

**NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: CHILDREN PARTICIPATING**

Data as of December 13, 2024

State / Territory	September 2023	August 2024 <i>Preliminary</i>	September 2024 <i>Initial</i>	Percent Change Sep 24 vs Sep 23
Alabama	530,187	547,085	546,339	3.0%
Alaska	44,433	34,466	40,706	-8.4%
Arizona	569,410	581,051	600,640	5.5%
Arkansas	315,427	308,975	315,239	-0.1%
California	3,297,167	3,192,157	3,278,919	-0.6%
Colorado	446,523	348,889	461,088	3.3%
Connecticut	284,931	136,094	286,639	0.6%
Delaware	91,569	38,577	94,207	2.9%
District of Columbia	48,166	7,093	52,983	10.0%
Florida	1,780,999	1,740,983	1,792,123	0.6%
Georgia	1,135,718	1,122,907	1,162,708	2.4%
Guam	12,713	9,600	12,864	1.2%
Hawaii	97,523	89,959	95,755	-1.8%
Idaho	128,461	104,756	125,515	-2.3%
Illinois	946,905	754,279	941,778	-0.5%
Indiana	730,458	715,024	721,460	-1.2%
Iowa	366,780	287,915	363,824	-0.8%
Kansas	321,274	303,368	326,614	1.7%
Kentucky	499,764	462,314	504,373	0.9%
Louisiana	521,552	468,629	525,580	0.8%
Maine	115,787	55,540	110,249	-4.8%
Maryland	426,052	333,784	448,387	5.2%
Massachusetts	599,313	345,273	586,871	-2.1%
Michigan	902,016	593,980	923,231	2.4%
Minnesota	641,716	80,074	693,064	8.0%
Mississippi	328,682	311,499	323,273	-1.6%
Missouri	523,546	437,255	505,493	-3.4%
Montana	73,717	61,054	75,029	1.8%
Nebraska	245,464	211,026	244,224	-0.5%
Nevada	244,587	188,901	234,675	-4.1%
New Hampshire	71,205	20,849	64,175	-9.9%
New Jersey	649,436	33,288	635,737	-2.1%
New Mexico	203,861	209,458	208,576	2.3%
New York	1,631,070	159,667	1,712,365	5.0%
North Carolina	799,234	432,277	853,018	6.7%
North Dakota	94,642	52,591	94,708	0.1%
Ohio	935,997	615,101	913,167	-2.4%
Oklahoma	400,039	388,482	422,744	5.7%
Oregon	262,047	65,317	271,841	3.7%
Pennsylvania	964,463	722,489	978,630	1.5%
Puerto Rico	175,282	150,315	150,641	-14.1%
Rhode Island	68,001	35,915	70,841	4.2%
South Carolina	497,863	491,794	510,035	2.4%
South Dakota	99,588	90,633	101,669	2.1%
Tennessee	637,125	606,890	654,932	2.8%
Texas	3,443,341	3,116,657	3,446,626	0.1%
Utah	314,714	309,200	322,184	2.4%
Vermont	54,679	49,194	55,150	0.9%
Virginia	713,813	655,102	637,115	-10.7%
Virgin Islands	5,456	5,137	5,703	4.5%
Washington	271,496	7,111	495,056	82.3%
West Virginia	168,707	157,476	167,795	-0.5%
Wisconsin	472,421	81,456	481,561	1.9%
Wyoming	41,899	26,454	37,773	-9.8%
Dept. of Defense	20,390	17,870	22,338	9.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,267,607</b>	<b>22,373,231</b>	<b>29,708,230</b>	<b>1.5%</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 August and September 2024 are preliminary and are subject to significant change; all data are subject to revision.**