,457	852,038	1,121,771	-	-	1,121,771	0.760	24	0.772	-0.0120	50
South Dakota	1,232,490	93,051	-	1,232,490	102,708	148,854	-	7,754	141,100	0.728	34	0.670	0.0577	14
Tennessee	15,363,622	-	19,573	15,344,049	1,278,671	1,489,091	-	-	1,489,091	0.859	11	0.865	-0.0059	46
Texas	48,479,625	1,195	645	48,478,980	4,039,915	6,050,962	-	100	6,050,862	0.668	40	0.639	0.0286	28
Utah	3,433,728	2,520	-	3,433,728	286,144	490,722	-	210	490,512	0.583	47	0.560	0.0231	31
Vermont	1,121,586	-	-	1,121,586	93,466	96,462	-	-	96,462	0.969	4	0.869	0.1002	3
Virginia	10,506,719	-	-	10,506,719	875,560	1,215,606	-	-	1,215,606	0.720	35	0.704	0.0162	32
Washington	12,881,851	39,165	-	12,881,851	1,073,488	1,215,081	-	3,264	1,211,817	0.886	8	0.858	0.0274	30
West Virginia	4,151,542	-	-	4,151,542	345,962	435,725	-	-	435,725	0.794	15	0.801	-0.0072	47
Wisconsin	9,784,350	35,320	-	9,784,350	815,363	975,266	-	2,943	972,323	0.839	13	0.781	0.0577	13
Wyoming	425,936	6,419	-	425,936	35,495	82,602	-	535	82,067	0.433	51	0.428	0.0042	41
US	543,884,139	931,433	1,124,697	542,759,442	45,229,954	63,324,455	429,074	77,619	62,817,762	0.720		0.690	0.0300	

NOTE: Calculations use unrounded numbers.

2011 SNAP Participants

NATIONAL DATA BANK VERSION 8.2 PUBLIC USE
 SC6 - STATES ASCENDING - MONTHLY/ANNUAL DATA
 Part. People Actual/Final

State/Territory	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Apr 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Total
Alabama	864,727	864,745	869,429	868,813	1,420,146	887,777	873,174	900,496	907,420	910,034	916,257	916,345	11,199,363
Alaska	84,709	86,714	88,718	90,545	90,837	91,501	91,100	91,079	90,531	74,792	88,790	90,639	1,059,955
Arizona	1,039,326	1,030,139	1,034,624	1,047,088	1,063,434	1,083,451	1,102,573	1,123,333	1,131,358	1,138,220	1,136,565	1,137,378	13,067,489
Arkansas	488,294	482,697	486,246	481,702	480,605	484,651	492,080	490,744	490,090	501,876	504,060	507,466	5,890,511
California	3,602,170	3,619,055	3,669,962	3,679,671	3,727,005	3,739,233	3,776,195	3,818,822	3,851,823	3,867,094	3,875,258	3,904,099	45,130,387
Colorado	443,242	443,661	455,250	454,810	460,292	464,498	464,088	471,363	474,564	480,566	481,440	488,527	5,582,301
Connecticut	372,531	373,808	378,406	379,698	381,501	383,390	386,724	386,985	391,078	396,517	400,072	405,215	4,635,925
Delaware	132,433	133,136	134,427	133,382	135,131	137,963	137,840	141,915	144,220	144,612	147,475	148,525	1,671,059
District of Columbia	132,107	132,083	133,308	133,865	134,500	136,347	140,295	140,836	140,315	140,003	140,384	141,112	1,645,155
Florida	3,045,847	3,043,704	3,072,800	3,064,160	3,086,696	3,117,913	3,125,331	3,163,228	3,187,157	3,225,957	3,260,561	3,297,834	37,691,188
Georgia	1,739,838	1,744,488	1,761,577	1,771,385	1,794,537	1,818,580	1,828,053	1,851,586	1,863,393	1,870,781	1,880,277	1,885,046	21,809,541
Hawaii	157,163	158,152	159,404	159,704	160,462	162,426	164,325	166,093	168,151	169,405	171,436	173,143	1,969,864
Idaho	226,604	227,897	231,047	232,445	233,526	233,699	232,349	233,450	233,254	233,194	234,331	236,395	2,788,191
Illinois	1,803,223	1,802,252	1,821,010	1,805,034	1,791,653	1,818,182	1,791,592	1,811,357	1,826,991	1,831,037	1,850,593	1,879,585	21,832,509
Indiana	872,037	871,500	878,389	876,142	878,259	882,664	884,325	895,008	896,328	901,967	900,760	906,446	10,643,825
Iowa	360,546	365,749	373,505	379,147	382,412	386,153	388,973	393,624	396,727	398,574	399,430	403,116	4,627,956
Kansas	298,200	296,961	296,988	300,333	299,552	299,944	301,926	303,667	300,320	302,633	298,842	299,591	3,598,957
Kentucky	820,738	814,144	821,931	818,109	825,184	831,476	832,178	842,499	841,275	842,885	841,996	844,144	9,976,559
Louisiana	865,377	871,591	876,510	878,616	881,585	897,846	905,323	906,938	915,185	916,060	914,423	911,130	10,740,584
Maine	246,812	245,172	250,082	248,254	251,007	251,630	251,630	252,223	251,762	251,189	250,864	253,278	3,003,903
Maryland	654,721	657,518	653,618	676,770	670,605	681,949	688,816	698,969	702,604	709,681	709,254	710,675	8,215,180
Massachusetts	801,902	805,949	810,776	810,900	815,538	832,768	825,084	830,593	833,963	838,603	843,231	845,334	9,894,641
Michigan	1,946,040	1,945,982	1,948,044	1,920,552	1,926,072	1,924,272	1,928,071	1,931,821	1,922,354	1,884,542	1,851,697	1,843,646	22,973,093
Minnesota	496,729	501,132	512,100	515,766	521,715	526,376	522,258	528,289	528,180	531,781	533,562	536,546	6,254,434
Mississippi	615,375	614,090	615,510	619,598	623,371	630,250	633,764	639,609	642,397	645,220	647,215	651,696	7,578,095
Missouri	943,733	940,259	946,034	949,025	944,363	949,136	945,985	951,103	949,889	950,725	955,724	961,801	11,387,777
Montana	123,476	124,364	125,404	125,945	125,404	126,521	126,203	126,723	125,792	121,992	126,259	127,185	1,505,268
Nebraska	174,467	174,635	175,919	176,299	174,936	174,936	173,674	175,754	175,993	174,941	173,170	175,414	2,100,138
Nevada	326,936	326,836	329,105	331,623	336,524	340,195	342,462	347,848	348,727	351,686	353,737	353,889	4,089,568
New Hampshire	113,128	112,822	114,020	114,459	114,657	114,468	114,046	114,332	114,388	114,744	114,478	115,730	1,371,272
New Jersey	725,238	736,360	742,945	756,462	761,594	770,909	778,822	787,460	916,798	890,859	808,040	809,026	9,484,513
New Mexico	407,943	408,207	411,947	428,732	417,260	419,750	422,123	428,642	430,032	432,289	435,482	437,540	5,079,947
New York	2,971,876	2,975,444	3,013,945	3,017,404	3,019,981	3,035,825	3,043,751	3,040,684	3,057,767	3,060,107	3,046,972	3,068,575	36,352,331
North Carolina	1,544,547	1,551,054	1,561,887	1,571,115	1,615,715	1,608,560	1,614,848	1,633,664	1,797,003	1,655,694	1,660,154	1,660,591	19,474,832
North Dakota	61,362	61,177	61,049	60,851	60,333	60,451	62,956	60,369	60,011	59,383	59,334	59,600	726,876
Ohio	1,805,861	1,807,165	1,830,051	1,801,679	1,781,487	1,767,340	1,756,228	1,765,519	1,756,380	1,766,584	1,793,380	1,816,920	21,448,594
Oklahoma	614,960	605,422	608,562	610,534	611,136	612,078	616,494	624,489	626,153	624,112	622,996	622,774	7,399,710
Oregon	764,667	769,223	774,317	779,025	781,235	776,972	788,165	793,120	795,706	798,772	803,891	805,396	9,430,489
Pennsylvania	1,697,563	1,703,120	1,712,108	1,727,954	1,732,273	1,735,414	1,754,322	1,764,550	1,769,585	1,785,240	1,793,433	1,801,249	20,976,811
Rhode Island	155,742	159,299	160,756	161,381	162,759	163,608	164,055	165,753	167,472	168,694	169,376	170,547	1,969,442
South Carolina	835,154	841,158	840,159	838,503	843,281	847,467	850,183	859,660	862,178	867,258	870,438	869,018	10,224,457
South Dakota	101,635	101,526	101,636	101,924	102,005	102,748	103,343	103,771	103,277	103,282	103,336	104,007	1,232,490
Tennessee	1,272,315	1,265,707	1,282,530	1,270,529	1,276,500	1,289,963	1,277,706	1,285,316	1,284,624	1,280,908	1,288,645	1,288,879	15,363,622
Texas	3,928,058	3,895,618	3,921,802	3,926,922	3,954,852	4,003,570	4,051,042	4,124,402	4,147,489	4,174,348	4,172,512	4,179,010	48,479,625
Utah	300,729	283,313	291,056	283,704	282,745	284,001	279,293	287,635	286,549	285,695	283,184	285,824	3,433,728
Vermont	91,846	92,558	92,964	93,159	93,252	93,058	92,643	92,940	93,594	94,604	95,316	95,652	1,121,586
Virginia	842,225	845,393	852,743	856,745	862,236	871,823	876,522	886,725	904,557	896,420	902,803	908,527	10,506,719
Washington	1,043,025	1,047,832	1,056,106	1,064,797	1,060,919	1,066,531	1,075,482	1,083,716	1,088,193	1,095,139	1,097,281	1,102,830	12,881,851
West Virginia	343,763	345,786	344,581	344,400	345,501	345,169	346,088	349,232	347,738	347,064	346,387	345,833	4,151,542
Wisconsin	787,412	793,098	801,577	807,908	813,430	818,564	821,212	827,293	827,101	828,362	829,732	828,661	9,784,350
Wyoming	37,237	37,405	37,732	37,180	36,885	35,921	34,793	33,949	33,170	33,252	33,936	34,476	425,936
US	44,125,589	44,137,100	44,524,596	44,584,748	45,346,888	45,119,917	45,280,508	45,729,176	46,201,606	46,169,377	46,218,769	46,445,865	543,884,139

2011 FDPIR Participants

NATIONAL DATA BANK VERSION 8.2 PUBLIC USE
 SC6 - STATES ASCENDING - MONTHLY/ANNUAL DATA
 Number of Participants

State/Territory	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Apr 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Total
Alabama	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Alaska	177	165	150	140	129	132	135	120	127	24	87	136	1,522
Arizona	11,756	10,690	11,451	11,490	11,306	11,852	12,169	12,191	11,529	10,656	11,208	11,164	137,462
Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
California	6,924	6,101	6,447	6,598	6,179	6,307	5,998	6,296	6,128	6,167	6,095	5,631	74,871
Colorado	521	449	507	525	581	587	629	557	616	592	567	543	6,674
Connecticut	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Delaware	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
District of Columb	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Florida	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Georgia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Hawaii	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Idaho	1,497	1,463	1,647	1,566	1,492	1,540	1,468	1,647	1,576	1,589	1,588	1,551	18,624
Illinois	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Indiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Iowa	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Kansas	438	433	410	469	453	314	556	543	439	474	532	429	5,490
Kentucky	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Louisiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maryland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Massachusetts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Michigan	1,226	1,198	1,221	1,201	1,121	1,089	1,057	1,121	1,132	1,208	1,223	1,164	13,961
Minnesota	1,910	1,731	1,999	1,965	1,872	2,008	2,059	2,145	2,116	2,144	2,181	2,028	24,158
Mississippi	968	899	955	865	724	803	47	856	876	873	854	66	8,786
Missouri	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Montana	2,367	2,190	2,449	2,348	2,440	2,398	2,434	2,353	2,481	2,443	2,452	2,344	28,699
Nebraska	980	953	1,004	1,001	1,055	1,077	1,056	1,059	1,134	1,048	1,083	1,003	12,453
Nevada	1,285	1,225	1,146	1,162	1,194	1,224	1,239	1,240	1,268	1,279	1,290	1,356	14,908
New Hampshire	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Jersey	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Mexico	2,709	2,519	2,705	2,678	2,658	2,645	2,681	2,679	2,517	2,495	2,509	2,499	31,294
New York	435	401	381	300	305	318	348	306	373	376	416	335	4,294
North Carolina	570	521	624	624	612	1	513	630	639	668	790	8	6,200
North Dakota	3,662	3,426	3,738	3,710	3,737	3,970	3,886	4,193	4,055	3,839	3,987	3,546	45,749
Ohio	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Oklahoma	26,052	22,909	25,274	24,327	25,062	26,190	26,626	27,345	26,765	26,571	27,363	26,384	310,868
Oregon	702	688	650	656	672	610	628	583	578	654	658	671	7,750
Pennsylvania	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Rhode Island	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Carolina	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Dakota	7,892	6,552	7,855	7,665	7,798	8,112	8,226	7,601	8,084	7,812	8,059	7,395	93,051
Tennessee	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Texas	98	92	99	95	95	94	95	112	118	96	94	107	1,195
Utah	314	226	234	178	245	212	228	176	222	191	187	107	2,520
Vermont	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Washington	3,312	3,081	3,307	3,191	3,361	3,385	3,347	3,199	3,130	3,272	3,314	3,266	39,165
West Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Wisconsin	3,460	2,248	3,155	3,409	2,364	3,358	3,319	2,316	3,315	3,042	2,188	3,146	35,320
Wyoming	471	366	520	487	505	573	561	619	629	644	550	494	6,419
US	79,726	70,526	77,928	76,650	75,960	78,799	79,305	79,887	79,847	78,157	79,275	75,373	931,433

2011 Disaster Assistance

NATIONAL DATA BANK VERSION 8.2 PUBLIC USE
 SC6 - STATES ASCENDING - MONTHLY/ANNUAL DATA
 Total Number of Persons Issues Benefits

State/Territory	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Alabama	--	--	--	--	550,143	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	550,143
Alaska	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Arizona	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	6,095	--	29	--	--	--	6,124
California	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Colorado	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Connecticut	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	74,230	--	--	--	74,230
Delaware	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
District of Columt	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Florida	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Georgia	--	--	--	--	13,991	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13,991
Hawaii	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Idaho	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Illinois	--	--	--	--	--	3,826	--	--	--	--	--	--	3,826
Indiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Iowa	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Kansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Kentucky	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Louisiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Maryland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Massachusetts	--	--	--	--	--	12,542	--	--	--	--	--	--	12,542
Michigan	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Minnesota	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Mississippi	--	--	--	17,391	768	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18,159
Missouri	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Montana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Nebraska	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Nevada	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Hampshire	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New Jersey	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	158,731	--	--	--	158,731
New Mexico	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
New York	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	656	5,866	--	--	--	6,522
North Carolina	--	--	--	28,549	--	--	--	--	--	152,320	--	--	180,869
North Dakota	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,756	--	--	--	--	--	2,756
Ohio	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Oklahoma	--	--	--	--	176	67	--	--	--	--	--	--	243
Oregon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Pennsylvania	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	76,343	--	--	--	76,343
Rhode Island	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Carolina	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
South Dakota	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Tennessee	--	--	--	--	19,573	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19,573
Texas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	645	--	--	--	645
Utah	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Vermont	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Washington	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
West Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Wisconsin	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Wyoming	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
US				45,940	584,651	16,435	8,851	656	315,844	152,320			1,124,697

2011 American Community Survey Poverty Counts

GEO_NAME	B17002_2_EST	B17002_3_EST	B17002_4_EST	B17002_5_EST	TOTAL POPULATION UNDER 125% OF POVERTY
Geography	Universe: POPULATION FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED: Under .50 (Estimate)	Universe: POPULATION FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED: .50 to .74 (Estimate)	Universe: POPULATION FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED: .75 to .99 (Estimate)	Universe: POPULATION FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED: 1.00 to 1.24 (Estimate)	
Alabama	367,360	258,142	266,981	276,108	1,168,591
Alaska	33,460	14,756	25,689	28,633	102,538
Arizona	551,893	315,391	336,217	339,968	1,543,469
Arkansas	226,213	150,388	179,275	168,974	724,850
California	2,656,228	1,514,346	1,948,229	1,994,581	8,113,384
Colorado	304,970	177,147	192,078	230,871	905,066
Connecticut	173,018	95,353	109,485	111,666	489,522
Delaware	50,966	27,153	26,712	36,007	140,838
District of Columbia	60,274	26,434	22,655	18,792	128,155
Florida	1,403,086	821,548	948,822	1,039,577	4,213,033
Georgia	821,084	484,864	521,795	510,326	2,338,069
Hawaii	81,183	38,739	41,368	45,573	206,863
Idaho	110,765	68,614	75,648	81,738	336,765
Illinois	863,868	481,104	534,993	584,647	2,464,612
Indiana	497,882	245,960	267,175	298,833	1,309,850
Iowa	174,098	96,547	108,219	124,752	503,616
Kansas	157,776	99,976	125,715	126,308	509,775
Kentucky	354,496	224,236	232,545	231,806	1,043,083
Louisiana	418,907	233,175	256,293	240,391	1,148,766
Maine	66,889	56,196	59,363	67,320	249,768
Maryland	282,607	132,562	156,718	168,711	740,598
Massachusetts	339,193	181,099	218,222	229,394	967,908
Michigan	778,040	433,449	481,805	460,387	2,153,681
Minnesota	270,011	169,935	182,024	198,850	820,820
Mississippi	282,627	188,715	179,182	187,825	838,349
Missouri	410,314	243,206	266,598	291,255	1,211,373
Montana	56,744	41,477	45,833	54,789	198,843
Nebraska	99,703	58,429	76,578	83,748	318,458
Nevada	194,328	99,204	133,209	135,475	562,216
New Hampshire	56,141	22,312	34,262	40,669	153,384
New Jersey	413,568	222,917	260,891	297,692	1,195,068
New Mexico	191,938	110,543	137,433	123,118	563,032
New York	1,352,789	773,075	901,478	860,107	3,887,449
North Carolina	737,380	440,622	502,961	516,184	2,197,147
North Dakota	38,039	18,605	24,238	23,711	104,593
Ohio	850,622	498,528	496,650	515,607	2,361,407
Oklahoma	272,029	168,554	192,715	204,961	838,259
Oregon	291,211	178,531	192,541	187,960	850,243
Pennsylvania	760,035	456,095	479,866	514,685	2,210,681
Rhode Island	68,804	43,340	36,675	39,372	188,191
South Carolina	383,962	235,362	237,614	264,833	1,121,771
South Dakota	46,905	30,370	33,406	38,173	148,854
Tennessee	494,999	296,206	351,094	346,792	1,489,091
Texas	1,912,897	1,258,579	1,457,282	1,422,204	6,050,962
Utah	154,243	109,568	111,048	115,863	490,722
Vermont	29,383	14,191	25,501	27,387	96,462
Virginia	416,814	222,786	266,314	309,692	1,215,606
Washington	411,781	247,903	269,574	285,823	1,215,081
West Virginia	141,408	97,015	96,462	100,840	435,725
Wisconsin	320,581	179,475	225,741	249,469	975,266
Wyoming	26,127	18,044	18,458	19,973	82,602
TOTAL	21459639	12620766	14371630	14872420	63,324,455