



Over 90,000 Rhode Island households and approximately 144,000 Rhode Islanders from every corner of the state depend on SNAP food assistance benefits.

Here, the Economic Progress Institute (EPI) presents SNAP and United States Department of Agriculture data for SNAP participation by county and by state legislative district. The data have been compiled by EPI's national partner, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP), a nonpartisan research and policy institute that advances federal and state policies to help build a nation where everyone — regardless of income, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, ZIP code, immigration status, or disability status — has the resources they need to thrive and share in the nation's prosperity.

EPI shares the data with Rhode Island policymakers and the general public to help everyone understand that the crisis over halted and reduced SNAP benefits is a serious problem for Rhode Islanders across the state.

EPI also shares the data to emphasize to legislators and policymakers in the Governor's office and state agencies that responses on the state level can help soften the blow for Rhode Islanders. As the impacts of the shutdown and the federal legislation enacted over the summer become increasingly clear, including increasing health insurance premiums and the loss of coverage for many Rhode Islanders, policymakers require relevant information, and EPI aims to provide data, context, and policy options as needed.

Here are the SNAP household data for Rhode Island's five counties:

County	Total Households (ACS)	Estimated Number of Households That Participated in SNAP in Average Month (USDA, ACS, CBPP)	Percent of Households receiving SNAP in Average Month (USDA, ACS, CBPP)
Bristol County	19,000	1,700	9
Kent County	73,000	13,400	18
Newport County	36,000	4,600	13
Providence County	257,000	65,600	26
Washington County	52,000	4,800	9

Here are the SNAP household data for 60 of Rhode Island's 75 State House districts (as the data are based on surveys, the counts are sometimes too low to provide reliable estimates at the district level):

State House District	Cities/Towns Represented	Name	Party Affiliation	Total Households (ACS)	Estimated Number of Households That Participated in SNAP in Average Month (USDA, ACS, CBPP)	Percent of Households receiving SNAP in Average Month (USDA, ACS, CBPP)
1	Providence	Representative Edith H. Ajello	Democrat	4,000	-	-
2	Providence	Representative Christopher R. Blais	Democrat	8,000	1,200	15
3	Providence	Representative Nathan W. Biah	Democrat	5,000	3,200	59
4	Providence	Representative Rebecca M. Kislak	Democrat	7,000	800	12
5	Providence	Representative Anthony J. DeSimone	Democrat	5,000	2,100	41
6	Providence, North Providence	Representative Raymond A. Hull	Democrat	6,000	2,200	37
7	Providence	Representative David Morales	Democrat	6,000	1,700	30
8	Providence	Representative John J. Lombardi	Democrat	6,000	2,400	39
9	Providence	Representative Enrique George Saez	Democrat	5,000	2,800	53
10	Providence	Representative Scott A. Slater	Democrat	5,000	2,500	52
11	Providence	Representative Grace Diaz	Democrat	6,000	3,000	51
12	Providence	Representative Jose F. Batista	Democrat	5,000	2,900	58
13	Providence, Johnston	Representative Ramon A. Perez	Democrat	5,000	1,000	21
14	Cranston, Providence	Representative Charlene M. Lima	Democrat	5,000	2,100	40
15	Cranston	Representative Christopher G. Pappalardo	Republican	5,000	-	-
16	Cranston	Representative Brandon C. Potter	Democrat	6,000	900	15
17	Cranston	Representative Jacquelyn M. Baglini	Democrat	7,000	1,100	17
18	Cranston	Representative Arthur Handy	Democrat	6,000	1,200	21
19	Warwick, Cranston	Representative Joseph M. McNamara	Democrat	7,000	800	12
20	Warwick, Cranston	Representative David A. Bennett	Democrat	6,000	1,900	31
21	Warwick	Representative Marie A. Hopkins	Republican	6,000	1,500	25
22	Warwick	Representative Joseph J. Solomon	Democrat	6,000	1,100	19
23	Warwick	Representative K. Joseph Shekarc	Democrat	5,000	600	11
24	Warwick, East Greenwich	Representative Evan P. Shanley	Democrat	8,000	1,200	15
25	Coventry, West Warwick	Representative Thomas E. Noret	Democrat	7,000	2,300	34
26	West Warwick, Coventry, Warwick	Representative Earl A. Read, III	Democrat	6,000	1,100	18
27	West Warwick, Coventry	Representative Patricia A. Serpa	Democrat	7,000	1,100	16
28	Coventry	Representative George A. Nardone	Republican	6,000	1,000	18
29	West Greenwich, Coventry	Representative Sherry Roberts	Republican	5,000	-	-
30	East Greenwich, West Greenwich	Representative Justine A. Caldwell	Democrat	5,000	-	-
31	North Kingstown, Exeter	Representative Julie A. Casimiro	Democrat	6,000	1,100	18
32	North Kingstown	Representative Robert E. Craven, Sr.	Democrat	6,000	-	-
33	South Kingstown, Narragansett	Representative Carol Hagan McEnaney	Democrat	6,000	-	-
34	South Kingstown, Narragansett	Representative Teresa Ann Tanzi	Democrat	7,000	600	9
35	South Kingstown	Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty	Democrat	3,000	-	-
36	Charlestown, New Shoreham, South Kingstown, Westerly	Representative Tina L. Spears	Democrat	6,000	-	-
37	Westerly	Representative Samuel A. Azzinaro	Democrat	7,000	800	11
38	Hopkinton, Westerly	Representative Brian Patrick Kenn	Democrat	6,000	700	11
39	Exeter, Richmond, Hopkinton	Representative Megan L. Cotter	Democrat	5,000	-	-
40	Foster, Glocester, Coventry	Representative Michael W. Chippe	Republican	5,000	500	9
41	Scituate, Cranston	Representative Robert J. Quattro	Republican	6,000	-	-
42	Johnston, Cranston	Representative Richard R. Fascia	Republican	6,000	1,700	28
43	Johnston	Representative Deborah A. Fellela	Democrat	5,000	900	17
44	Lincoln, Smithfield, Johnston	Representative Gregory J. Costant	Democrat	6,000	-	-
45	Cumberland, Lincoln	Representative Mia A. Ackerman	Democrat	6,000	500	8
46	Lincoln, Pawtucket	Representative Mary Ann Shallico	Democrat	6,000	600	9
47	Burrillville, Glocester	Representative David J. Place	Republican	5,000	600	11
48	North Smithfield, Burrillville	Representative Brian C. Newberry	Republican	6,000	-	-
49	Woonsocket, North Smithfield	Representative Jon D. Brien	Independent	6,000	3,100	51
50	Woonsocket	Representative Stephen M. Casey	Democrat	6,000	2,400	37
51	Woonsocket, Cumberland	Representative Robert D. Phillips	Democrat	6,000	2,100	35
52	Cumberland	Representative Alex Marszalkowski	Democrat	6,000	400	6
53	Smithfield, Glocester	Representative Paul M. Santucci	Republican	4,000	400	9
54	North Providence	Representative William W. O'Brien	Democrat	7,000	1,600	22
55	North Providence	Representative Arthur J. Corvese	Democrat	6,000	800	14
56	Central Falls	Representative Joshua J. Giraldo	Democrat	6,000	2,900	53
57	Cumberland, Central Falls	Representative Brandon T. Voas	Democrat	5,000	1,500	31
58	Pawtucket	Representative Cherie L. Cruz	Democrat	6,000	2,700	44
59	Pawtucket	Representative Jennifer A. Stewart	Democrat	6,000	2,100	33
60	Pawtucket, Central Falls	Representative Karen Alzate	Democrat	6,000	1,800	32
61	Pawtucket	Representative Leonela Felix	Democrat	6,000	1,000	16
62	Pawtucket	Representative Mary Duffy Messie	Democrat	6,000	1,200	22
63	East Providence, Pawtucket	Representative Katherine S. Kazar	Democrat	7,000	1,200	18
64	East Providence, Pawtucket	Representative Jenni A. Furtado	Democrat	6,000	1,700	28
65	East Providence	Representative Matt S. Dawson	Democrat	7,000	1,100	17
66	Barrington, East Providence	Representative Jennifer Smith Boy	Democrat	6,000	700	11
67	Barrington, Warren	Representative Jason Knight	Democrat	5,000	400	8
68	Warren, Bristol	Representative June Speakman	Democrat	6,000	600	9
69	Bristol, Portsmouth	Representative Susan R. Donovan	Democrat	5,000	-	-
70	Tiverton	Representative John G. Edwards	Democrat	6,000	800	13
71	Portsmouth, Little Compton, Tiverton	Representative Michelle E. McGaw	Democrat	6,000	-	-
72	Portsmouth, Middletown	Representative Terri Cortvriend	Democrat	6,000	-	-
73	Newport, Middletown	Representative Marvin L. Abney	Democrat	6,000	1,500	27
74	Jamestown, Middletown	Representative Alex Finkelman	Democrat	6,000	900	14
75	Newport	Representative Lauren H. Carson	Democrat	6,000	800	12

Here are the SNAP household data for Rhode Island’s 38 State Senate districts:

State Senate District	Cities/Towns Represented	Name	Party Affiliation	Total Households (ACS)	Estimated Number of Households That Participated in SNAP in Average Month (USDA, ACS, CBPP)	Percent of Households receiving SNAP in Average Month (USDA, ACS, CBPP)
1	Providence	Senator Jacob E. Bissailon	Democrat	10,000	4,500	45
2	Providence	Senator Ana B. Quezada	Democrat	10,000	5,100	53
3	Providence	Senator Samuel D. Zurier	Democrat	10,000	500	4
4	North Providence, Providence	Senator Stefano V. Famiglietti	Democrat	13,000	2,800	21
5	Providence	Senator Samuel W. Bell	Democrat	13,000	4,200	32
6	Providence	Senator Tiara T. Mack	Democrat	12,000	6,700	55
7	Providence, Johnston	Senator Frank A. Ciccone III	Democrat	10,000	3,800	38
8	Pawtucket	Senator Lori Urso	Democrat	12,000	3,300	29
9	West Warwick	Senator John P. Burke	Democrat	14,000	3,600	27
10	Warren, Bristol, Tiverton	Senator Walter S. Felag Jr.	Democrat	12,000	1,200	9
11	Portsmouth, Bristol	Senator Linda L. Ujifusa	Democrat	11,000	800	8
12	Middletown, Little Compton, Newport, Tiverton	Senator Louis P. DiPalma	Democrat	12,000	1,500	12
13	Newport, Jamestown	Senator Dawn Euer	Democrat	12,000	2,200	18
14	East Providence	Senator Valerie J. Lawson	Democrat	11,000	2,300	20
15	Pawtucket, Providence	Senator Meghan E. Kallman	Democrat	12,000	3,200	27
16	Central Falls, Pawtucket	Senator Jonathon Acosta	Democrat	10,000	5,100	48
17	Lincoln, North Providence, North Smithfield	Senator Thomas J. Paolino	Republican	11,000	600	6
18	East Providence, Pawtucket	Senator Robert Britto	Democrat	12,000	2,200	18
19	Cumberland, Lincoln	Senator Ryan W. Pearson	Democrat	12,000	1,700	15
20	Woonsocket, Cumberland	Senator Brian J. Thompson	Democrat	11,000	2,600	24
21	Foster, Coventry, Scituate, West Greenwich	Senator Gordon E. Rogers	Republican	11,000	1,000	10
22	Smithfield, North Providence, Lincoln	Senator David P. Tikoian	Democrat	11,000	1,600	14
23	North Smithfield, Burrillville, Glocester	Senator Jessica de la Cruz	Republican	11,000	1,000	9
24	Woonsocket, North Smithfield	Senator Melissa Murray	Democrat	11,000	5,200	46
25	Johnston	Senator Andrew R. Dimitri	Democrat	11,000	2,400	23
26	Cranston	Senator Todd M. Patalano	Democrat	11,000	2,500	23
27	Cranston, West Warwick	Senator Hanna M. Gallo	Democrat	13,000	1,400	11
28	Cranston, Providence	Senator Lammis J. Vargas	Democrat	11,000	2,100	20
29	Warwick	Senator Peter A. Appollonio Jr.	Democrat	12,000	2,500	21
30	Warwick	Senator Mark McKenney	Democrat	13,000	1,800	14
31	Warwick, Cranston	Senator Matthew L. LaMountain	Democrat	12,000	2,500	21
32	Barrington, Bristol, East Providence	Senator Pamela J. Lauria	Democrat	11,000	1,100	10
33	Coventry, West Greenwich	Senator Leonidas P. Raptakis	Democrat	12,000	1,800	15
34	Hopkinton, Charlestown, Exeter, Richmond, West Greenwich	Senator Elaine J. Morgan	Republican	11,000	900	8
35	North Kingstown, East Greenwich, South Kingstown	Senator Bridget Valverde	Democrat	12,000	1,300	12
36	Narragansett, North Kingstown, New Shoreham	Senator Alana M. DiMario	Democrat	12,000	800	7
37	South Kingstown	Senator V. Susan Sosnowski	Democrat	9,000	800	8
38	Westerly, Charlestown, South Kingstown	Senator Victoria Gu	Democrat	13,000	1,500	11

Data sources: American Community Survey 2023 5-year Estimates (2019 through 2023) and US Department of Agriculture SNAP Data Tables, FY2024.