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### Food Stamp Participation in Texas, 2005

County	Population Potentially Eligible for Food Stamps	Individuals Receiving Food Stamps	Annual Federal Food Stamp Revenue (Million \$)	Participation Rate* (Percent)	Additional Annual Federal Revenue at 60% Participation Rate (Million \$)
Anderson	11,726	5,452	\$ 5.5	46%	\$1.6
Andrews	3,608	1,498	1.5	42	0.6
Angelina	21,119	11,232	11.5	53	1.5
Aransas	7,538	3,313	3.6	44	1.3
Archer	1,494	135	0.1	9	0.8
Armstrong	340	35	0.04	10	0.2
Atascosa	12,674	6,813	6.9	54	0.8
Austin	5,437	1,744	1.8	32	1.5
Bailey	2,385	1,112	1.0	47	0.3
Bandera	3,804	1,423	1.6	37	1.0
Bastrop	11,737	4,896	5.1	42	2.2
Baylor	1,255	535	0.5	43	0.2
Bee	9,216	4,299	4.0	47	1.1
Bell	49,624	22,027	23.1	44	8.1
Bexar	369,191	175,115	185.3	47	49.1
Blanco	1,668	18	0.0	1	0.4
Borden	218	4	0.0	2	0.1
Bosque	3,998	1,556	1.6	39	0.9
Bowie	23,648	10,311	10.7	44	4.0
Brazoria	41,086	16,586	18.5	40	9.0
Brazos	55,689	11,798	12.9	21	23.6
Brewster	2,971	785	0.8	26	1.0
Briscoe	552	86	0.1	16	0.2
Brooks**	4,338	2,698	2.7	62	NA
Brown	10,820	5,168	5.4	48	1.4
Burleson	4,376	1,630	1.7	37	1.0
Burnet	7,012	2,215	2.1	32	1.9
Caldwell	7,479	3,884	3.9	52	0.6
Calhoun	6,055	2,294	2.4	38	1.4

\*CPPP's estimate of the percentage of potentially eligible population receiving Food Stamps

\*\*These counties already have participation rates that are higher than 60%.

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Callahan	2,864	1,343	\$ 1.3	47%	\$ 0.4
Cameron	172,619	101,252	102.2	59	2.3
Camp	3,933	1,756	1.7	45	0.6
Carson	948	179	0.2	19	0.4
Cass	9,555	3,821	3.8	40	1.9
Castro	2,874	1,256	1.2	44	0.5
Chambers	4,892	1,714	1.8	35	1.3
Cherokee	14,069	5,942	5.9	42	2.5
Childress	1,831	978	1.0	53	0.1
Clay	2,071	529	0.5	26	0.6
Cochran	1,564	622	0.6	40	0.3
Coke	878	182	0.2	21	0.3
Coleman	3,310	1,488	1.4	45	0.5
Collin	55,132	15,489	17.1	28	10.4
Collingsworth	1,047	320	0.3	31	0.3
Colorado	5,439	1,733	1.7	32	1.5
Comal	12,536	5,338	5.7	43	2.3
Comanche	4,345	1,672	1.5	38	0.9
Concho	633	248	0.2	39	0.1
Cooke	8,145	2,800	2.9	34	2.2
Coryell	12,759	4,051	4.1	32	3.6
Cottle	570	275	0.3	48	0.1
Crane	1,117	158	0.2	14	0.5
Crockett	1,518	448	0.4	30	0.4
Crosby	3,225	1,452	1.4	45	0.5
Culberson	1,278	549	0.5	43	0.2
Dallam	1,858	683	0.6	37	0.4
Dallas	510,187	191,443	217.9	38	130.5
Dawson	4,617	2,124	2.0	46	0.6
Deaf Smith	6,606	3,228	3.2	49	0.7
Delta	1,438	606	0.6	42	0.2
Denton	47,402	15,388	16.6	32	14.1
DeWitt	5,927	2,526	2.4	43	1.0
Dickens	773	190	0.2	25	0.2
Dimmit	5,420	2,950	2.9	54	0.3
Donley	998	420	0.4	42	0.2
Duval	5,813	3,101	2.9	53	0.4
Eastland	5,207	2,505	2.5	48	0.6

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Ector	40,245	20,906	\$ 22.4	52%	\$3.5
Edwards	1,028	253	0.2	25	0.3
Ellis	17,748	8,853	9.6	50	2.0
El Paso	268,113	151,442	156.8	56	9.8
Erath	8,802	2,478	2.4	28	2.8
Falls	6,240	2,275	2.1	36	1.3
Fannin	6,795	2,664	2.7	39	1.4
Fayette	4,213	1,838	1.8	44	0.7
Fisher	1,425	243	0.2	17	0.6
Floyd	2,912	1,218	1.2	42	0.5
Foard	472	182	0.1	39	0.1
Fort Bend	45,720	17,425	19.2	38	11.0
Franklin	2,613	715	0.6	27	0.7
Freestone	4,462	1,618	1.6	36	1.1
Frio	7,230	3,471	3.4	48	0.8
Gaines	5,485	1,562	1.4	28	1.6
Galveston	54,219	24,036	27.5	44	9.7
Garza	1,476	677	0.6	46	0.2
Gillespie	3,759	1,010	0.9	27	1.1
Glasscock	382	19	0.0	5	0.2
Goliad	1,841	766	0.7	42	0.3
Gonzales	6,340	2,964	2.8	47	0.8
Gray	5,039	1,931	1.9	38	1.0
Grayson	21,505	10,660	11.3	50	2.4
Gregg	28,501	12,810	13.5	45	4.5
Grimes	6,016	2,306	2.3	38	1.3
Guadalupe	15,954	8,463	8.9	53	1.2
Hale	10,844	5,657	5.5	52	0.8
Hall	1,598	640	0.5	40	0.3
Hamilton	2,064	768	0.8	37	0.5
Hansford	1,471	350	0.4	24	0.5
Hardeman	1,494	496	0.4	33	0.4
Hardin	9,059	5,084	5.5	56	0.4
Harris	858,909	311,275	353.8	36	231.9
Harrison	16,900	6,533	6.7	39	3.7
Hartley	566	92	0.1	16	0.2
Haskell	2,262	884	0.8	39	0.4
Hays	20,752	8,062	8.0	39	4.4

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Hemphill	796	55	\$ 0.0	7%	\$0.4
Henderson	19,024	7,975	8.3	42	3.6
Hidalgo	321,308	180,664	187.7	56	12.6
Hill	9,393	3,783	3.8	40	1.9
Hockley	6,863	3,166	3.3	46	1.0
Hood	6,493	3,729	4.1	57	0.2
Hopkins	8,087	2,937	2.7	36	1.8
Houston	6,632	3,036	2.9	46	0.9
Howard	9,153	3,822	3.8	42	1.7
Hudspeth	1,908	535	0.5	28	0.6
Hunt	16,867	8,440	8.8	50	1.8
Hutchinson	4,935	2,041	2.1	41	0.9
Irion	358	43	0.0	12	0.2
Jack	1,879	180	0.2	10	0.8
Jackson	3,521	1,321	1.3	38	0.8
Jasper	10,363	5,794	6.3	56	0.5
Jeff Davis	551	36	0.0	7	0.3
Jefferson	68,140	32,485	35.7	48	9.2
Jim Hogg	2,091	1,172	1.0	56	0.1
Jim Wells	15,654	7,631	7.5	49	1.7
Johnson	20,403	11,752	13.1	58	0.5
Jones	4,702	1,851	1.6	39	0.9
Karnes	4,553	2,272	2.2	50	0.4
Kaufman	13,363	6,789	7.2	51	1.3
Kendall	4,059	1,038	1.1	26	1.4
Kenedy	141	11	0.0	8	0.1
Kent	184	28	0.0	15	0.1
Kerr	10,269	3,894	3.9	38	2.3
Kimble	1,537	419	0.4	27	0.4
King	92	0	-	0	-
Kinney	1,307	418	0.4	32	0.3
Kleberg	13,233	5,909	6.0	45	2.1
Knox	1,625	574	0.5	35	0.3
Lamar	13,375	6,792	6.9	51	1.3
Lamb	5,522	2,621	2.6	47	0.7
Lampasas	4,135	1,569	1.6	38	0.9
LaSalle	2,635	1,302	1.2	49	0.3
Lavaca	4,832	1,293	1.2	27	1.5

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Lee	3,134	688	\$ 0.6	22%	\$1.1
Leon	4,223	1,213	1.2	29	1.3
Liberty	16,579	8,803	9.9	53	1.3
Limestone	6,478	2,664	2.6	41	1.2
Lipscomb	889	215	0.2	24	0.4
Live Oak	3,214	1,124	1.0	35	0.7
Llano	3,456	949	0.9	27	1.0
Loving	0	0	-	0	-
Lubbock	68,780	28,723	30.6	42	13.4
Lynn	2,444	802	0.7	33	0.6
Madison	2,855	1,585	1.6	56	0.1
Marion	4,029	1,930	1.9	48	0.5
Martin	1,552	645	0.7	42	0.3
Mason	902	235	0.2	26	0.3
Matagorda	11,462	5,059	5.5	44	2.0
Maverick	28,202	14,174	12.9	50	2.5
McCulloch	3,021	1,373	1.2	45	0.4
McLennan	60,326	23,964	25.6	40	13.0
McMullen	291	46	0.0	16	0.1
Medina	10,785	4,775	4.8	44	1.7
Menard	905	259	0.2	29	0.2
Midland	26,138	12,755	13.3	49	3.0
Milam	6,599	3,142	3.2	48	0.8
Mills	1,589	288	0.3	18	0.6
Mitchell	2,195	976	0.9	44	0.3
Montague	4,948	1,273	1.2	26	1.7
Montgomery	48,351	20,696	23.5	43	9.4
Moore	5,490	1,564	1.5	28	1.7
Morris	3,789	1,517	1.5	40	0.7
Motley	433	48	0.0	11	0.2
Nacogdoches	20,198	7,529	8.0	37	4.9
Navarro	13,803	5,326	5.5	39	3.1
Newton	4,867	2,571	2.9	53	0.4
Nolan	5,623	2,458	2.4	44	0.9
Nueces	94,238	49,661	53.2	53	7.4
Ochiltree	2,181	664	0.7	30	0.7
Oldham	640	84	0.1	13	0.3
Orange	19,090	10,067	11.1	53	1.5

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Palo Pinto	7,520	2,707	\$ 2.7	36%	\$1.8
Panola	5,586	2,207	2.2	40	1.1
Parker	12,693	5,032	5.1	40	2.6
Parmer	3,307	538	0.5	16	1.4
Pecos	5,283	1,969	1.8	37	1.1
Polk	11,685	6,314	6.9	54	0.8
Potter	35,616	20,314	21.5	57	1.1
Presidio	4,274	2,427	2.2	57	0.1
Rains	2,154	1,012	1.0	47	0.3
Randall	15,059	1,416	1.4	9	7.7
Reagan	796	203	0.2	26	0.3
Real	1,158	645	0.6	56	0.0
Red River	4,401	1,937	1.8	44	0.6
Reeves	5,956	2,353	2.0	40	1.1
Refugio	2,606	510	0.5	20	1.0
Roberts	115	25	0.0	22	0.0
Robertson	5,338	2,600	2.6	49	0.6
Rockwall	3,900	2,246	2.5	58	0.1
Runnels	3,786	1,650	1.5	44	0.6
Rusk	11,834	4,251	4.2	36	2.8
Sabine	3,099	1,393	1.5	45	0.5
San Augustine	2,923	1,277	1.3	44	0.5
San Jacinto	6,765	3,378	3.7	50	0.7
San Patricio	19,542	11,648	11.4	60	0.1
San Saba	1,614	730	0.7	45	0.2
Schleicher	1,020	122	0.1	12	0.5
Scurry	4,255	1,758	1.7	41	0.8
Shackelford	899	114	0.1	13	0.4
Shelby	8,601	3,447	3.4	40	1.7
Sherman	917	129	0.1	14	0.5
Smith	41,416	18,013	18.2	43	6.9
Somervell	1,190	423	0.4	36	0.3
Starr	39,999	19,736	18.8	49	4.1
Stephens	2,399	1,375	1.4	57	0.1
Sterling	364	60	0.1	16	0.1
Stonewall	542	110	0.1	20	0.2
Sutton	1,173	445	0.4	38	0.2
Swisher	2,257	1,069	1.0	47	0.3

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Tarrant	260,040	113,341	\$ 128.6	44%	\$48.4
Taylor	31,962	13,392	13.4	42	5.8
Terrell	445	32	0.0	7	0.2
Terry	4,614	2,116	2.1	46	0.6
Throckmorton	517	109	0.1	21	0.2
Titus	8,932	2,581	2.3	29	2.5
Tom Green	26,977	13,072	13.6	48	3.2
Travis	165,386	79,983	76.9	48	18.5
Trinity	4,293	1,660	1.7	39	1.0
Tyler	5,385	2,480	2.6	46	0.8
Upshur	9,129	3,995	4.1	44	1.5
Upton	1,163	281	0.2	24	0.3
Uvalde**	10,480	6,574	6.2	63	NA
Val Verde	18,441	9,204	8.5	50	1.7
Van Zandt	11,488	3,646	3.6	32	3.2
Victoria	19,635	9,895	10.3	50	2.0
Walker	14,039	4,285	4.7	31	4.5
Waller	8,060	4,273	4.7	53	0.6
Ward	3,364	1,563	1.5	46	0.4
Washington	6,681	2,547	2.6	38	1.5
Webb	97,199	53,487	54.5	55	4.9
Wharton	11,622	4,089	4.3	35	3.1
Wheeler	1,241	191	0.2	15	0.5
Wichita	28,253	12,968	13.4	46	4.1
Wilbarger	3,540	1,960	1.7	55	0.1
Willacy	10,341	6,141	6.0	59	0.1
Williamson	21,206	11,749	12.2	55	1.0
Wilson	6,407	2,716	2.7	42	1.1
Winkler	2,258	732	0.7	32	0.6
Wise	8,505	2,892	3.1	34	2.4
Wood	8,800	3,101	3.1	35	2.2
Yoakum	2,480	581	0.6	23	0.9
Young	4,608	2,583	2.6	56	0.2
Zapata	6,287	2,994	3.0	48	0.8
Zavala	7,428	3,152	3.1	42	1.3
<b>Texas</b>	<b>5,314,207</b>	<b>2,349,217</b>	<b>\$ 2,489.7</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>\$902.7</b>

## METHODOLOGY

Food Stamp caseload and benefits data are from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/research/index.html>). All values are from September 2005, with the exception of Travis and Hays Counties, which are from November 2005 and December 2005, respectively. Food Stamp enrollment data for Travis and Hays Counties were not available for September 2005 due to problems in the state's new computer system, TIERS. The annual Food Stamp revenue is calculated by multiplying the average per person benefit in September 2005 by 12. The additional federal Food Stamp revenue a county would receive if 60% of the potentially eligible population received Food Stamps assumes that additional recipients would receive the average per person benefit for that county in September 2005 multiplied by 12.

The number of persons who are potentially eligible for Food Stamps is based on the number of Texans with income below 130% of the federal poverty level (FPL) in 2005 (U.S. Census Bureau's 2006 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey, <http://www.census.gov/cps/>), since that is the income limit for most households to receive Food Stamps. It is important to note that other factors besides income also affect a family's eligibility for Food Stamps, including immigration status and resources. Our estimates are of the *income*-eligible population and don't take into account these factors. The latest data available on the number of people with income below 130% of FPL by county is from 1999 (U.S. Census 2000, <http://www.census.gov/main/www/cen2000.html>). To estimate the share of each county's population with income below 130% of FPL in 2005, we multiplied the total number of Texans with income below 130% of poverty in 2005 by that county's share of the state's population below 130% of FPL in 1999. For example, in 1999, 16% of all Texans living under 130% of FPL lived in Harris County. To estimate Harris County's 2005 income-eligible population, we multiplied the total number of Texans in 2005 who lived below 130% of FPL by 16%.