

SNAP PARTICIPATION AND FOOD INSECURITY

Metropolitan Washington Data

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SNAP Participation and Total Benefits Issued

Some data subject to revision

Jurisdictions	Population Estimate (2019)	Total Individual Participants (children, adults, seniors)	Total Households	Total Monthly Expenditure or Issuance	Total Individual Participants	Total Households	Total Monthly Expenditure or Issuance
		Jan-20	Jan-20	Jan-20	Jan-21	Jan-21	Jan-21
District of Columbia	705,749	103,985	64,829	\$ 14,303,440	142,325	85,947	\$ 31,351,572
Maryland COG Jurisdictions	2,382,819	158,705	82,967	\$ 18,243,220	245,991	132,898	\$ 51,555,548
Virginia COG Jurisdictions	2,524,874	82,277	40,105	\$ 9,725,483	99,200	47,918	\$20,938,065
Total COG Region	5,613,442	344,967	187,901	\$42,272,143	487,516	266,763	\$103,845,185

Please see the slide notes for data sources and report any errors to lsmith@mwcog.org

SNAP in the COG Region

- 41% increase in individual participation, 42% increase in household participation between January 2020 and January 2021
 - February data indicates continued growth in enrollment
 - Emergency allotments and a 15% increase to benefit levels in effect
- **Meeting recertification requirements for SNAP participants is critical to maintain benefits**



Regional farm products at Arcadia's Mobile Market. SNAP customers can use benefits at participating retailers of all kinds, including grocery stores, farmers markets and mobile markets, (Lindsay Smith/COG)

SNAP in the COG Region

- In Virginia, most qualifying applicants must have a gross income within 130% of the FPL and meet an asset test.
 - On July 1, VA will remove the asset test and increase the gross income test to 200% of the Federal Poverty Line (*HB 1820*)
 - More households will qualify for SNAP

For a three-person household in FY21, the gross monthly income limit to be eligible for SNAP at 130% of the poverty level is \$2,353.

Source: USDA FNS

Food Insecurity in the COG Region

- Reach out to local social service departments and organizations like DC, MD, and VA Hunger Solutions to learn more about SNAP in our communities
- Data from the U.S. Census Household Pulse Survey from July 2020 to March 2021 for Washington MSA indicates:
 - Households with children report higher rates of food insufficiency (very low food security)
 - There are disproportionate impacts to Hispanic or Latino and Black individuals and households
- Updated Hunger Report from Capital Area Food Bank expected later this spring



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