

Federal Nutrition Programs

Administered by the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service

Program	Description	State Administrative Agency	FY 04 Population Served	FY 04 Federal Dollars Spent
Food Stamps	Enables low-income families to purchase nutritious food.	Department of Human Services	23,854,000 individuals	\$27.2 Billion
National School Lunch Program	Provides low-cost or free nutritious lunch to children in school.	Department of Education	28,957,000 children	\$7.6 Billion <i>(includes commodities)</i>
Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) * Note: FMNP operates in only 36 states.	Provides nutritious food, nutrition education, and referrals to health care to low-income, women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk. Provides vouchers for WIC recipients to redeem at participating Farmers' Markets	Department of Health Department of Human Services Department of Health Department of Agriculture	7,904,000 women, infants and children	\$4.9 Billion <i>(includes food costs, nutrition services, administrative costs, and the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program)</i>
Child and Adult Care Food Program	Provides nutritious meals to children and elderly individuals in day-care settings.	Department of Education Department of Health	3,005,000 children and adults	\$2 Billion
National School Breakfast Program	Provides low-cost or free nutritious breakfast to children in school.	Department of Education	8,898,000 children	\$1.7 Billion <i>(cash payments only, does not include commodities)</i>
Summer Food Service Program	Provides free meals and snacks to children through age 18 when school is not in session.	Department of Education	117,100,000 meals served <i>Individuals served not calculated.</i>	\$262 Million
Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) * Note: SFMNP operates in only 41 states.	Provides low-income seniors with coupons that can be exchanged for eligible foods at farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture programs	Department of Human Services Department of Agriculture Department of Aging Department of Health	800,000 seniors <i>(FY 03 participation number, FY04 participation number not yet released)</i>	\$16.7 Million (Congress appropriated \$15 Million per year for FY02 – FY07)
Special Milk Program	Provides milk to children in schools and childcare institutions not participating in other child nutrition programs.	Department of Education	7,200 schools or childcare institutions <i>Individuals served not calculated.</i>	\$14 Million
Commodity Distribution Programs				
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)	Makes commodity food available to State agencies, which in turn distribute the food to non-profit community agencies which assist low-income persons.	Department of Human Services Department of Education Department of Agriculture	533 Million Pounds Distributed <i>Individuals served not calculated.</i>	\$417 Million
Commodity Supplemental Food Assistance Program (CSFP) *Note: CSFP operates in only 33 states.	Makes commodity food available to State agencies, which in turn distribute the food to non-profit community agencies to help supplement the diets of low-income pregnant and new mothers, infants, children up to age six, and elderly.	Department of Human Services Department of Education Department of Health Department of Agriculture	522,000 individuals	\$145 Million
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)	Provides commodity foods to low-income households, including the elderly, living on Indian reservations and to Native American families residing near reservations.	Individual Tribal Authorities	104,000 individuals	\$78 Million