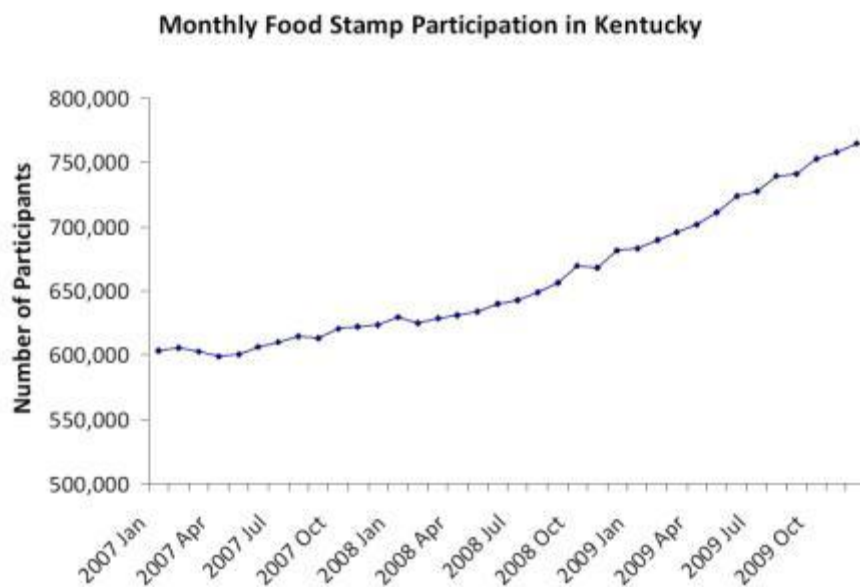


### Food Stamp Participation Rate Continues Steady Increase

Participation up 12.3 Percent from Last Year

Kentucky’s participation in SNAP (formerly food stamps) increased by 7,018 people from November to December 2009. The total number of people now receiving SNAP benefits is 764,669 which is 83,710 more people than this time last year, marking a 12.3 percent increase.



SOURCE: Data provided by the Division of Family Support within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

The Food Stamp Program, renamed the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in October 2008, helps people buy food who have little or no money. It is a good indicator of the level of need for government assistance.

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