



# FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

## Program Facts

(Unless otherwise noted, all program figures reflect FY 2010 data and include ARRA.)

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### GENERAL

Agriculture

- In FY 2010, the Federal government spent nearly \$96 billion to fund and operate the nutrition assistance programs, representing more than 60% of USDA's expenditures.
- FNS programs serve 1 in 4 Americans in the course of a year.

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### INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (2010-11)

% of Poverty	Income for a Family of 4	Makes You Eligible for:
130%	\$28,665 per year; \$2,389 per month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SNAP/FDPIR</li> <li>• free school meals/CACFP</li> <li>• CSFP (elderly)</li> </ul>
185%	\$40,793 per year; \$3,400 per month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reduced price school meals/CACFP</li> <li>• SFSP (at least 50% of families at this income level)</li> <li>• CSFP</li> <li>• WIC</li> <li>• farmer's market programs</li> </ul>

### SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

- Served an average of 40.3 million low-income people each month
- In FY 2008, served 67% of eligible people (latest available data)
- As of 2011, 41 States have adopted broad-based categorical eligibility, which relaxes asset and income-based eligibility limits
- Participants received an average monthly benefit of \$133.79
- FY 2009 national error rate was 4.36% – 3.53% overpayments and 0.82% underpayments
- Program Level: \$71 billion (includes Puerto Rico NAP, FDPIR and related activities)

### THE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)

- Served an average of 9.2 million participants each month
- Average monthly benefit is about \$60 per recipient (food and services)
- In 2007, WIC served about 59 percent of all eligible people, including:
  - Over 80 percent of eligible infants
  - About 65 percent of eligible pregnant women
  - Over 75 percent of post-partum women
  - About half of eligible children (ages 1 to 4)
- Program Level: \$7.2 billion

### NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

- Served about 31.6 million school children each school day, in over 101,000 schools and residential child-care facilities; over 65% of meals served free or at reduced price
- SY 2010-11 reimbursement rates: free – \$2.72; reduced price – \$2.32; paid – \$0.26
- In SY 2009-2010, reached 56.6% of children enrolled in school
- Program Level: \$9.9 billion

### **SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

- Served over 11.6 million school children each day, in over 88,000 schools and residential child-care facilities
- SY 2010-11 reimbursement rates: free – \$1.48; reduced price – \$1.18; paid – \$0.26
- In SY 2009-2010, reached 20.8% of school children, with over 75% of participating schools serving low-income areas; over 83% of meals served free or at reduced price
- Program Level: \$2.9 billion

### **CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM**

- Served over 3.3 million children and seniors each day through child care institutions, adult day care centers, and after-school care programs
- SY 2010-2011 reimbursement rates same as for NSLP and SBP
- Over 80% of meals provided free or at reduced price
- Program Level: \$2.6 billion

### **SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM**

- Served over 2.2 million children during an average day in July 2010
- 2010 reimbursement rates: breakfast: \$1.8125; lunch/supper: \$3.1950; snack: \$0.745
- All meals are served in low-income areas, and provided free
- Program Level: \$374.2 million

### **FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS**

- Served an average of about 84,600 low-income Native Americans each month
- Five States and 99 ITOs operated FDPIR on 275 Indian reservations
- Average food package cost including free foods: \$47.45 (per person/per month)
- Program Level: \$114.1 million

### **THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

- Distributed about 900 million pounds of food through food pantries, emergency kitchens, and other emergency food providers
- Total value of TEFAP foods (entitlement and bonus): \$595.8 million
- Program Level: \$358.4 million

### **THE COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM**

- Served about 21,000 low-income women, infants, and children, and nearly 497,800 low-income elderly people, in an average month.
- Operated in 39 States, the District of Columbia and two Indian tribal organizations
- Average elderly food package cost including free foods: \$19.90 (per person/per month)
- Average women-infant-children food package cost including free foods: \$27.00 (per person/per month)
- Program Level: \$182.7 million