

The Government's Response to Hunger in America

Food Assistance Programs

Child Nutrition Programs

National School Lunch
NSLP provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children.

School Breakfast
SBP provides assistance to states to operate breakfast programs in schools and residential childcare institutions.

Summer Food Service Program
SFSP provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to children in low-income areas throughout the summer.

Child and Adult Care Food Program
CACFP provides meals and snacks to child & adult day care centers.

Special Milk Program
SMP provides milk to children who don't participate in other federal meal services.

WIC
FMNP provides supplemental foods, health care referrals and free nutrition education to low-income pregnant & post-partum women, and to infants and children up to age 5.

WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
FMNP provides WIC participants with coupons that can be exchanged for eligible foods at farmers' markets

WIC Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
SFMNP provides low-income seniors with coupons that can be exchanged for eligible foods at farmers' markets

Food Stamp Program

The FSP enables low-income families to buy nutritious food with coupons and Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards.

- In 2003,
- The # of persons participating in the FSP was 21,261,707.
 - There was a 10.19% increase in participants from 2002 to 2003.
 - The average monthly benefit per person was \$83.90.
 - The average monthly benefit per household was \$185.71.

Food Distribution Programs

Commodity Supplemental Food Program
CSFP provides low-income pregnant and breastfeeding women, other new mothers up to one year postpartum, infants, children up to age six, and elderly people at least 60 years of age with nutritious USDA commodity foods.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program
TEFAP provides low-income needy persons with emergency food and nutrition assistance.

Food Distribution Disaster Assistance
Supplies food to disaster relief organizations

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
FDPIR provides commodity foods to low-income households, living on or near Indian reservations

Nutrition Services Incentive Program
NSIP provides financial rewards to states and Tribal organizations for efficient delivery of meals to the elderly

School/Child Nutrition Commodity Program
Provides cash reimbursements and nutritious, USDA-purchased food for the NSLP, CACFP, and SFSP.