

# SNAP Recipients in the Memphis MSA Counties

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On average, between 10% and 20% of the households living in the counties that compose the Memphis Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) (Crittenden in Arkansas; Benton, DeSoto, Marshall, Tate, and Tunica in Mississippi; and Fayette, Shelby, and Tipton in Tennessee) receive food stamps/SNAP benefits, but when only households with children under 18 are considered, the percentages are extraordinarily large. In most of these counties more than half of households with minor children depend on food assistance. Any disruption to food assistance will mean that more than half the families with children in this region will experience hunger.

Table 1 - SNAP Benefits in the Memphis MSA

2023 5-Y Estimates, Table S2201	Total Households	Households with children under 18	Percent households receiving food stamps/SNAP	Percent households with children under 18 receiving food stamps/SNAP
Benton County, Mississippi	3,027	710	16.5%	26.4%
Crittenden County, Arkansas	18,338	6,081	16.8%	50.7%
DeSoto County, Mississippi	69,327	26,915	7.3%	63.1%
Fayette County, Tennessee	16,730	4,327	10.4%	45.4%
Marshall County, Mississippi	12,798	3,432	11.5%	59.8%
Shelby County, Tennessee	360,590	109,372	16.0%	52.5%
Tate County, Mississippi	10,720	3,837	9.7%	58.4%
Tipton County, Tennessee	22,544	7,793	11.8%	53.6%
Tunica County, Mississippi	3,600	1,036	28.9%	49.8%

Figure 1 - Percent of Households Receiving SNAP by County in the Memphis MSA

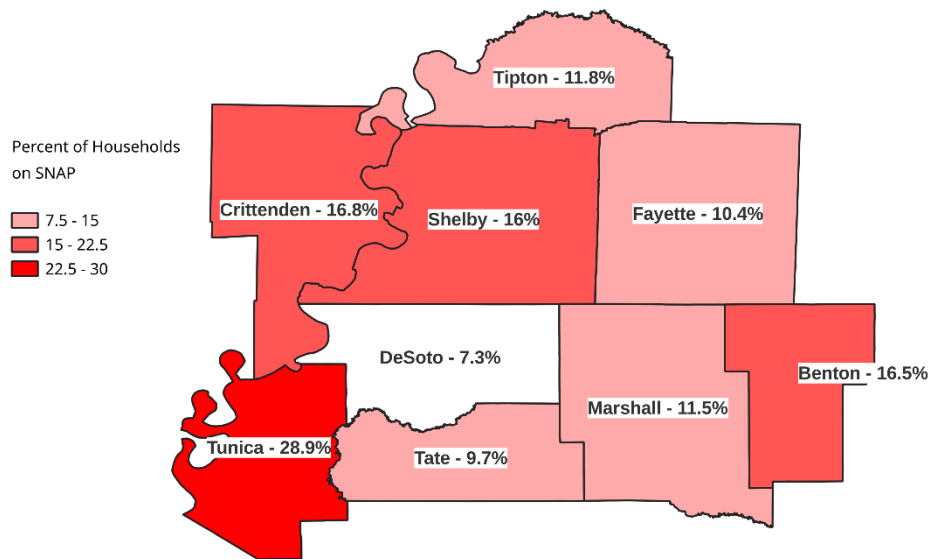


Figure 2 - Percent of Households with Children Receiving SNAP by County in the Memphis MSA

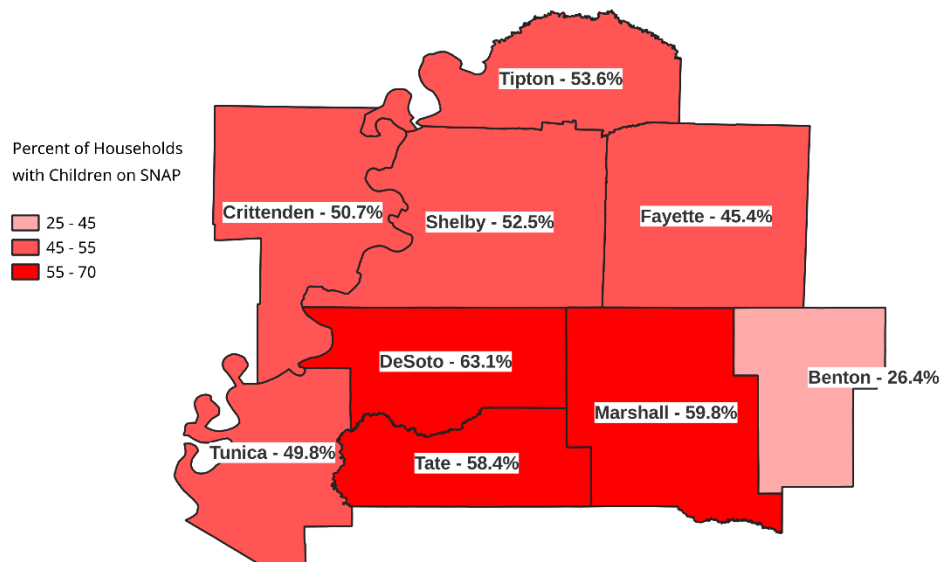


Table 2 -Households Receiving SNAP Benefits by Number of Workers

2023 5-Y Estimates, Table S2201	Among Total Families Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP			
	SNAP Recipient Families with No Workers	SNAP Recipient Families with One (1) Worker	SNAP Recipient Families with Two (2)+ Workers	Percent of SNAP Recipient Families with One (1) or More Workers
Crittenden County, Arkansas	30.0%	45.8%	24.2%	70.0%
Benton County, Mississippi	19.8%	48.9%	31.3%	80.2%
DeSoto County, Mississippi	12.0%	46.2%	41.8%	88.0%
Marshall County, Mississippi	41.8%	34.1%	24.1%	58.2%
Tate County, Mississippi	28.7%	40.1%	31.3%	71.4%
Tunica County, Mississippi	17.6%	50.6%	31.7%	82.3%
Fayette County, Tennessee	15.6%	42.1%	42.3%	84.4%
Shelby County, Tennessee	19.6%	51.7%	28.7%	80.4%
Tipton County, Tennessee	22.2%	49.5%	28.3%	77.8%

Table 2 - Households Receiving SNAP Benefits by Race and by Disability Status

2023 5-Y Estimates, Table S2201	Among Total Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP			
	Percent Households that have One or More People with a Disability	Percent Households that are Black	Percent Households that are Hispanic	Percent Households that are Non-Hispanic White
Crittenden County, Arkansas	58.7%	74.5%	0.3%	14.4%
Benton County, Mississippi	68.8%	50.6%	12.8%	35.0%
DeSoto County, Mississippi	43.2%	53.6%	3.0%	41.7%
Marshall County, Mississippi	68.0%	74.1%	0.0%	22.3%
Tate County, Mississippi	41.7%	54.7%	6.5%	35.1%
Tunica County, Mississippi	14.1%	89.7%	0.0%	10.3%
Fayette County, Tennessee	56.0%	65.1%	1.7%	30.3%
Shelby County, Tennessee	41.0%	82.0%	4.9%	10.3%
Tipton County, Tennessee	48.9%	36.7%	2.7%	49.5%

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