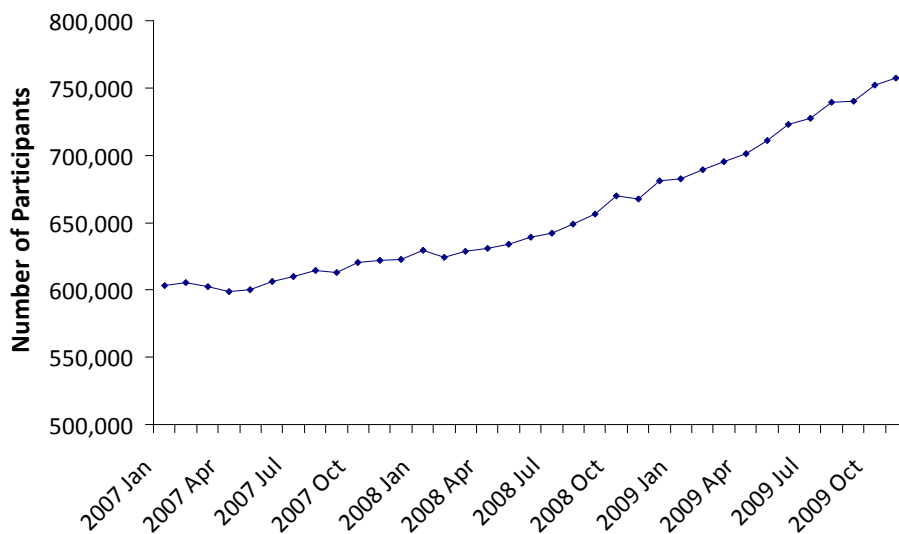


Food Stamp Participation Rate Slowly Increasing

Kentucky's participation in SNAP (formerly food stamps) increased by 5,407 people from October to November 2009. The total number of people now receiving SNAP benefits is 757,651, which is 90,172 more people than this time last year, marking a 13.5 percent increase.

Monthly Food Stamp Participation in Kentucky



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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