

LEGISLATORS BRIEFING

SNAP-SHOT OF HUNGER IN TN



WHO USES SNAP IN TENNESSEE?

543,000

HOUSEHOLDS

1 IN 8

LOW-WAGE WORKERS

40,000

VETERANS

103,000

OLDER ADULT HOUSEHOLDS

477,000

CHILDREN



SOURCES

1. Center on Budget and Policy
Priorities

2. U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**1 IN 7 TENNESSEANS IN TN
STRUGGLES WITH HUNGER***

967,300 Tennesseans don't know where their next meal will come from.

10.4% of Tennessee's older adults are food insecure.

295,600 children face hunger in Tennessee.

HUNGER SOLUTION

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federally funded program that supports hundreds of thousands of low-income adults, children and seniors across the state with funds to purchase groceries. Benefits are used at superstores, supermarkets, convenient stores, and specialty stores like local farmers' markets. SNAP supports Tennesseans. Without SNAP, Tennessee's hunger problem would quadruple.

SNAP HELPS TENNESSEE

- 53% reduction in childhood obesity rate among participants
- SNAP participants averaged \$1,409 less in health expenditures than non-participants
- For every \$1 in SNAP benefits, an additional \$1.70 is added to the local economy
- SNAP brings \$1.6 billion to Tennessee's economy
- Over 6,900 SNAP Retailers across Tennessee
- SNAP lifted 262,000 Tennesseans out of poverty in FY 2016