

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: CHILDREN PARTICIPATING

Data as of January 10, 2025

| State / Territory | October 2023 | September 2024 <i>Preliminary</i> | October 2024 <i>Initial</i> | Percent Change Oct 24 vs Oct 23 |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Alabama | 522,588 | 547,085 | 398,391 | -23.8% |
| Alaska | 44,005 | 43,602 | 40,274 | -8.5% |
| Arizona | 572,834 | 600,762 | 599,256 | 4.6% |
| Arkansas | 322,294 | 315,239 | 347,313 | 7.8% |
| California | 3,333,830 | 3,319,493 | 3,321,498 | -0.4% |
| Colorado | 440,475 | 461,088 | 465,169 | 5.6% |
| Connecticut | 301,278 | 286,639 | 299,063 | -0.7% |
| Delaware | 96,291 | 94,379 | 98,429 | 2.2% |
| District of Columbia | 51,244 | 51,455 | 58,282 | 13.7% |
| Florida | 1,796,778 | 1,807,864 | 1,800,055 | 0.2% |
| Georgia | 1,142,122 | 1,169,654 | 1,160,583 | 1.6% |
| Guam | 13,557 | 12,864 | 14,203 | 4.8% |
| Hawaii | 97,523 | 95,754 | 89,711 | -8.0% |
| Idaho | 130,669 | 127,214 | 130,049 | -0.5% |
| Illinois | 945,948 | 951,398 | 982,037 | 3.8% |
| Indiana | 726,243 | 736,013 | 732,839 | 0.9% |
| Iowa | 372,231 | 366,761 | 370,811 | -0.4% |
| Kansas | 322,375 | 326,614 | 308,405 | -4.3% |
| Kentucky | 504,399 | 504,411 | 509,423 | 1.0% |
| Louisiana | 523,960 | 519,217 | 527,679 | 0.7% |
| Maine | 117,305 | 110,249 | 118,072 | 0.7% |
| Maryland | 451,617 | 448,213 | 469,814 | 4.0% |
| Massachusetts | 630,916 | 586,871 | 631,175 | 0.0% |
| Michigan | 935,944 | 930,092 | 790,431 | -15.5% |
| Minnesota | 662,004 | 663,167 | 717,053 | 8.3% |
| Mississippi | 325,955 | 323,106 | 320,920 | -1.5% |
| Missouri | 524,163 | 505,493 | 534,055 | 1.9% |
| Montana | 76,560 | 75,029 | 78,031 | 1.9% |
| Nebraska | 244,716 | 244,224 | 243,656 | -0.4% |
| Nevada | 242,973 | 234,746 | 232,640 | -4.3% |
| New Hampshire | 76,521 | 64,175 | 62,791 | -17.9% |
| New Jersey | 720,353 | 693,666 | 753,588 | 4.6% |
| New Mexico | 204,111 | 207,935 | 207,107 | 1.5% |
| New York | 1,714,151 | 1,729,607 | 1,781,152 | 3.9% |
| North Carolina | 839,567 | 852,140 | 873,741 | 4.1% |
| North Dakota | 95,301 | 94,708 | 95,793 | 0.5% |
| Ohio | 969,738 | 983,056 | 988,700 | 2.0% |
| Oklahoma | 403,656 | 404,700 | 180,342 | -55.3% |
| Oregon | 282,009 | 271,841 | 300,889 | 6.7% |
| Pennsylvania | 1,002,341 | 978,630 | 1,008,117 | 0.6% |
| Puerto Rico | 160,865 | 160,028 | 144,543 | -10.1% |
| Rhode Island | 74,231 | 69,344 | 74,933 | 0.9% |
| South Carolina | 494,016 | 510,035 | 492,988 | -0.2% |
| South Dakota | 102,583 | 101,669 | 102,656 | 0.1% |
| Tennessee | 642,881 | 671,074 | 671,828 | 4.5% |
| Texas | 3,441,444 | 3,462,495 | 3,443,949 | 0.1% |
| Utah | 324,496 | 322,287 | 329,184 | 1.4% |
| Vermont | 55,877 | 55,150 | 55,987 | 0.2% |
| Virginia | 734,147 | 637,115 | 743,465 | 1.3% |
| Virgin Islands | 4,838 | 5,703 | 5,060 | 4.6% |
| Washington | 548,581 | 528,266 | 562,749 | 2.6% |
| West Virginia | 171,228 | 167,795 | 170,861 | -0.2% |
| Wisconsin | 492,215 | 477,274 | 495,018 | 0.6% |
| Wyoming | 42,957 | 37,773 | 42,949 | 0.0% |
| Dept. of Defense | 20,660 | 22,337 | 20,638 | -0.1% |
| TOTAL | 30,091,565 | 29,967,499 | 29,998,344 | -0.3% |

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.

Data for September and October 2024 are preliminary and are subject to significant change; all data are subject to revision.