



Who uses SNAP?

SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly Food Stamps, is one of the most important food support programs for Arkansas families.

Meet Arkansas SNAP users!

About one in six Arkansans uses SNAP (469,000 people or 16%), but who are they?



Most SNAP users have children who depend on them

72%



- 72 percent of people using SNAP are in families with kids.
- 55,000 kids in Arkansas are kept out of poverty every year because of SNAP.



Most SNAP users live on very low wages

89%



- Arkansas families who participate in SNAP almost always live below the poverty line (89%).
- The poverty line for a family of four is only \$24,000 a year.
- The average monthly benefit per person is \$115 a month, or just \$1.28 per meal in Arkansas.



Most SNAP users don't use the program long-term

67%



- 67% of users left the program before 24 months. For families with kids, the median stay on SNAP was one year.
- Single people who can work and don't have dependents can only stay on SNAP for 3 months every 3 years.



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