

**NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: CHILDREN PARTICIPATING**

Data as of November 8, 2024

State / Territory	August 2023	July 2024 <i>Preliminary</i>	August 2024 <i>Initial</i>	Percent Change Aug 24 vs Aug 23
Alabama	493,164	22,935	286,671	-41.9%
Alaska	36,022	427	32,154	-10.7%
Arizona	544,095	99,197	573,419	5.4%
Arkansas	237,020	38,008	579,413	144.5%
California	3,118,213	445,981	3,168,560	1.6%
Colorado	369,369	1,229	348,889	-5.5%
Connecticut	103,174	11,164	146,903	42.4%
Delaware	35,443	518	36,667	3.5%
District of Columbia	6,448	2,453	7,093	10.0%
Florida	1,683,476	46,353	1,679,720	-0.2%
Georgia	1,071,780	91,700	881,393	-17.8%
Guam	11,901	37	9,600	-19.3%
Hawaii	89,851	6,454	89,999	0.2%
Idaho	107,232	499	104,662	-2.4%
Illinois	764,741	18,777	747,249	-2.3%
Indiana	704,704	45,785	510,030	-27.6%
Iowa	296,805	1,655	296,077	-0.2%
Kansas	308,211	1,385	303,368	-1.6%
Kentucky	452,917	1,544	462,330	2.1%
Louisiana	477,139	20,766	233,958	-51.0%
Maine	62,118	4,378	71,300	14.8%
Maryland	319,341	1,156	347,572	8.8%
Massachusetts	334,887	68,955	372,367	11.2%
Michigan	592,513	14,845	622,758	5.1%
Minnesota	80,420	10,766	86,860	8.0%
Mississippi	313,150	65,492	312,428	-0.2%
Missouri	474,223	5,796	437,255	-7.8%
Montana	60,838	633	61,054	0.4%
Nebraska	220,577	737	211,026	-4.3%
Nevada	210,482	804	191,854	-8.9%
New Hampshire	42,666	508	20,849	-51.1%
New Jersey	56,447	32,467	33,288	-41.0%
New Mexico	208,941	41,813	209,278	0.2%
New York	143,524	98,510	159,667	11.2%
North Carolina	328,988	28,784	432,917	31.6%
North Dakota	53,618	163	52,591	-1.9%
Ohio	583,023	20,549	670,506	15.0%
Oklahoma	379,767	574	285,877	-24.7%
Oregon	60,866	10,064	64,832	6.5%
Pennsylvania	710,999	29,214	722,489	1.6%
Puerto Rico	164,886	991	150,315	-8.8%
Rhode Island	28,586	1,317	35,915	25.6%
South Carolina	436,193	77,145	491,654	12.7%
South Dakota	86,042	1,175	89,549	4.1%
Tennessee	572,917	73,816	590,066	3.0%
Texas	3,137,516	136,660	3,175,726	1.2%
Utah	298,711	5,891	294,460	-1.4%
Vermont	50,145	99	49,194	-1.9%
Virginia	612,718	10,079	579,444	-5.4%
Virgin Islands	5,162	18	5,137	-0.5%
Washington	11,063	2,823	6,205	-43.9%
West Virginia	157,387	1,094	156,590	-0.5%
Wisconsin	125,553	4,446	126,345	0.6%
Wyoming	33,180	786	26,454	-20.3%
Dept. of Defense	17,187	0	17,870	4.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,886,338</b>	<b>1,609,413</b>	<b>21,659,844</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>

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 July and August 2024 are preliminary and are subject to significant change; all data are subject to revision.**