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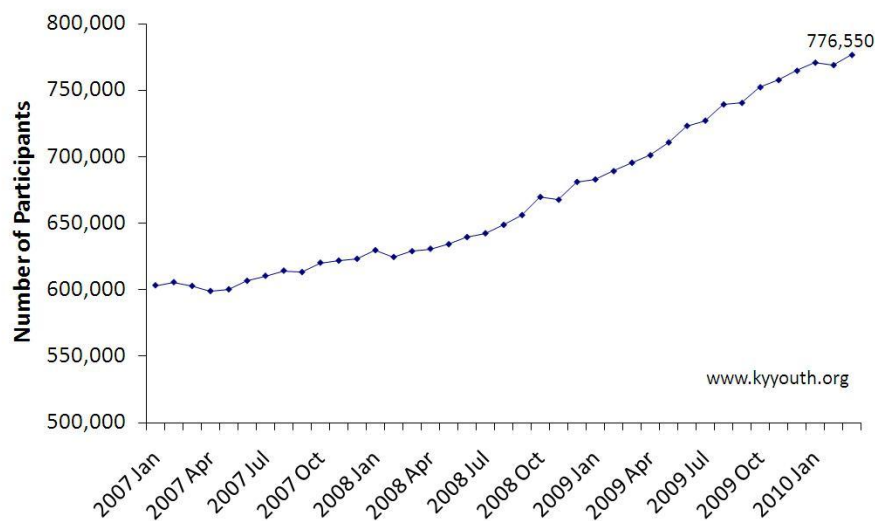
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Food Stamp Participation Reaches Highest Rate Since Recession

Rate up 12 percent Since March 2009

The number of people receiving food stamps in February increased by a little more than 7,600. Approximately 780,000 Kentuckians are receiving food assistance through the food stamp program. The current participation rate is 25 percent higher than the 623,019 people who were receiving food stamp benefits in December 2007 – just before the impact of the national recession began to be felt in Kentucky. After a slight decline in February, the increase in March brought participation rates to the highest level since the recession began.

Monthly Food Stamp Participation in Kentucky



Source: Cabinet for Health and Family Services: Division of Family Support.

Kentucky’s Food Stamp Program, part of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), 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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