

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: TOTAL PARTICIPATION

Data as of January 23, 2026

State/Territory	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Alabama	157,479	512,206	486,630	512,570	520,727
Alaska	5,991	51,594	43,327	43,335	42,534
Arizona	228,844	655,017	549,031	578,986	590,434
Arkansas	255,916	317,077	306,479	310,338	307,503
California	1,499,784	3,096,295	3,216,241	3,298,257	3,285,667
Colorado	49,313	422,615	353,806	443,276	456,544
Connecticut	115,645	324,526	311,391	296,977	292,122
Delaware	10,356	94,130	91,951	95,094	96,570
District of Columbia	7,742	70,427	48,410	51,008	51,218
Florida	559,706	1,704,456	1,702,968	1,786,953	1,797,788
Georgia	819,174	2,074,202	1,089,366	1,129,335	1,154,104
Guam	12,021	10,587	14,774	14,096	14,859
Hawaii	47,848	93,125	90,293	92,029	88,872
Idaho	81,674	165,625	133,644	130,732	130,018
Illinois	119,056	991,135	914,821	937,935	948,448
Indiana	242,637	744,347	710,142	722,314	723,811
Iowa	55,435	383,014	362,711	362,340	359,502
Kansas	54,765	352,722	313,791	319,248	302,171
Kentucky	54,874	479,867	486,966	495,162	495,445
Louisiana	60,703	489,936	495,456	506,692	503,882
Maine	11,189	106,473	113,430	116,224	116,701
Maryland	50,102	478,260	418,511	454,676	465,939
Massachusetts	288,916	579,812	596,441	621,914	627,207
Michigan	104,706	843,012	793,278	915,996	923,679
Minnesota	101,545	609,099	585,262	652,356	660,928
Mississippi	37,184	329,215	312,061	311,203	308,857
Missouri	303,091	575,059	526,289	524,378	520,468
Montana	15,263	86,258	74,931	75,354	75,396
Nebraska	29,651	253,301	240,606	239,689	236,470
Nevada	33,834	231,536	235,764	231,765	225,505
New Hampshire	52,381	93,746	74,988	75,728	73,228
New Jersey	411,266	763,671	687,588	712,565	734,524
New Mexico	95,090	191,179	186,385	201,834	208,017
New York	294,592	1,648,498	1,593,186	1,830,771	1,759,445
North Carolina	92,474	822,253	762,233	820,644	840,939
North Dakota	11,315	98,094	92,962	93,307	92,629
Ohio	632,112	1,081,939	933,127	960,243	986,298
Oklahoma	177,245	413,835	390,991	397,601	400,171
Oregon	58,701	268,075	267,174	282,676	300,920
Pennsylvania	445,671	1,013,964	959,620	985,762	981,710
Puerto Rico	4,019	152,698	162,969	148,654	144,351
Rhode Island	8,857	81,080	70,322	72,969	72,849
South Carolina	249,999	486,146	458,304	495,611	505,039
South Dakota	75,896	108,781	100,236	100,063	98,879
Tennessee	472,601	666,118	612,970	636,236	652,328
Texas	1,813,277	3,502,853	3,350,200	3,404,915	3,393,301
Utah	301,121	353,314	310,136	321,049	321,461
Vermont	5,986	52,718	53,562	54,707	54,524
Virginia	97,833	788,636	703,923	732,984	742,113
Virgin Islands	360	4,260	5,111	4,675	4,725
Washington	75,828	555,823	519,839	543,720	552,737
West Virginia	18,774	172,811	166,923	166,933	166,441
Wisconsin	180,339	517,677	474,062	484,250	477,475
Wyoming	5,608	51,448	44,149	42,984	42,767
Dept. of Defense	20,852	26,289	20,978	20,983	22,652
TOTAL	11,016,640	31,040,832	28,620,707	29,862,094	29,952,892

Participation data are nine-month averages; summer months (June-August) are excluded. Participation is based on average daily meals divided by an attendance factor of 0.927. Department of Defense activity represents children of armed forces personnel attending schools overseas.

FY 2025 data are preliminary; all data are subject to revision.

** In SY 2020-2021, many schools served meals through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) due to the COVID-19 waivers. The COVID-19 waiver which allowed schools to serve meals through the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and report separately started in SY 2021-2022. FY 2021 - 2022 data includes meals served through the SSO.