

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: CHILDREN PARTICIPATING

Data as of April 11, 2025

State / Territory	January 2024	December 2024 Preliminary	January 2025 Initial	Percent Change Jan 25 vs Jan 24
Alabama	520,077	498,631	527,294	1.4%
Alaska	43,433	42,840	42,850	-1.3%
Arizona	577,575	590,070	596,134	3.2%
Arkansas	310,104	299,277	308,748	-0.4%
California	3,294,273	3,196,691	3,348,571	1.6%
Colorado	446,302	467,014	456,607	2.3%
Connecticut	290,605	292,409	285,344	-1.8%
Delaware	94,156	96,996	95,325	1.2%
District of Columbia	50,098	44,575	62,411	24.6%
Florida	1,797,161	1,790,135	1,819,135	1.2%
Georgia	1,118,796	1,129,143	1,147,006	2.5%
Guam	13,302	14,095	14,722	10.7%
Hawaii	93,673	4,214	88,693	-5.3%
Idaho	130,286	131,482	130,824	0.4%
Illinois	907,599	964,729	925,672	2.0%
Indiana	714,146	731,936	722,403	1.2%
Iowa	358,291	366,740	357,977	-0.1%
Kansas	321,437	317,534	313,688	-2.4%
Kentucky	493,232	500,866	484,912	-1.7%
Louisiana	514,579	500,456	519,587	1.0%
Maine	114,516	118,998	115,249	0.6%
Maryland	450,734	473,667	455,964	1.2%
Massachusetts	616,290	629,231	622,124	0.9%
Michigan	903,639	939,175	793,533	-12.2%
Minnesota	656,735	666,238	709,182	8.0%
Mississippi	312,456	303,329	312,244	-0.1%
Missouri	504,763	519,720	512,278	1.5%
Montana	74,037	77,935	75,892	2.5%
Nebraska	243,649	241,661	240,851	-1.1%
Nevada	237,088	229,690	237,415	0.1%
New Hampshire	74,928	76,352	71,724	-4.3%
New Jersey	715,805	738,108	762,944	6.6%
New Mexico	201,944	225,959	224,052	10.9%
New York	1,668,262	1,764,219	1,745,825	4.6%
North Carolina	794,074	855,298	819,014	3.1%
North Dakota	94,183	93,696	92,441	-1.8%
Ohio	959,386	998,895	985,478	2.7%
Oklahoma	388,684	404,315	363,784	-6.4%
Oregon	275,548	299,167	298,087	8.2%
Pennsylvania	984,984	985,913	980,395	-0.5%
Puerto Rico	163,777	134,871	144,332	-11.9%
Rhode Island	69,990	75,933	72,042	2.9%
South Carolina	497,751	508,969	489,016	-1.8%
South Dakota	100,621	100,462	99,958	-0.7%
Tennessee	622,224	642,499	647,543	4.1%
Texas	3,370,334	3,404,723	3,399,420	0.9%
Utah	319,978	325,069	322,918	0.9%
Vermont	53,820	56,691	56,670	5.3%
Virginia	724,667	751,287	742,143	2.4%
Virgin Islands	5,330	4,677	5,259	-1.3%
Washington	537,009	558,982	553,224	3.0%
West Virginia	167,257	169,087	163,770	-2.1%
Wisconsin	482,108	489,688	482,357	0.1%
Wyoming	43,331	44,583	43,970	1.5%
Dept. of Defense	20,357	22,258	22,449	10.3%
TOTAL	29,539,383	29,911,180	29,911,452	1.3%

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 December 2024 and January 2025 are preliminary and are subject to significant change; all data are subject to revision.