Children and Youth Receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits
number and percent children/youth ages birth-17 years (2018)

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