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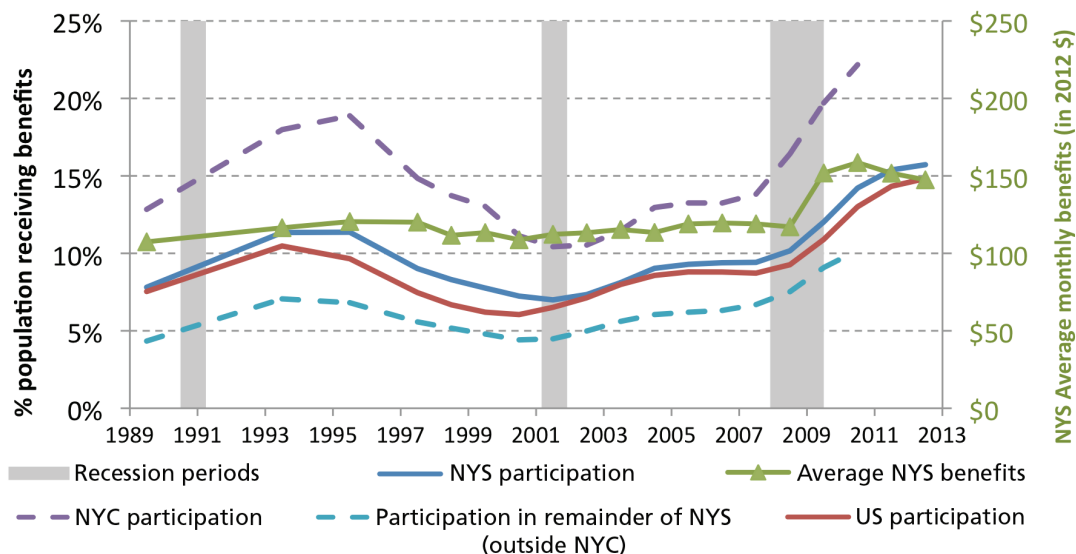
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## A Snapshot of SNAP: Changes in Program Participation & Benefits

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The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly the Food Stamp Program) is the biggest domestic food and nutrition assistance program for low-income Americans. As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), SNAP households received increased SNAP benefits. This legislation was intended to provide a temporary boost in benefits to help individuals and families impacted by the economic downturn. However, the portion of the ARRA legislation that provided these additional benefits ended October 31 of this year and benefits have returned to pre-2009 levels. In New York State, participation rates sharply increased during the latest recession (see figure below). In 2012, 3,076,911 New Yorkers received SNAP benefits (15.7% of total population), receiving on average \$147 per month. Twenty-two percent of New York City residents participated in the program in 2010, compared to 10% of those living outside the city (2010 is the most recent year available for sub state-level data). For data and graphs for each NYS county through 2010, please visit: <http://pad.human.cornell.edu/NYMinutes/NYMinute59stats.cfm>

### SNAP participation rates & benefit levels, NYS and the U.S., 1989-2013



### Additional Resources:

USDA Food and Nutrition Service

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/>

A Quick Guide to SNAP Eligibility and Benefits, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, August 2013

<http://www.cbpp.org/cms/index.cfm?fa=view&id=1269>

Measuring the Effect of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation on food security (summary), USDA, August 2013

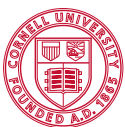
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/Measuring2013Sum.pdf>

Official USDA Food Plans, Cost of Food at Home at Four Levels, USDA, September 2013

<http://www.cnpp.usda.gov/Publications/FoodPlans/2013/CostofFoodSep2013.pdf>

SNAP Data System, Economic Research Service, USDA

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-%28snap%29-data-system/documentation.aspx#UnkGoFOmbps>



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