

World's richest nation relies on food stamps

A record one in seven Americans relies on the government's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programme, or SNAP, to put food on the table – an increase of more than 11 million people over the past three years



2010: \$64.7 billion
Running costs: \$3.6bn
Total \$68.3bn

Apr 2011: 44.6 million

