



The Future of Food Assistance: The Importance of SNAP

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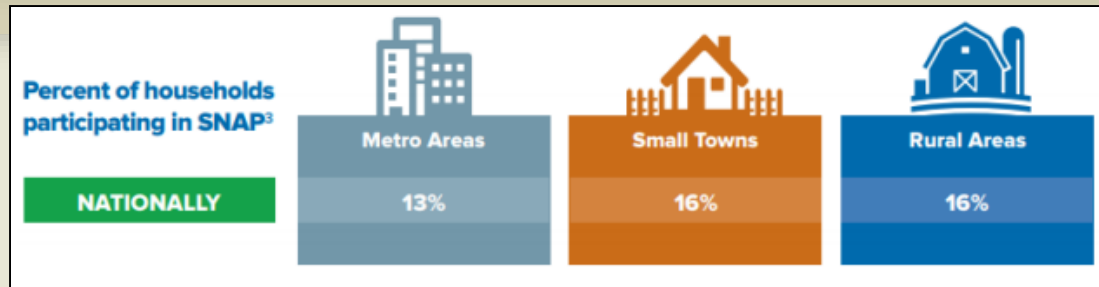
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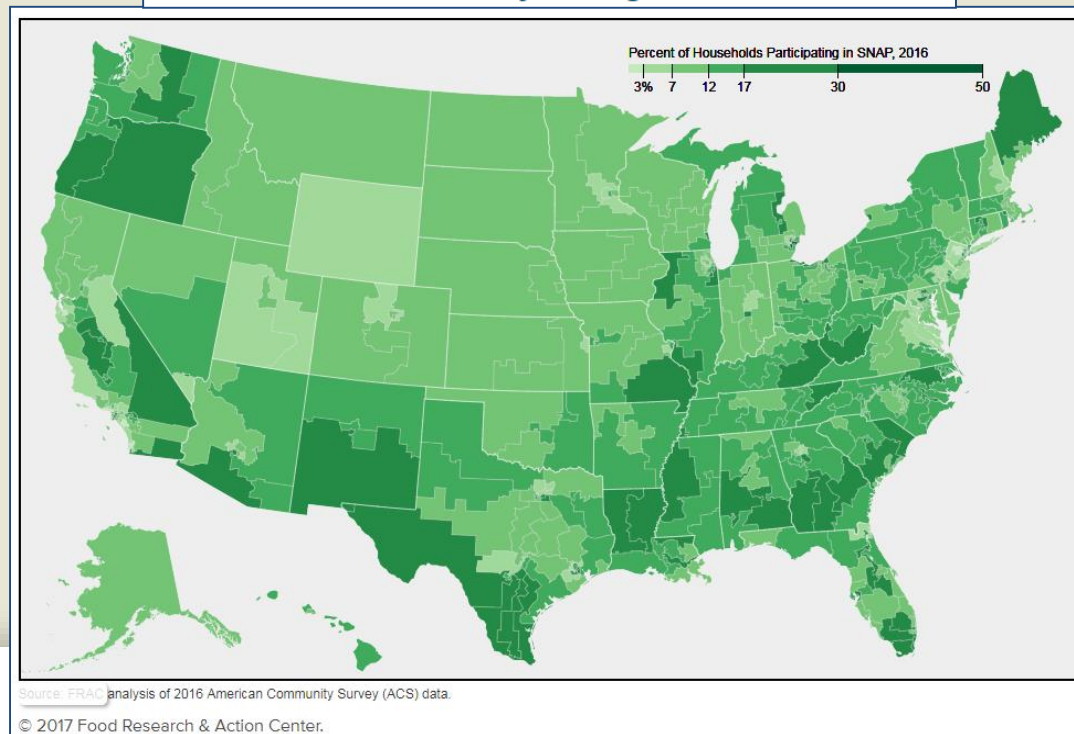
- Nation's first line of defense against hunger
- Helps over **41 million** low-income individuals in the US put food on the table

<p>SNAP DELIVERS ASSISTANCE quickly and effectively to people recovering from natural disasters or economic crises.</p> 	<p>SNAP REACHES KEY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS — the large majority of beneficiaries are children, seniors, and people with disabilities.</p>	<p>SNAP REDUCES HUNGER and food insecurity by providing low-income people necessary food money.</p> 	<p>SNAP IMPROVES DIETARY INTAKE and health, especially among children and with lasting effects.</p>
<p>SNAP IS EFFICIENT, using electronic benefits technology and regular channels of commerce.</p> 	<p>SNAP SUPPORTS WORK, helping families struggling with low wages.</p>	<p>SNAP BOLSTERS LOCAL ECONOMIES by increasing money spent for food at local retailers.</p> 	<p>SNAP LIFTS MILLIONS OF PEOPLE → 3.6 million in 2016!</p>

#SNAPMatters in Every Corner of the United States



SNAP Households by Congressional District



The charitable sector can't solve hunger alone.



1 in 12 For every one meal that Feeding America provides, SNAP provides 12 meals.



H.R.1276 – a positive vision of how the Farm Bill should strengthen SNAP

Congress should strengthen SNAP by passing the “Closing the Meal Gap Act” (H.R. 1276) to:



Offer employment & training opportunities to jobless adults before time limiting their SNAP benefits



Boost SNAP benefits for families with children forced to choose between food & shelter



Boost SNAP benefits for older Americans forced to choose between food & medicine



Boost the SNAP minimum monthly benefit to \$25 per month



Base SNAP benefits on the more adequate Low-Cost Food Plan

<http://www.frac.org/action/snap-farm-bill>