What Program Is the Largest Source of Income Support Grants for Low-Income New York City Residents?

Over the last decade, the number of city residents receiving food stamps has more than doubled, while public assistance recipients have decreased and the number of blind and disabled New Yorkers receiving Supplemental Security Income benefits has remained flat.

In fiscal year 2012 city residents received $3.4 billion in food stamp benefits, compared with $2.9 billion from Supplemental Security Income and $1.4 billion from public assistance.

SOURCES: New York City Human Resources Administration; New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

NOTE: Public assistance and Supplemental Security Income recipients may also receive food stamps.

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