**Number of Recipients in the Food Assistance Program by County – July 2017**

**Notes:**

1) To receive food assistance, an individual must be a resident of Iowa or a citizen or legally qualified noncitizen (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.

2) 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.

3) 85.0% of food assistance recipients also receive Medicaid or Family Investment Program (FIP) benefits.

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