Participation in the Indian Reservation and Commodity Supplemental Food Programs, and Meals Served in the Nutrition Services Incentive Program 1]					
(Data as of October 7, 2026)					
Fiscal Year	Food Distrib. Prog. On Indian Reservations 2) (Thousands)	Commodity Supplemental Food Program 3) WIC (Thousands)	Elderly (Thousands)	Total (Thousands)	Nutrition Services Incentive Program Meals Served 4) (Millions)
1969	3,610.7	20.6	--	20.6	--
1970	3,812.0	93.6	--	93.6	--
1971	3,755.8	182.8	--	182.8	--
1972	3,437.7	172.2	--	172.2	--
1973	2,659.7	158.0	--	158.0	--
1974	1,981.6	145.7	--	145.7	--
1975	329.6	132.2	--	132.2	--
1976	79.7	131.6	--	131.6	--
1977	81.9	104.2	--	104.2	105.2
1978	89.8	104.1	--	104.1	134.4
1979	97.4	99.3	--	99.3	153.7
1980	74.7	102.0	--	102.0	165.7
1981	87.9	114.8	--	114.8	184.9
1982	90.6	126.4	1.3	127.7	188.9
1983	98.9	137.5	5.3	142.8	200.9
1984	114.3	137.2	12.9	150.1	212.8
1985	138.5	139.1	19.4	158.5	225.3
1986	145.0	138.0	23.3	161.3	228.2
1987	145.7	136.5	56.2	192.7	232.1
1988	136.7	130.8	81.8	212.6	243.9
1989	139.9	147.3	92.3	239.6	243.3
1990	138.3	167.2	106.7	273.9	245.6
1991	129.6	186.2	109.6	295.8	244.6
1992	117.6	222.5	120.1	342.6	245.4
1993	115.5	229.2	141.6	370.8	244
1994	115.8	200.4	162.6	363.0	247.2
1995	116.6	164.1	199.8	363.9	250.8
1996	120	137.4	219.3	356.7	245.6
1997	124	127.3	243.1	370.4	247.5
1998	124.7	128.2	248.7	376.9	250.6
1999	129.5	112.1	269.6	381.7	252.7
2000	121.5	95.4	293.8	389.2	253.1
2001	113.2	83.7	323.5	407.2	252.7
2002	110.1	75.3	352.2	427.5	--
2003	107.6	66.3	389.4	455.7	--
2004	104.4	62.9	458.8	521.7	--
2005	98.9	52.5	459.9	512.4	--
2006 5]	89.9	40	422.3	462.3	--
2007	86.6	33.3	432.8	466.1	--
2008	90.2	30.9	444.4	475.3	--

2009	95.4	23.3	443.3	466.6	--
2010	84.6	21.1	497.7	518.8	--
2011	77.8	19.2	568.8	588.0	--
2012	76.5	17.6	576.6	594.2	--
2013	75.6	15.1	564.7	579.8	--
2014	85.4	10	563.7	573.7	--
2015	88.6	1.6	570.4	572.0	--
2016	93	0.4	584.9	585.3	--
2017	90.1	0.2	629.5	629.7	--
2018	87.2	0.1	675.9	676.0	--
2019	83.8	0	702.5	702.5	--
2020	74.9	0	692.5	692.5	--
2021	48	0	661.1	661.1	--
2022	45.2	0	658.7	658.7	--
2023	49.3	0	695.9	695.9	--
2024	53.5	0	716	716.0	--
2025	58.4	0	700.7	700.7	--

FY 2025 data are preliminary; all data are subject to revision.

1] Participation data are twelve-month averages.

2] Formerly known as the Needy Family Program. Program participation was limited to Indian reservations and to certain Pacific islands after nationwide conversion to the Food Stamp Program (completed by the end of FY 1975). Most Pacific island assistance was phased out as islands converted from U.S. territorial status to commonwealths.

3] Initiated operations in November 1968. W-I-C is the women, infants and children component, a food distribution alternative to the WIC program. Elderly participation was initiated on a pilot project basis in FY 1982.

4] Until re-titled by legislation in FY 2001, this program was called Nutrition Program for the Elderly. Meals are home delivered (meals on wheels) or served in congregate settings. It was initiated in FY 1975 but data on meals served were not collected prior to FY 1977. As of FY 2002, NSIP meal counts are collected by the Administration on Aging. As of FY 2003, NSIP is administered by AoA except for food distribution; most State/Indian agencies receive cash grants, but a small number elect to receive part of their grants as commodities. Data collection was transferred a year early because the FY 2001 legislation mandated that the proportion of total funds received by each grantee is based on its percentage of total meals served during the previous year.

5] The decline in FY 2006 participation is due primarily to reduced activity in New Orleans following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina; it also reflects a reduction in program caseload due to funding constraints. FY 2006 does not include supplemental disaster assistance provided to the gulf states beginning in July.

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