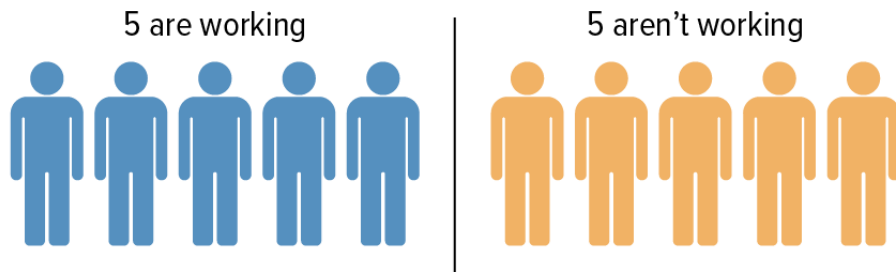


How You Look at Work Among SNAP Participants Changes the Story

When viewing SNAP participants in only a single month you see



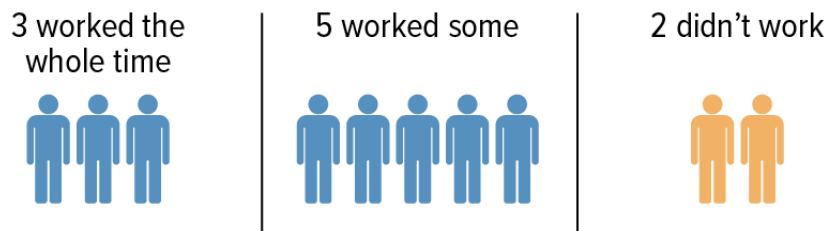
In the example above, a point-in-time view understates the level of work for 2 reasons:

- 1 Many SNAP participants who aren't working in a given month have recently worked or soon will
- 2 People are likelier to participate in SNAP when out of work

Let's consider work over a longer period of time among those who weren't working in that single month:



Of the group who participated in SNAP at some point over several years:



Most SNAP participants who can work do. SNAP is a key support to them when they are between jobs or managing caretaking responsibilities.

More on this topic: Brynne Keith-Jennings and Raheem Chaudhry, "Most Working-Age SNAP Participants Work, But Often in Unstable Jobs," CBPP, March 15, 2018
<https://www.cbpp.org/research/food-assistance/most-working-age-snap-participants-work-but-often-in-unstable-jobs>

Source: CBPP analysis