

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: CHILDREN PARTICIPATING				
Data as of February 14, 2025				
State / Territory	November 2023	October 2024 <i>Preliminary</i>	November 2024 <i>Initial</i>	Percent Change Nov 24 vs Nov 23
Alabama	529,819	486,957	435,425	-17.8%
Alaska	42,893	43,591	43,585	1.6%
Arizona	584,740	598,323	606,020	3.6%
Arkansas	325,179	321,908	322,587	-0.8%
California	3,333,567	3,357,087	3,728,796	11.9%
Colorado	452,167	469,380	470,283	4.0%
Connecticut	299,579	299,526	296,888	-0.9%
Delaware	96,626	98,447	98,193	1.6%
District of Columbia	52,168	51,604	46,310	-11.2%
Florida	1,796,617	1,807,446	1,829,264	1.8%
Georgia	1,150,236	1,160,583	1,174,088	2.1%
Guam	13,881	14,203	15,312	10.3%
Hawaii	96,898	89,717	93,695	-3.3%
Idaho	133,380	130,382	131,846	-1.2%
Illinois	945,791	984,781	934,002	-1.2%
Indiana	731,704	731,326	736,254	0.6%
Iowa	367,980	371,380	365,895	-0.6%
Kansas	322,797	308,405	349,755	8.4%
Kentucky	500,174	509,424	506,627	1.3%
Louisiana	522,319	519,433	522,900	0.1%
Maine	118,487	119,380	119,145	0.6%
Maryland	453,175	470,066	469,004	3.5%
Massachusetts	623,991	642,010	636,638	2.0%
Michigan	931,955	957,314	803,386	-13.8%
Minnesota	658,557	678,150	711,903	8.1%
Mississippi	324,941	320,919	322,766	-0.7%
Missouri	536,368	534,055	534,333	-0.4%
Montana	76,065	78,031	75,683	-0.5%
Nebraska	245,455	243,656	244,495	-0.4%
Nevada	253,667	232,600	236,714	-6.7%
New Hampshire	76,735	75,117	72,580	-5.4%
New Jersey	694,542	785,754	693,447	-0.2%
New Mexico	203,730	198,916	206,526	1.4%
New York	1,714,019	1,781,152	1,774,918	3.6%
North Carolina	826,360	870,189	861,957	4.3%
North Dakota	95,086	95,793	95,011	-0.1%
Ohio	973,250	1,013,087	1,011,791	4.0%
Oklahoma	408,725	409,177	172,352	-57.8%
Oregon	271,395	307,354	307,238	13.2%
Pennsylvania	987,332	1,000,576	998,625	1.1%
Puerto Rico	148,164	161,849	141,710	-4.4%
Rhode Island	73,502	74,933	76,561	4.2%
South Carolina	502,653	480,681	518,690	3.2%
South Dakota	102,318	100,891	102,286	0.0%
Tennessee	638,002	676,186	663,006	3.9%
Texas	3,455,035	3,452,055	3,454,516	0.0%
Utah	323,834	329,970	326,671	0.9%
Vermont	55,314	55,987	55,381	0.1%
Virginia	739,965	747,556	750,956	1.5%
Virgin Islands	5,115	5,060	5,732	12.1%
Washington	545,437	566,929	556,657	2.1%
West Virginia	172,047	171,137	170,458	-0.9%
Wisconsin	493,376	435,436	609,093	23.5%
Wyoming	43,943	42,949	43,581	-0.8%
Dept. of Defense	20,110	23,003	19,337	-3.8%
TOTAL	30,091,165	30,491,817	30,550,871	1.5%
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 October and November 2024 are preliminary and are subject to significant change; all data are subject to revision.				