

SNAP's Role in Supporting Work

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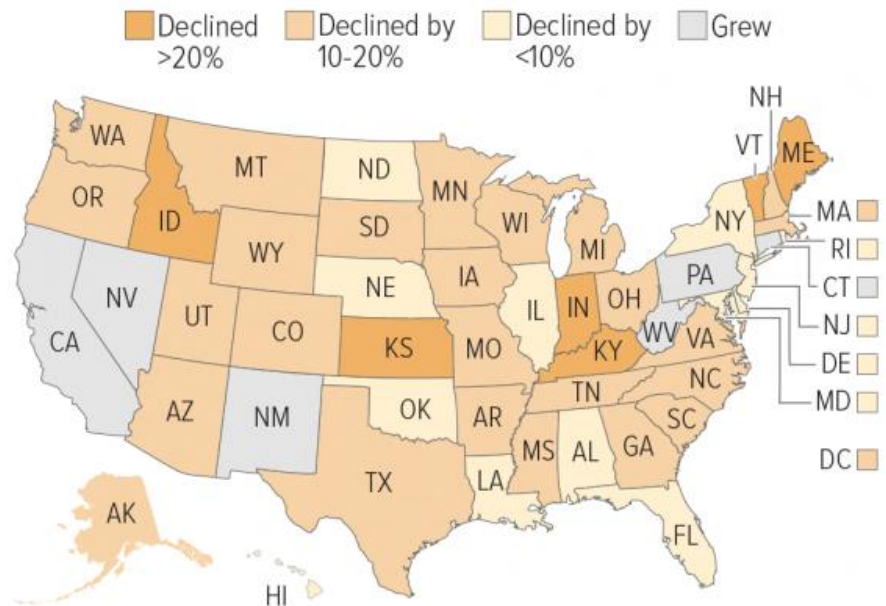


Caseloads Declining in Almost All States

- More than 40 states have declined since recessionary peaks
- Likely driven by economy
- Three month time limit a factor
- The share of the population receiving SNAP was lower in 2016 than in 2013 in 45 states.

SNAP Caseloads Falling in Most States

Percentage change in SNAP participants as share of population between Fiscal Year 2013 and Fiscal Year 2016

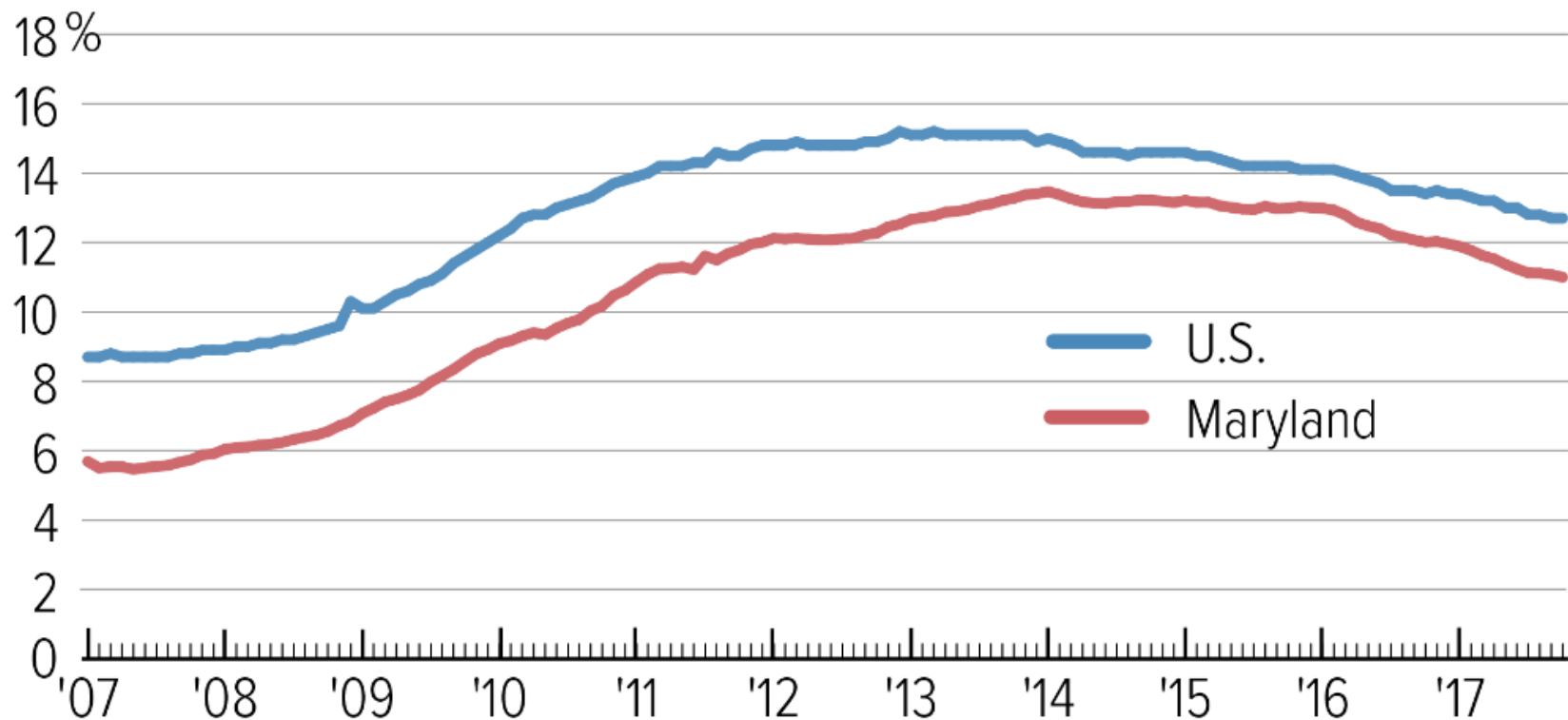


Source: CBPP calculations from USDA program data and Census Bureau population estimates.

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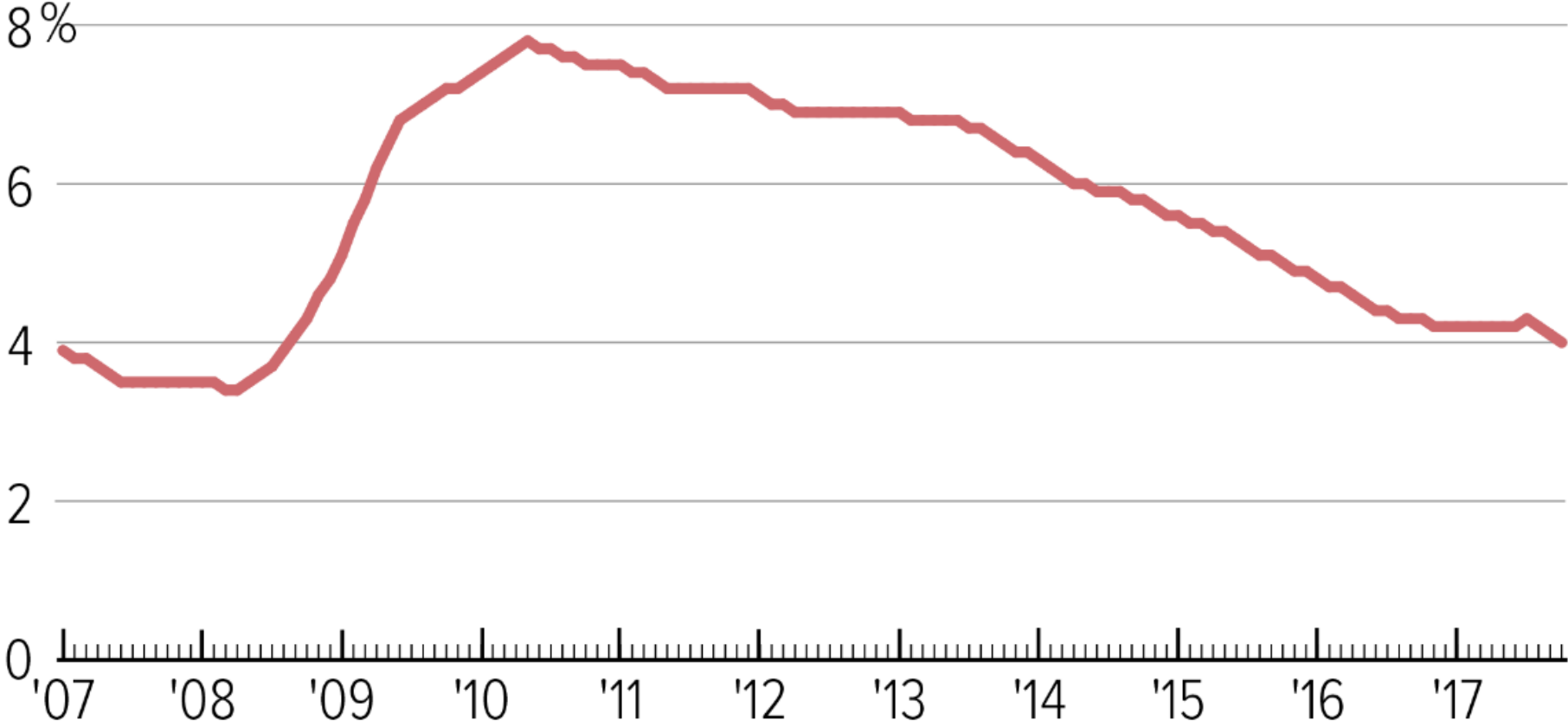
SNAP Rose in Maryland to Meet Needs but Participation Has Fallen as Economy Recovered

Number of SNAP participants as a share of population through July 2017



Sources: U.S. Department of Agriculture and Census Bureau population estimates for fiscal years 2007-2017.

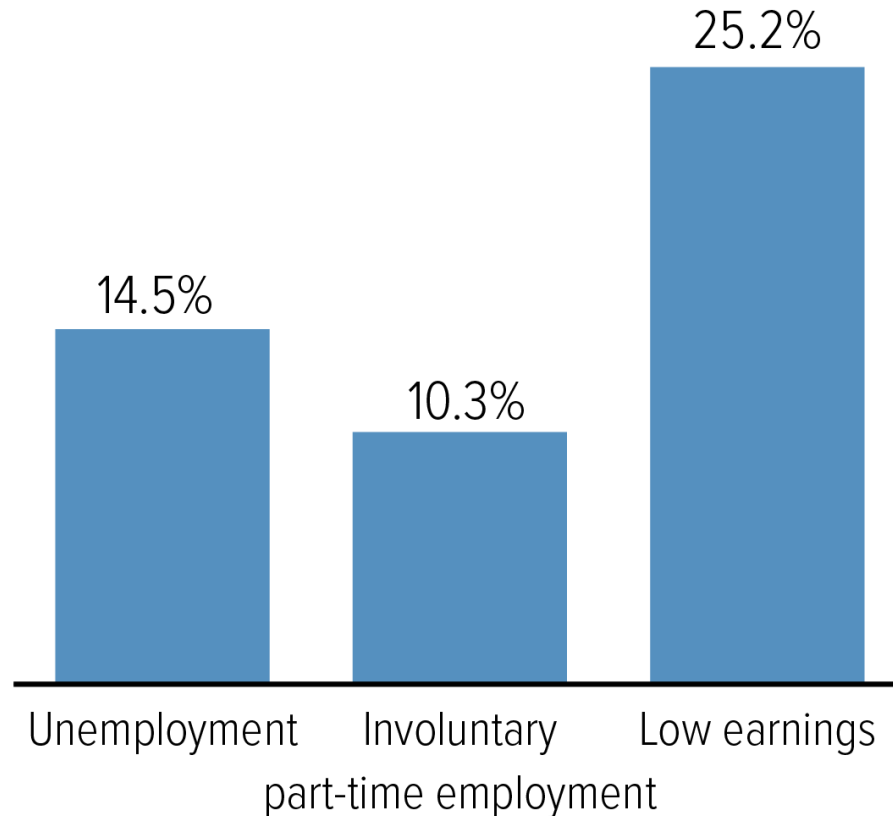
Maryland Statewide Unemployment Rate



Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Many Workers with Low Wages and Unemployment In Poverty

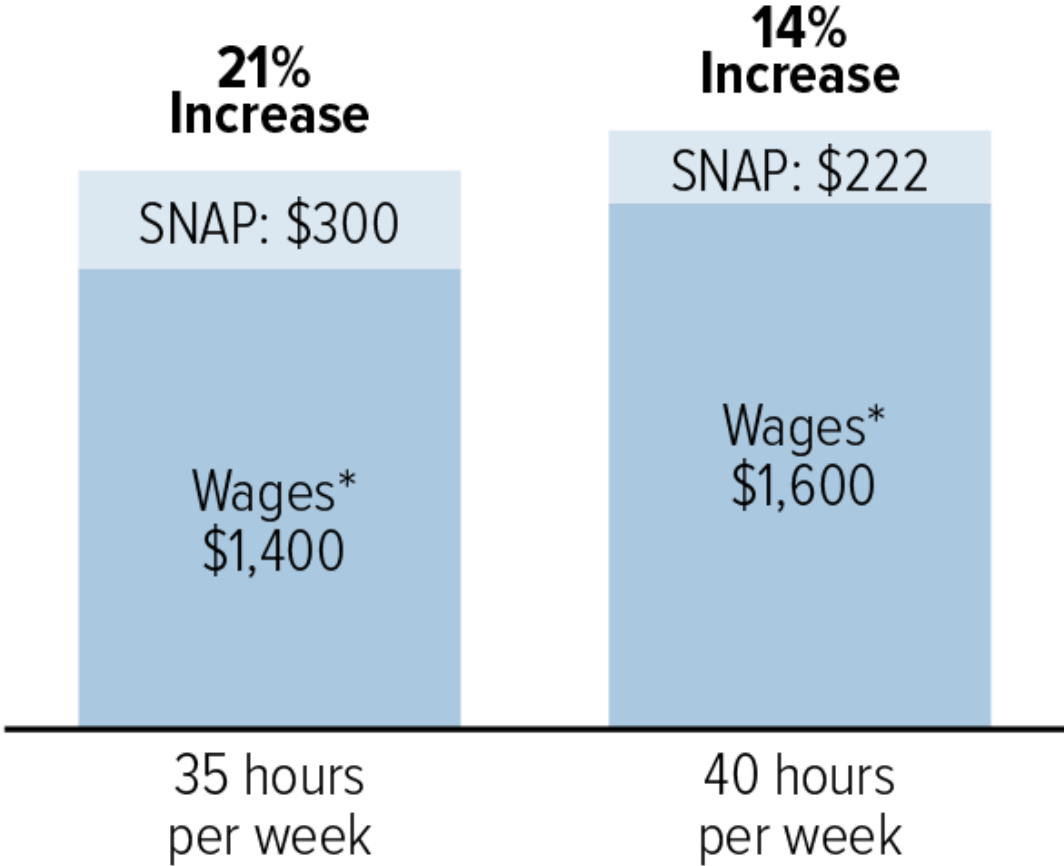
Poverty rate among workers who experience at least one labor market problem



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey (CPS), Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC)

SNAP Boosts Working Families' Incomes

Monthly income for family of three, based on weekly earnings at \$10/hour



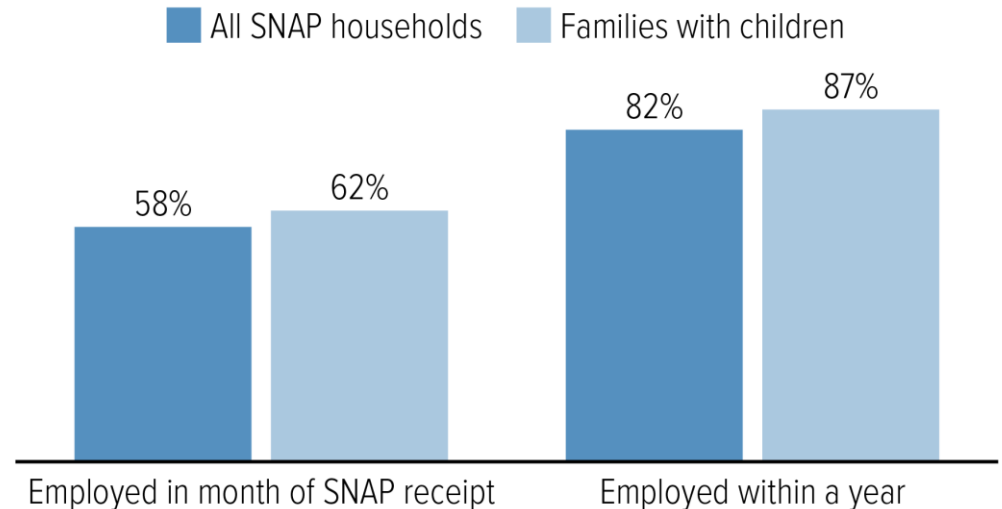
*Monthly wages after payroll taxes (FICA)

Many SNAP Participants Find Work On Their Own

- More than half of households with a working-age non-disabled adult work while receiving SNAP.
- More than 80 percent work in the year before or after receiving SNAP.
- Rates are even higher for families with children.

SNAP Households with Working-Age Non-Disabled Adults Have High Work Rates

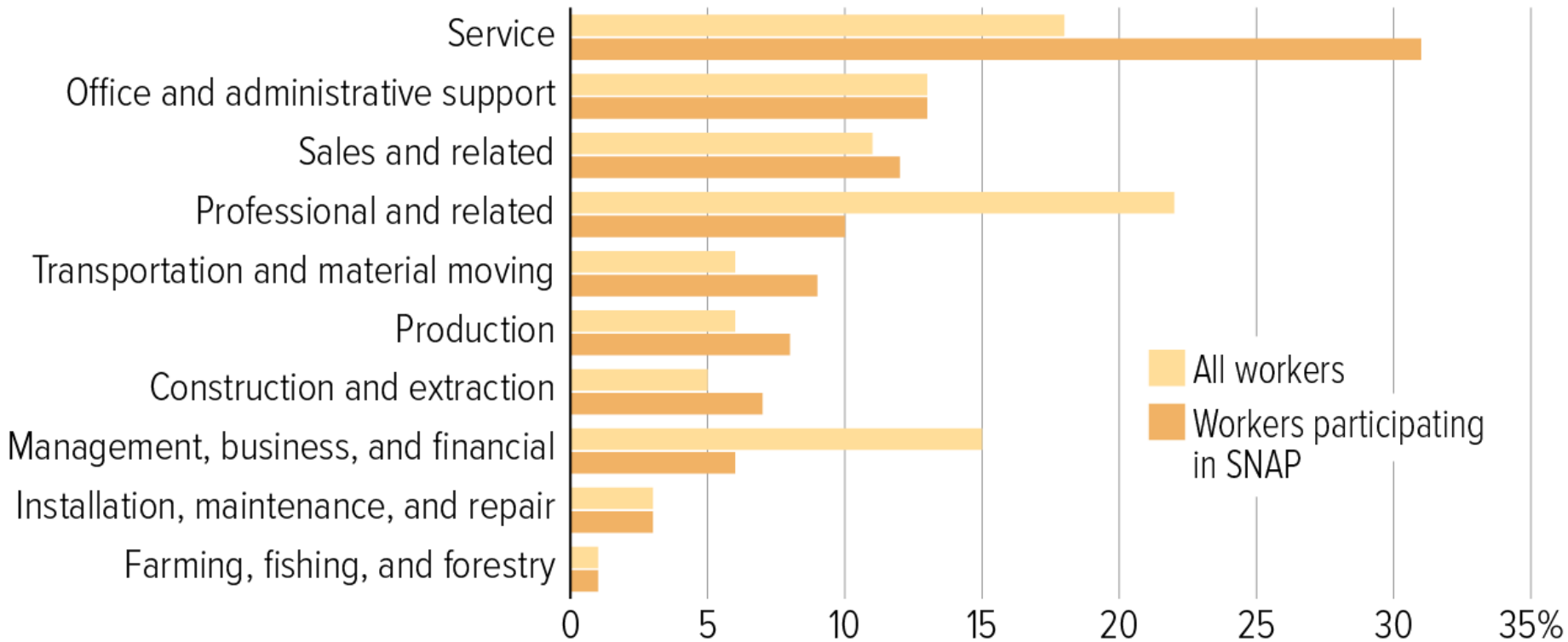
Work participation during the previous and following year for households that received SNAP in a typical month



Source: CBPP calculations based on 2004 SIPP Panel data.

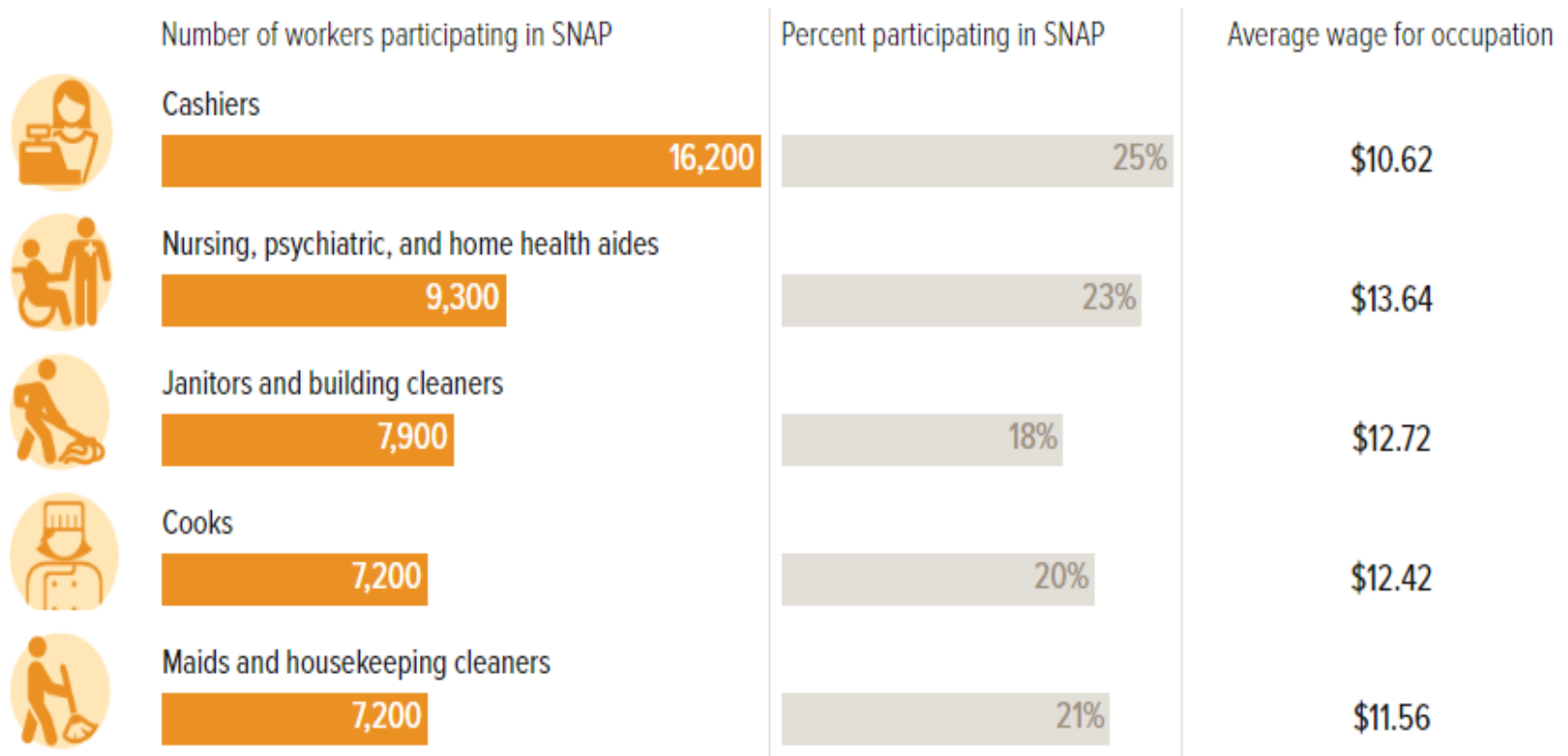
Workers Participating in SNAP Work in Service Occupations at Higher Rates Than All Workers

Share of workers by major occupation group



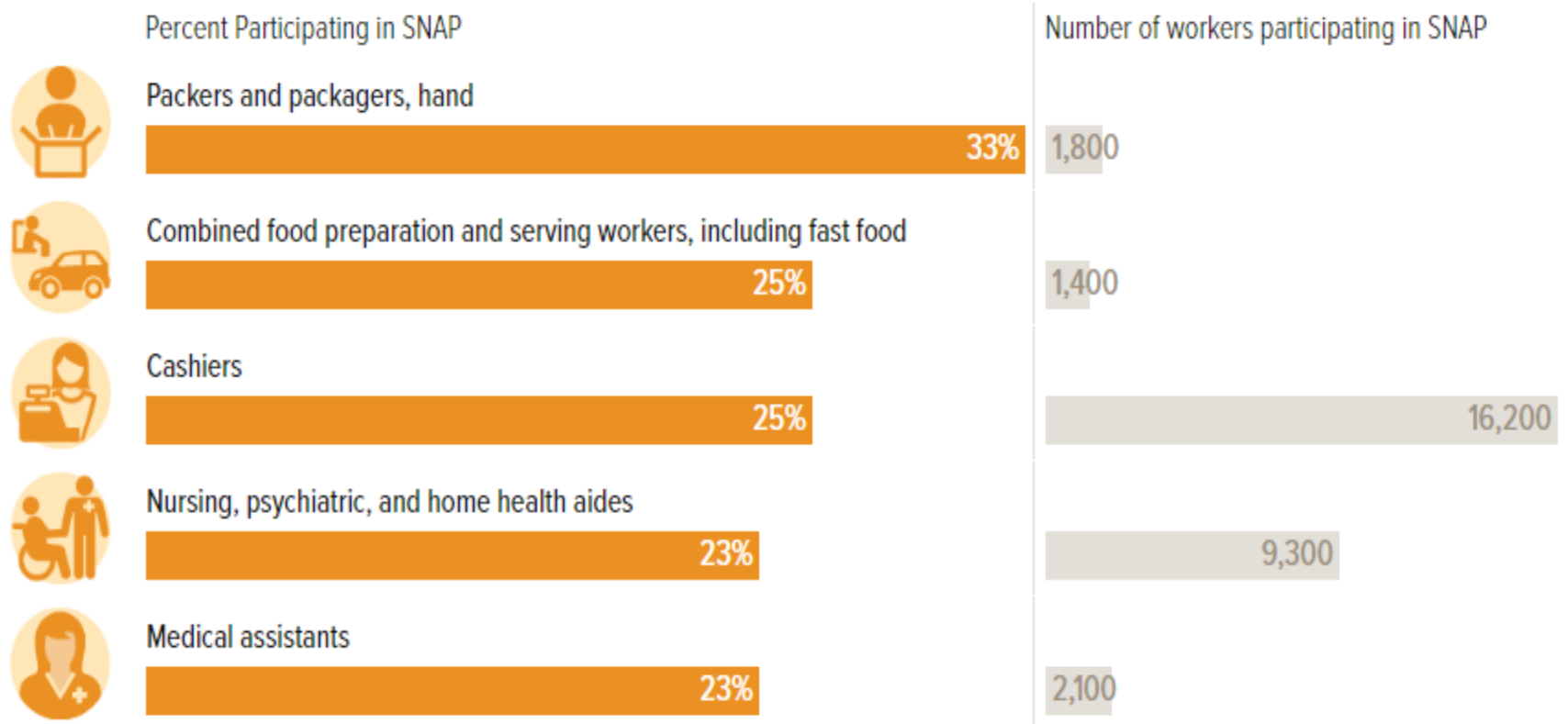
SNAP Helps About 1 in 11 Workers in Maryland

Top Occupations Among Marylanders Participating in the Food Supplement Program by Number of Workers



One in Four Workers in Some Occupations Participated in SNAP

Top Occupations in Maryland by Percentage of Workers Participating in the Food Supplement Program



SNAP's Employment and Training Program Can Also Help

SNAP to Skills

- Maryland!
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- North Carolina
- Tennessee

Innovative Pilots

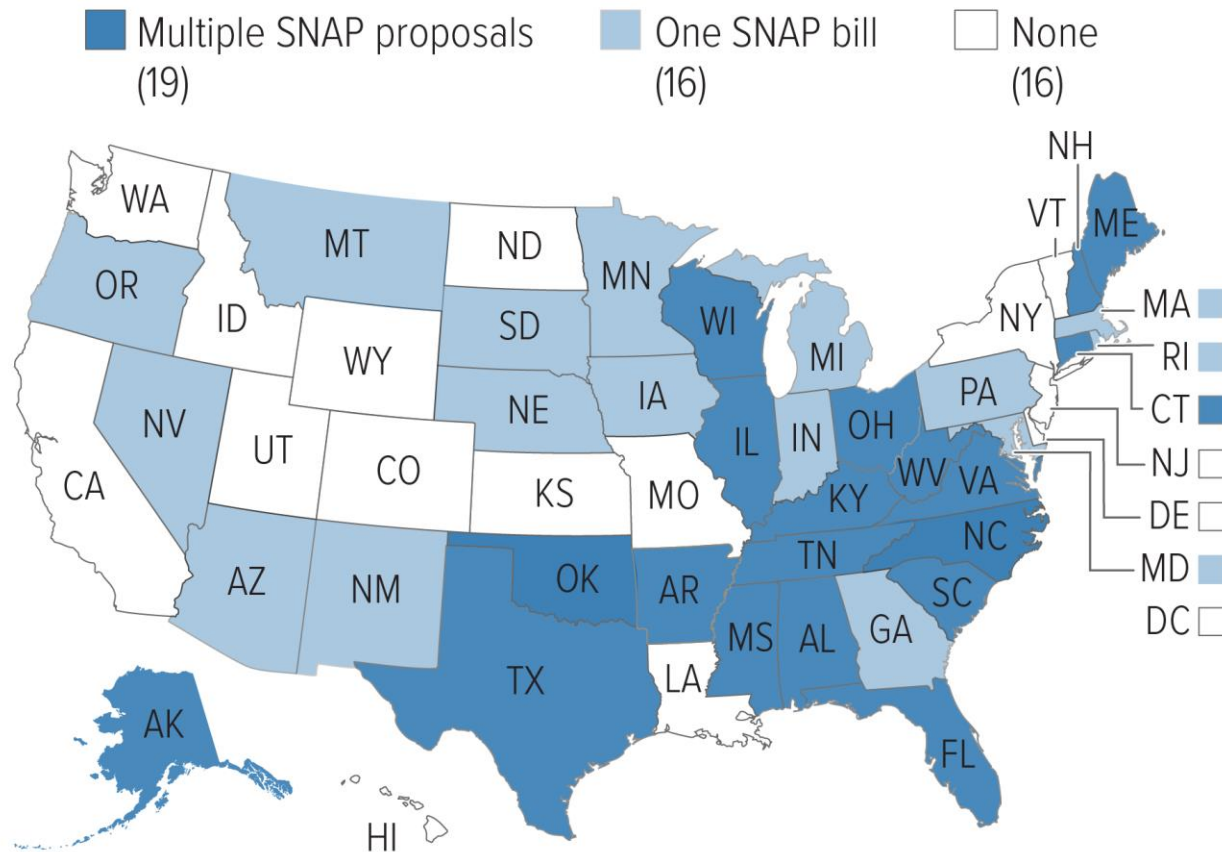
- California
- Delaware
- Georgia
- Illinois
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Mississippi
- Virginia
- Vermont
- Washington

SNAP Policies Support Workers



Many States Face Threats to SNAP

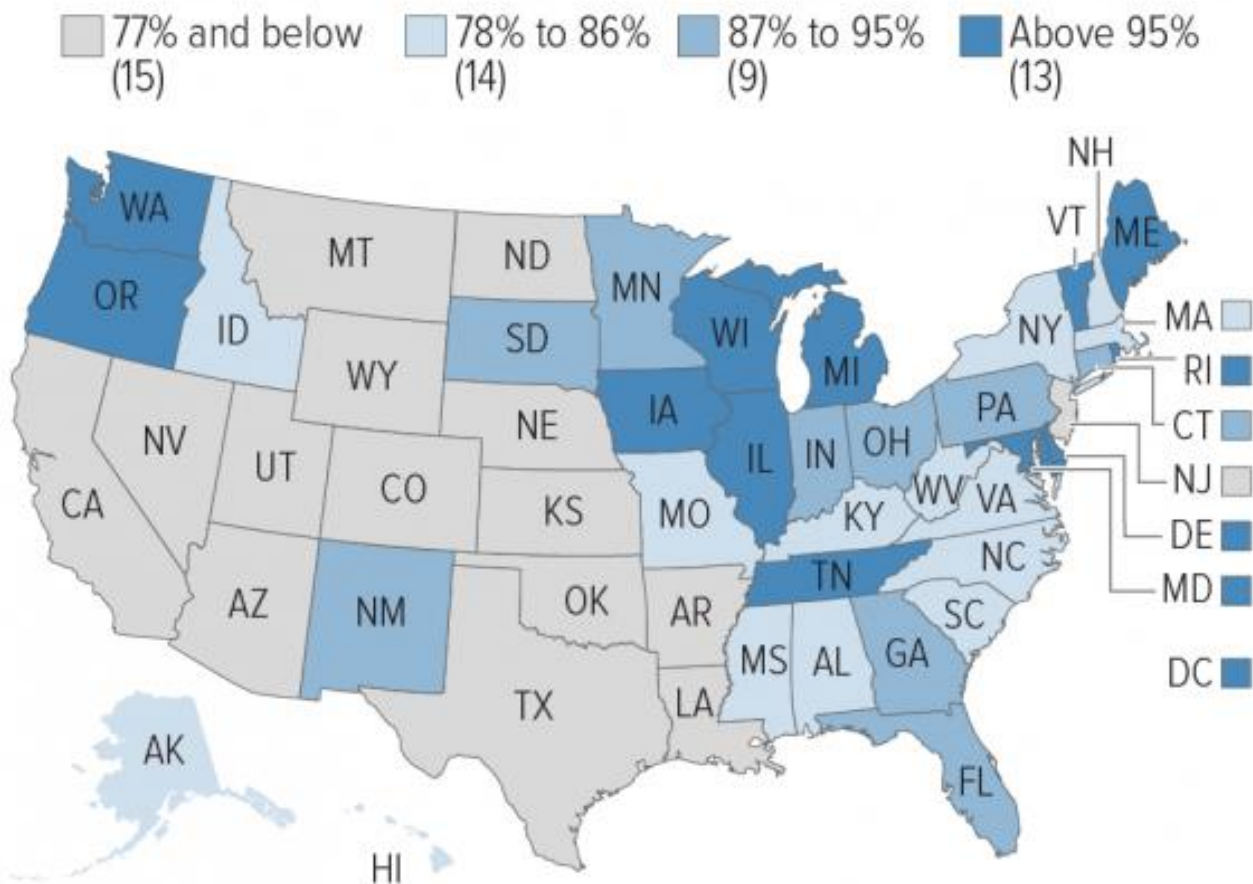
Negative SNAP Proposals in State Legislatures in 2017



Source: CBPP compilation of SNAP-related state legislative proposals.

Maryland is a Success Story

SNAP Participation Rates by State, 2014



Source: Agriculture Department, "Reaching Those in Need: State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation Rates for 2014"

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