Average Number of Recipients Served in the Food Assistance Program as a Percent of Total Population by County – FY 2014

Statewide Monthly Average Served: 413,838
Percentage of Population: 13.4%

Note: Figures represent the average number of recipients served monthly. The percentage of recipients by county uses fiscal year 2014 data for program recipients and estimated population data from the 2013 American Community Survey.

NOTES:
--To receive food assistance an individual must be a resident of Iowa or a citizen or legally qualified non-citizen (such as a refugee) and have a household income that does not exceed 160.0% of the federal poverty level. For a family of three, that equals a gross annual income of approximately $31,000.

--The Food Assistance Program provides Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards that can be used to buy groceries at supermarkets, grocery stores, and some farmers markets.

--79% of Food Assistance recipients also receive Medicaid or Family Investment Program (FIP) benefits.

Sources: Department of Human Services, U.S. Census 2013 ACS 5-year Estimate, LSA Calculations