

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: CHILDREN PARTICIPATING				
Data as of January 23, 2026				
State / Territory	October 2024	September 2025 Preliminary	October 2025 Initial	Percent Change Oct 25 vs Oct 24
Alabama	486,957	556,355	546,044	12.1%
Alaska	43,309	42,590	42,301	-2.3%
Arizona	598,323	591,452	584,451	-2.3%
Arkansas	321,908	319,188	318,172	-1.2%
California	3,357,087	3,289,117	3,411,585	1.6%
Colorado	469,380	468,000	460,319	-1.9%
Connecticut	299,526	282,927	290,005	-3.2%
Delaware	98,447	95,052	98,683	0.2%
District of Columbia	53,703	52,249	58,000	8.0%
Florida	1,807,446	1,773,548	1,772,313	-1.9%
Georgia	1,177,736	1,170,420	1,153,343	-2.1%
Guam	14,203	15,535	15,498	9.1%
Hawaii	89,717	95,611	95,030	5.9%
Idaho	130,382	127,254	130,020	-0.3%
Illinois	986,643	954,915	932,569	-5.5%
Indiana*	731,326	729,846	1,447,118	97.9%
Iowa	371,352	355,643	358,716	-3.4%
Kansas	320,662	298,434	286,150	-10.8%
Kentucky	509,424	502,536	500,862	-1.7%
Louisiana	523,524	513,380	515,463	-1.5%
Maine	119,380	116,337	118,394	-0.8%
Maryland	470,384	451,586	470,190	0.0%
Massachusetts	642,010	619,035	611,580	-4.7%
Michigan	957,314	915,498	915,987	-4.3%
Minnesota	678,033	666,536	732,400	8.0%
Mississippi	320,919	321,030	315,291	-1.8%
Missouri	532,334	519,297	528,735	-0.7%
Montana	78,052	71,972	74,749	-4.2%
Nebraska	243,888	239,050	236,094	-3.2%
Nevada	232,606	223,669	223,691	-3.8%
New Hampshire	75,111	56,524	54,151	-27.9%
New Jersey	785,754	681,587	811,339	3.3%
New Mexico	198,916	207,918	198,780	-0.1%
New York	1,792,828	1,816,109	1,855,834	3.5%
North Carolina	870,347	842,864	871,851	0.2%
North Dakota	95,959	93,111	94,493	-1.5%
Ohio	1,013,087	982,161	1,011,826	-0.1%
Oklahoma	413,331	401,189	181,146	-56.2%
Oregon	309,181	300,192	303,234	-1.9%
Pennsylvania	1,000,576	981,749	1,003,167	0.3%
Puerto Rico	161,521	148,414	136,522	-15.5%
Rhode Island	76,579	58,528	75,761	-1.1%
South Carolina	493,337	522,576	517,992	5.0%
South Dakota	101,510	98,542	99,155	-2.3%
Tennessee	676,243	662,434	650,812	-3.8%
Texas	3,452,385	3,405,990	3,392,542	-1.7%
Utah	329,970	314,994	318,559	-3.5%
Vermont	56,411	54,456	56,137	-0.5%
Virginia	751,186	732,512	743,013	-1.1%
Virgin Islands	4,617	4,896	5,245	13.6%
Washington	566,929	524,480	557,251	-1.7%
West Virginia	171,137	166,219	167,366	-2.2%
Wisconsin	492,172	467,533	492,167	0.0%
Wyoming	42,923	41,204	41,156	-4.1%
Dept. of Defense	23,002	22,255	23,750	3.3%
TOTAL	30,620,987	29,966,493	30,907,003	0.9%

Participation data are based on average daily meals adjusted by an attendance factor of 0.927. Dept. of Defense refers to children of armed forces personnel attending school abroad.

*IN Dept of Ed is reviewing October 2025 estimated meals

Data for September and October 2025 are preliminary and are subject to significant change; all data are subject to revision.