

Appendix B

CACFP programs' policies and practices supplementary tables

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Table B.1. Menu planners' affiliation, background, and training in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Did the respondent plan the menus | | | | |
| Yes | 56.4 | 36.0 | 95.2~ | 80.5 |
| No | 43.6 | 64.0 | 3.3^ | 18.5 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.5^ | 1.0^ |
| Among the respondents who planned the menus, entity creating the menus (n = 450)^a | | | | |
| Director or site supervisor | 81.5 | 47.2 | 47.7~ | 53.3 |
| Center or home child care provider | - | 0.0 | 46.3 | 36.7 |
| Dietitian or nutritionist | 2.4^ | 33.5 | 0.0 | 1.8^ |
| Cook or chef | 8.6^ | 2.2^ | 0.0 | 1.5^ |
| Child care or afterschool center corporate office | 2.5^ | - | 0.0 | 0.5^ |
| Teacher | - | - | 4.1^ | 3.9^ |
| Other | 1.3^ | 3.4^ | 5.8^ | 5.0^ |
| Missing ^b | 3.6^ | 10.0^ | 13.1^ | 11.4 |
| Years of menu planning experience among respondents who plan menus (n = 450) | | | | |
| Less than two years | 7.8^ | 15.9^ | 2.2^~ | 3.7^ |
| Two to five years | 29.0 | 22.8^ | 9.4^ | 13.2 |
| Six to 10 years | 16.3 | 15.9 | 12.1 | 12.9 |
| More than 10 years | 46.6 | 45.0 | 69.1 | 64.4 |
| Don't know | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing | - | - | 7.2^ | 5.8^ |
| Highest degree or certification(s) among respondents who plan menus (n = 450)^a | | | | |
| High school diploma or GED | 20.2 | 9.8^ | 52.6 | 45.4 |
| Associate degree | 33.5 | 24.6^ | 23.0~ | 24.8 |
| Baccalaureate degree | 33.7 | 49.8 | 17.8 | 21.8 |
| Master's degree | 11.2^ | 13.3^ | 3.9^~ | 5.5^ |
| Doctoral degree | 0.0 | - | - | 1.7^ |
| Registered dietitian | - | 5.4^ | 0.0 | 0.2^ |
| Other | 12.8^ | 19.7^ | 12.1^ | 12.5 |
| No degree or certification | - | 0.0 | 0.3^ | 0.5^ |
| Don't know | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | - |
| Area of study among menu planners who earned a terminal degree (n = 276)^a | | | | |
| Early childhood education | 56.2 | 19.5^ | 42.8~ | 44.5~ |
| Child development | 10.6^ | 9.8^ | 27.5~ | 22.3 |
| Business administration | 12.4^ | 3.5^ | 26.9^~ | 21.8 |
| Food service management | 10.9^ | 14.3^ | 3.8^~ | 6.2^ |
| Food and nutrition/dietetics | 4.6^ | 44.1 | 2.9^~ | 6.1^ |
| Family child studies | 4.2^ | 10.9^ | 5.4^~ | 5.5^ |

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Other | 32.0 | 35.7 | 32.8^~ | 32.8~ |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023. Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

^a Multiple responses were allowed.

^b Missing responses are included in estimates if the respondent was the menu planner of the program and did not list a title.

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GED = General Educational Development test.

Table B.2. Menu planners' affiliation, background, and training in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Did the respondent plan the menus | | | |
| Yes | 37.1 | 36.0 | 37.0 |
| No | 62.9 | 64.0 | 63.0 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Among the respondents who planned the menus, entity creating the menus (n = 129)^a | | | |
| Director or site supervisor | 67.0 | 82.5 | 68.1 |
| Center or home child care provider | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Dietitian or nutritionist | 7.1 [^] | 9.4 [^] | 7.2 [^] |
| Cook or chef | 0.5 [^] | - | 0.7 [^] |
| Child care or afterschool center corporate office | 7.8 [^] | 0.0 | 7.3 [^] |
| Teacher | - | - | 0.3 [^] |
| Other | 3.3 [^] | - | 3.2 [^] |
| Missing ^b | 14.2 [^] | - | 13.3 [^] |
| Years of menu planning experience among respondents who plan menus (n = 129) | | | |
| Less than two years | 4.0 [^] | 9.1 [^] | 4.4 [^] |
| Two to five years | 33.0 | 16.9 [^] | 31.9 |
| Six to 10 years | 17.5 [^] | 20.5 [^] | 17.7 [^] |
| More than 10 years | 45.5 | 50.1 | 45.8 |
| Don't know | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing | 0.0 | - | - |
| Highest degree or certification(s) among respondents who plan menus (n = 129)^a | | | |
| High school diploma or GED | 17.6 [^] | 22.5 [^] | 17.9 |
| Associate degree | 23.1 [^] | 17.8 [^] | 22.7 [^] |
| Baccalaureate degree | 31.6 [^] | 45.7 | 32.5 |
| Master's degree | 27.5 | 14.0 [^] | 26.6 |
| Doctoral degree | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Registered dietitian | 19.1 [^] | - | 18.2 [^] |
| Other | 11.4 [^] | - | 10.7 [^] |
| No degree or certification | - | 0.0 | - |
| Don't know | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Area of study among menu planners who earned a terminal degree (n = 89)^a | | | |
| Early childhood education | 36.9 | 67.8 | 38.9 |
| Child development | 7.5 [^] | 24.7 [^] | 8.6 [^] |
| Business administration | 16.7 ^{^~} | 12.1 [^] | 16.4 [^] |
| Food service management | 8.7 [^] | - | 8.4 [^] |
| Food and nutrition/dietetics | 41.7 | 14.3 [^] | 40.0 |
| Family child studies | 9.8 ^{^~} | - | 9.4 [^] |

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Other | 16.6^ | 37.9 | 18.0^ |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023. Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all before and after school programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

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GED = General Educational Development test.

Table B.3. Considerations in menu planning in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| CACFP meal patterns | 72.6 | 71.4 | 43.6~ | 53.1 |
| Nutritional quality of food | 52.2 | 57.9 | 42.8 | 46.5 |
| Child preferences | 36.1 | 41.0 | 40.2~ | 39.3 |
| Time needed to prepare menu items | 27.0 | 22.1 | 41.8 | 36.4 |
| Ease of preparing menu items | 27.3 | 14.7 | 35.2 | 31.5 |
| Prices of foods/beverages | 17.9 | 17.3 | 30.3 | 26.1 |
| Seasonality of products | 11.2^ | 11.7 | 26.9 | 21.7 |
| Access to foods/beverages | 17.9 | 9.2^ | 9.6^~ | 11.5 |
| Food storage capacity | 11.4 | 8.1 | 2.0^ | 4.8 |
| Cooking or food preparation skills of food preparer/cook | 2.2^ | 7.4 | 3.6^ | 3.6^ |
| Availability of preparation equipment | 4.7^ | 2.1^ | - | 2.3^ |
| Parent/guardian preferences | 1.3^ | 4.7 | 1.4^ | 1.7^ |
| Kitchen/food preparation space | 1.8^ | 6.7^ | 0.2^ | 1.2^ |
| Menu planning software | - | 0.9^ | - | 0.2^ |
| Other | 3.3^ | 3.9^ | - | 2.9^ |
| Don't know | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | - |
| Missing | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | - |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

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Respondents could select up to three responses.

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Table B.4. Considerations in menu planning in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| CACFP meal patterns | 60.6 | 51.6 | 60.0 |
| Nutritional quality of food | 35.2 | 51.6 | 36.3 |
| Child preferences | 33.5 | 36.8 | 33.7 |
| Time needed to prepare menu items | 28.8 | 18.0 | 28.0 |
| Ease of preparing menu items | 27.3 | 32.7 | 27.7 |
| Prices of foods/beverages | 28.6 | 18.8 | 27.9 |
| Seasonality of products | 9.6^ | 19.6 | 10.3 |
| Access to foods/beverages | 12.4 | 13.5 | 12.5 |
| Food storage capacity | 11.6 | 6.8^ | 11.3 |
| Cooking or food preparation skills of food preparer/cook | 3.8^ | - | 3.7^ |
| Availability of preparation equipment | 5.7^ | 1.4^ | 5.4^ |
| Parent/guardian preferences | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Kitchen/food preparation space | 1.9^ | 18.4^ | 3.1^ |
| Menu planning software | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 10.9 | 7.5^ | 10.7 |
| Don't know | 0.8^ | - | 0.8^ |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

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Table B.5. Food preparation and storage equipment available in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Food preparation equipment | | | | |
| Sink | 93.2 | 81.9 | 92.2 | 91.5 |
| Stove | 70.9 | 57.3 | 94.2~ | 85.3 |
| Oven | 80.8 | 61.8 | 89.8 | 85.1 |
| Hot water source | 88.0 | 74.6 | 83.2~ | 83.6 |
| Microwave | 85.6 | 69.2 | 83.3~ | 82.6 |
| Toaster oven/toaster | 52.8 | 39.8 | 76.4 | 67.4 |
| Blender | 43.5 | 42.7 | 78.2~ | 66.6 |
| Dishwasher | 42.4 | 53.8 | 61.4~ | 56.2 |
| Scale | 45.9 | 48.2 | 41.2~ | 43.0 |
| Hot plate or alternative heating element | 20.7 | 22.9 | 23.8~ | 23.0 |
| No onsite food preparation equipment available | 3.9^ | 15.6 | - | 2.4 |
| Don't know | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing | - | 1.4^ | 1.6^~ | 1.2^ |
| Food storage equipment | | | | |
| Cabinets, pantry, or shelving for dry goods | 98.6 | 93.9 | 92.5 | 94.1 |
| Reach-in refrigerator | 94.7 | 92.0 | 95.3~ | 94.8 |
| Reach-in freezer | 88.1 | 75.8 | 90.0 | 88.3 |
| Walk-in refrigerator/cooler | 4.6^ | 21.6 | 6.4^ | 7.4 |
| Walk-in freezer | 2.0^ | 19.7 | 2.0^~ | 3.6^ |
| Fork lift or pallet jack | 0.0 | 1.2^ | - | 0.2^ |
| No onsite food storage area | 1.0^ | 1.9^ | 0.0 | 0.4^ |
| Don't know | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing | - | 1.4^ | 1.6^~ | 1.2^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

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Table B.6. Food preparation and storage equipment available in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Food preparation equipment | | | |
| Sink | 83.2 | 78.7 | 82.9 |
| Stove | 56.3 | 63.3 | 56.7 |
| Oven | 72.6 | 69.2 | 72.4 |
| Hot water source | 81.1 | 58.3 | 79.5 |
| Microwave | 51.1 | 51.5 | 51.1 |
| Toaster oven/toaster | 16.8 | 37.2 | 18.2 |
| Blender | 33.7 | 34.6 | 33.8 |
| Dishwasher | 40.4 | 44.5 | 40.7 |
| Scale | 55.8 | 39.3 | 54.6 |
| Hot plate or alternative heating element | 18.9 | 20.2 | 19.0 |
| No onsite food preparation equipment available | 8.3^ | 16.3^ | 8.9^ |
| Don't know | 0.9^ | 0.0 | 0.8^ |
| Missing | 1.5^ | 0.0 | 1.4^ |
| Food storage equipment | | | |
| Cabinets, pantry, or shelving for dry goods | 91.4 | 93.4 | 91.5 |
| Reach-in refrigerator | 85.8 | 96.5 | 86.5 |
| Reach-in freezer | 61.7 | 75.1 | 62.6 |
| Walk-in refrigerator/cooler | 48.9 | 29.5^ | 47.6 |
| Walk-in freezer | 49.3 | 14.9 | 46.9 |
| Fork lift or pallet jack | 3.6^ | - | 3.4^ |
| No onsite food storage area | 3.0^ | - | 2.9^ |
| Don't know | 0.3^ | 0.0 | 0.3^ |
| Missing | 1.5^ | 0.0 | 1.4^ |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

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Table B.7. Use of cycle menus in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Program uses cycle menus | | | | |
| Yes | 78.2 | 83.7 | 59.3~ | 66.0 |
| No | 21.6 | 13.8 | 37.2~ | 31.3 |
| Don't know | - | 2.5^ | 3.5^~ | 2.6^ |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | - |
| Frequency of cycle, among programs that reported using cycle menus (n = 582) | | | | |
| One-week cycle | 2.8^ | 2.5^ | 14.5^~ | 9.8^ |
| Two-week cycle | 7.5^ | 9.7^ | 18.6~ | 14.4 |
| Three-week cycle | 4.0^ | 2.3^ | 13.8^~ | 9.7^ |
| Four-week cycle | 54.9 | 50.0 | 36.7~ | 43.4 |
| Five-week cycle | 14.9^ | 13.4^ | 2.0^~ | 7.0 |
| Six-week cycle | 6.2^ | 10.8 | 3.9^~ | 5.4 |
| Seven-week cycle | 0.0 | - | - | 0.3^ |
| Eight-week cycle | 5.5^ | 5.8^ | - | 2.3^ |
| Longer than eight-week cycle | 1.2^ | 1.8^ | 2.2^~ | 1.9^ |
| Don't know | 0.6^ | 2.4^ | 3.0^~ | 2.3^ |
| Missing | - | 0.0 | 4.8^~ | 3.6^ |
| Mean weeks per cycle, among programs that reported using cycle menus (n = 582) | | | | |
| Mean weeks per menu cycle | 4.3 | 4.4 | 3.2~ | 3.7 |
| Missing | - | 0.0 | 4.8^~ | 3.6^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

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Table B.8. Use of cycle menus in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Program uses cycle menus | | | |
| Yes | 88.0 | 68.9 | 86.7 |
| No | 5.6^ | 28.7 | 7.2^ |
| Don't know | 6.4^ | 2.4^ | 6.1^ |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Frequency of cycle, among programs that reported using cycle menus (n = 220) | | | |
| One-week cycle | 10.0^ | 1.7^ | 9.6^ |
| Two-week cycle | 29.1 | 11.0^ | 28.1 |
| Three-week cycle | 19.0 | 6.0^ | 18.3 |
| Four-week cycle | 29.9 | 24.4^ | 29.6 |
| Five-week cycle | 3.8^ | 14.8^ | 4.4^ |
| Six-week cycle | - | 7.9^ | 0.5^ |
| Seven-week cycle | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Eight-week cycle | - | 3.7^ | 2.1^ |
| Longer than eight-week cycle | 0.0 | 5.9^ | 0.3^ |
| Don't know | 6.3^ | 24.6^ | 7.3^ |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Mean weeks per cycle, among programs that reported using cycle menus (n = 220) | | | |
| Mean weeks per menu cycle | 3.0 | 4.6 | 3.1 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

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Table B.9. Nutrient analysis and tools used for selecting and purchasing healthier foods in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Program analyzes nutritional content of meals | | | | |
| Yes | 92.2 | 89.0 | 81.3 | 84.6 |
| No | 3.9^ | 7.2^ | 4.2^~ | 4.4^ |
| Don't know | 3.0^ | 3.3^ | 12.0^~ | 9.1 |
| Missing | 0.9^ | 0.4^ | 2.6^~ | 2.0^ |
| Tools and resources used for selecting and purchasing healthier foods^a | | | | |
| USDA (including online resources or technical assistance from personnel) | 53.4 | 62.1 | 21.3~ | 32.7 |
| Sponsoring agency (if sponsored) | 23.7 | 16.5 | 16.9~ | 18.2 |
| State health department | 6.5^ | 15.4 | 10.1 | 9.7 |
| Child care corporate office | 6.8^ | 8.0 | 8.2 | 7.8 |
| Resource and referral agency | 5.8^ | 0.8^ | 4.8^ | 4.7 |
| Internet/online resources | 6.2^ | 8.9^ | 1.5^ | 3.3 |
| School food authority | 5.0^ | 10.0 | - | 3.2^ |
| Other | 12.0 | 13.1 | 15.9 | 14.7 |
| None of the above | 26.9 | 20.2 | 49.1~ | 41.1 |
| Missing | - | 2.4^ | 4.3^~ | 3.2^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

^a Multiple responses were allowed.

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USDA = United States Department of Agriculture.

Table B.10. Nutrient analysis and tools used for selecting and purchasing healthier foods in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Program analyzes nutritional content of meals | | | |
| Yes | 89.9 | 89.7 | 89.9 |
| No | 4.5^ | 2.0^ | 4.3^ |
| Don't know | 5.5^ | 6.6^ | 5.6 |
| Missing | - | - | 0.2^ |
| Tools and resources used for selecting and purchasing healthier foods^a | | | |
| USDA (including online resources or technical assistance from personnel) | 55.5 | 38.0 | 54.3 |
| Sponsoring agency (if sponsored) | 30.4 | 31.2^ | 30.4 |
| State health department | 8.9 | 11.8 | 9.1 |
| Child care corporate office | 3.2^ | 2.2^ | 3.1^ |
| Resource and referral agency | 1.2^ | 5.0^ | 1.4^ |
| Internet/online resources | 6.2^ | 8.5^ | 6.4^ |
| School food authority | 37.3 | - | 34.8 |
| Other | 11.6 | 14.9 | 11.8 |
| None of the above | 12.2 | 29.1 | 13.4 |
| Missing | 4.4^ | 3.8^ | 4.3^ |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all before and after school programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

^a Multiple responses were allowed.

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USDA = United States Department of Agriculture.

Table B.11 Challenges in planning menus that meet the CACFP meal patterns in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Limited access to foods that fit in the requirements | 39.8*** | 20.4 | 18.5###~ | 23.8 |
| Children's food allergies | 25.2 | 29.8+ | 18.1~ | 20.8 |
| Lack of staff time for menu planning | 20.6 | 15.4 | 16.8~ | 17.6 |
| Understanding the meal pattern requirements | 19.8 | 11.6 | 16.2^~ | 16.6 |
| Parental preferences | 12.2 | 10.5 | 12.6 | 12.3 |
| Lack of staff training for menu planning | 7.7^ | 8.9 | 3.5^~ | 5.0^ |
| Other | 15.4^ | 15.3 | 12.9^~ | 13.7 |
| No challenges | 37.8 | 44.4 | 45.7 | 43.7 |
| Don't know | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | - |
| Missing | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | - |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Respondents could select up to three responses.

Difference between child care centers and Head Start centers is significantly different from zero at the ***0.001 level, **0.01 level, or *0.05 level. Difference between child care centers and family day care homes is significantly different from zero at the ###0.001 level, ##0.01 level, or #0.05 level. Difference between Head Start centers and family day care homes is significantly different from zero at the +++0.001 level, ++0.01 level, or +0.05 level.

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CACFP = Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Table B.12. Challenges in planning menus that meet the CACFP meal patterns in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Limited access to foods that fit in the requirements | 27.5 | 20.5 | 27.0 |
| Children's food allergies | 17.6 | 13.0^ | 17.3 |
| Lack of staff time for menu planning | 11.1 | 7.0 | 10.8 |
| Understanding the meal pattern requirements | 11.1^ | 27.1^ | 12.2 |
| Parental preferences | 3.1^ | 6.8^ | 3.4^ |
| Lack of staff training for menu planning | 5.5^ | 3.8^ | 5.4^ |
| Other | 20.5 | 19.2^ | 20.4 |
| No challenges | 48.1 | 46.4 | 48.0 |
| Don't know | - | 0.0 | - |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all before and after school programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Respondents could select up to three responses.

Difference between at-risk afterschool centers and outside-school-hours care centers is significantly different from zero at the ***0.001 level, ** 0.01 level, or * 0.05 level.

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CACFP = Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Table B.13. Challenges in planning menus that meet the CACFP meal patterns in early child care programs, by share of minority children residing in the area

| | 0 to less than 40 percent | 40 to less than 80 percent | 80 to 100 percent | All |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Limited access to foods that fit in the requirements | 22.9 | 19.3 | 29.0~ | 23.8 |
| Children's food allergies | 17.6^ | 21.4 | 23.6 | 20.8 |
| Lack of staff time for menu planning | 29.7** | 14.5^ | 8.5###^ | 17.6 |
| Understanding the meal pattern requirements | 8.5^ | 17.7^ | 23.8## | 16.6 |
| Parental preferences | 6.8^ | 12.7^ | 17.6^~ | 12.3 |
| Lack of staff training for menu planning | 6.7^ | 6.9^ | 1.5^ | 5.0^ |
| Other | 17.5 | 19.6++^~ | 4.2##^ | 13.7 |
| No challenges | 41.6 | 35.9† | 53.3 | 43.7 |
| Don't know | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | - |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | - |
| Number of early child care programs | 303 | 247 | 226 | 776 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023, and American Community Survey, 2021.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Respondents could select up to three responses.

The percentage of minority children residing in the area is defined as the percentage of children ages 0–11 in the program's zip code who are non-White or Hispanic.

Difference between programs in an area with zero to less than 40 percent minority children and 40 to less than 80 percent minority children is significantly different from zero at the ***0.001 level, **0.01 level, or *0.05 level. Difference between programs in an area with zero to less than 40 percent minority children and 80 to 100 percent minority children is significantly different from zero at the ###0.001 level, ##0.01 level, or #0.05 level. Difference between programs in an area with 40 to less than 80 percent minority children and 80 to 100 percent minority children is significantly different from zero at the +++0.001 level, ++0.01 level, or +0.05 level.

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CACFP = Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Table B.14. Challenges in planning menus that meet the CACFP meal patterns in before and after school programs, by share of minority children residing in the area

| | 0 to less than 40 percent | 40 to less than 80 percent | 80 to 100 percent | All |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Limited access to foods that fit in the requirements | 26.8 | 28.3 | 26.0 | 27.0 |
| Children's food allergies | 17.2^ | 19.2^ | 15.6^ | 17.3 |
| Lack of staff time for menu planning | 10.5^ | 6.4^ | 15.4^ | 10.8 |
| Understanding the meal pattern requirements | 17.8^ | 12.9^ | 9.1^ | 12.2 |
| Parental preferences | 0.5^ | 4.8^ | 3.3^ | 3.4^ |
| Lack of staff training for menu planning | 8.3^ | 9.3+^ | 0.3^ | 5.4^ |
| Other | 9.8^ | 20.0 | 25.7# | 20.4 |
| No challenges | 44.8 | 49.0 | 48.1 | 48.0 |
| Don't know | - | 0.0 | - | - |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Number of before and after school programs | 85 | 107 | 100 | 292 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023, and American Community Survey, 2021.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all before and after school programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Respondents could select up to three responses.

The percentage of minority children residing in the area is defined as the percentage of children ages 0–11 in the program's zip code who are non-White or Hispanic.

Difference between programs in an area with zero to less than 40 percent minority children and 40 to less than 80 percent minority children is significantly different from zero at the ***0.001 level, **0.01 level, or *0.05 level. Difference between programs in an area with zero to less than 40 percent minority children and 80 to 100 percent minority children is significantly different from zero at the ###0.001 level, ##0.01 level, or #0.05 level. Difference between programs in an area with 40 to less than 80 percent minority children and 80 to 100 percent minority children is significantly different from zero at the +++0.001 level, ++0.01 level, or +0.05 level.

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CACFP = Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Table B.15. Places early child care programs shop for fresh fruits and vegetables

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Grocery store or supermarket | 52.1 | 37.6 | 89.6~ | 75.9 |
| Wholesale store | 45.7 | 16.2 | 45.2~ | 42.7 |
| Farmers market | 7.1^ | 2.5^ | 28.6 | 21.1 |
| Independent food service company, vender, caterer, or other contractor | 39.7 | 55.8 | - | 14.6 |
| Corner store, convenience store, or bodega | 1.4^ | - | 9.0^~ | 6.4^ |
| School district | 0.8^ | 10.0 | - | 1.8^ |
| Food buying cooperative or community supported agriculture | - | 4.2^ | - | 1.0^ |
| The State Agency | - | - | 0.0 | 0.1^ |
| Other | 14.9 | 12.4 | 0.2^ | 4.8 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | - |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023. Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Multiple responses were allowed.

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Table B.16. Places before and after school programs shop for fresh fruits and vegetables

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Grocery store or supermarket | 6.6^ | 32.6^ | 8.4^ |
| Wholesale store | 11.1^ | 27.9^ | 12.3 |
| Farmers market | 0.0 | 23.9^ | 1.6^ |
| Independent food service company, vender, caterer, or other contractor | 34.0 | 39.0 | 34.4 |
| Corner store, convenience store, or bodega | 0.0 | - | - |
| School district | 26.2 | 0.0 | 24.4 |
| Food buying cooperative or community supported agriculture | 4.2^ | - | 4.0^ |
| The State Agency | 7.5^ | - | 7.1^ |
| Other | 21.3 | 9.9 | 20.5 |
| Missing | 1.9^ | 0.0 | 1.8^ |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023. Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all before and after school programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

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Table B.17. Barriers to purchasing and serving healthy foods in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Cost of healthier foods | 39.5 | 37.4 | 69.8 | 59.6 |
| Time needed to prepare healthier meals and snacks | 25.2 | 25.7 | 30.5 | 28.8 |
| Preference of children in program | 26.9 | 12.3 | 27.1 | 25.7 |
| Access to nutritious food and beverage options | 16.5 | 15.4 | 7.2^ | 10.2 |
| Limitations with kitchen space or equipment | 17.9 | 10.6 | 4.6^ | 8.4 |
| Parental preferences, including those related to culture | 6.7^ | 8.4^ | 5.3^ | 5.9^ |
| Using processed and pre-prepared foods is more convenient | 11.2^ | 9.3 | 2.6^ | 5.3 |
| Lack of knowledge about nutrition guidelines | 1.0^ | 3.8^ | 3.3^ | 2.8^ |
| Lack of staff skills required to prepare nutritious meals and snacks | 3.8^ | 5.2^ | - | 2.2^ |
| Staff resistance because of personal food preferences | 4.7^ | 9.2^ | 0.0 | 2.0^ |
| Lack of staff knowledge on how to read a nutrition facts label | 0.4^ | 2.2^ | - | 0.9^ |
| Other | 3.6^ | 4.0^ | - | 2.3^ |
| No barriers to purchasing and serving healthier foods | 30.7 | 36.9 | 24.7 | 27.3 |
| Missing | - | 1.0^ | - | 0.5^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023. Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted. Respondents could select up to three responses.

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Table B.18. Barriers to purchasing and serving healthy foods in in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Cost of healthier foods | 47.5 | 36.2 | 46.7 |
| Time needed to prepare healthier meals and snacks | 30.1 | 17.6 | 29.2 |
| Preference of children in program | 24.3 | 13.4 | 23.5 |
| Access to nutritious food and beverage options | 8.4^ | 11.5^ | 8.6^ |
| Limitations with kitchen space or equipment | 15.2 | 11.8 | 15.0 |
| Parental preferences, including those related to culture | 4.3^ | 5.2^ | 4.4^ |
| Using processed and pre-prepared foods is more convenient | 21.6 | 10.0^ | 20.8 |
| Lack of knowledge about nutrition guidelines | 3.3^ | 3.1^ | 3.3^ |
| Lack of staff skills required to prepare nutritious meals and snacks | 4.9 | - | 4.8^ |
| Staff resistance because of personal food preferences | 3.1^ | - | 2.9^ |
| Lack of staff knowledge on how to read a nutrition facts label | 0.0 | - | - |
| Other | 4.7^ | 6.4^ | 4.8^ |
| No barriers to purchasing and serving healthier foods | 25.2 | 41.6 | 26.3 |
| Missing | 3.6^ | 3.1^ | 3.5^ |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

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Respondents could select up to three responses.

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Table B.19. Sources of foods for meals and snacks in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Grocery store or supermarket | 71.9 | 50.2 | 93.8~ | 84.6 |
| Wholesale store | 58.5 | 23.8 | 66.1 | 60.4 |
| Farmers market | 7.1^ | 2.5^ | 28.7 | 21.1 |
| Independent food service company, vendor, caterer, or other contractor | 46.2 | 60.9 | - | 16.7 |
| Corner store, convenience store, or bodega | 3.3^ | - | 14.5^~ | 10.6^ |
| School district | 1.4^ | 10.2 | - | 1.9^ |
| Food buying cooperative or community supported agriculture | 0.4^ | 6.6 | 1.0^ | 1.4^ |
| The State Agency | 1.0^ | 0.6^ | 0.0 | 0.3^ |
| Other | 14.6 | 14.3 | - | 4.9 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | - |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023. Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Multiple responses were allowed.

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Table B.20. Sources of foods for meals and snacks in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Grocery store or supermarket | 12.6 [^] | 38.9 [^] | 14.4 |
| Wholesale store | 14.6 | 37.1 [^] | 16.2 |
| Farmers market | 0.0 | 23.9 [^] | 1.6 [^] |
| Independent food service company, vendor, caterer, or other contractor | 38.7 | 42.9 | 39.0 |
| Corner store, convenience store, or bodega | - | - | 0.2 [^] |
| School district | 28.9 | - | 28.0 |
| Food buying cooperative or community supported agriculture | 7.6 | - | 7.2 |
| The State Agency | 7.5 [^] | - | 7.1 [^] |
| Other | 26.1 | 14.7 | 25.4 |
| Missing | 1.9 [^] | 0.0 | 1.8 [^] |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023. Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all before and after school programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

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Table B.21. Sources of foods for meals and snacks in early child care programs, by share of minority children residing in the area

| | 0 to less than 40 percent | 40 to less than 80 percent | 80 to 100 percent | All |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Grocery store or supermarket | 90.0 | 82.9 | 80.9 | 84.6 |
| Wholesale store | 54.0 | 58.1 | 69.2 | 60.4 |
| Farmers market | 26.3 | 13.1^ | 23.7 | 21.1 |
| Independent food service company, vendor, caterer, or other contractor | 19.3 | 18.9 | 11.8 | 16.7 |
| Corner store, convenience store, or bodega | 0.5^ | 17.1^ | 14.3^~ | 10.6^ |
| School district | 2.0 | 2.8^ | 1.0^ | 1.9^ |
| Food buying cooperative or community supported agriculture | 0.6^ | 1.1^ | 2.4^ | 1.4^ |
| The State Agency | 0.2^ | - | - | 0.3^ |
| Other | 2.9^ | 6.6^ | 5.1^ | 4.9 |
| Missing | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | - |
| Number of early child care programs | 303 | 247 | 226 | 776 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023, and American Community Survey, 2021.

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Multiple responses were allowed.

The percentage of minority children residing in the area is defined as the percentage of children ages 0–11 in the program's zip code who are non-White or Hispanic.

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Table B.22. Sources of foods for meals and snacks in before and after school programs, by share of minority children residing in the area

| | 0 to less than 40 percent | 40 to less than 80 percent | 80 to 100 percent | All |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Grocery store or supermarket | 25.9^ | 13.9^ | 9.7^ | 14.4 |
| Wholesale store | 47.2 | 9.5^ | 8.9^ | 16.2 |
| Farmers market | - | - | 1.0^ | 1.6^ |
| Independent food service company, vendor, caterer, or other contractor | 51.8 | 40.8 | 31.1 | 39.0 |
| Corner store, convenience store, or bodega | 0.0 | - | - | 0.2^ |
| School district | 2.3^ | 27.8 | 39.8 | 28.0 |
| Food buying cooperative or community supported agriculture | - | 8.1^ | 9.5^ | 7.2 |
| The State Agency | 19.9^ | 6.9^ | 1.6^ | 7.1^ |
| Other | 15.9^ | 31.7 | 23.6^ | 25.4 |
| Missing | - | 0.0 | - | 1.8^ |
| Number of before and after school programs | 85 | 107 | 100 | 292 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023, and American Community Survey, 2021.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all before and after school programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Multiple responses were allowed.

The percentage of minority children residing in the area is defined as the percentage of children ages 0–11 in the program's zip code who are non-White or Hispanic.

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Table B.23. Frequency of using different food sources, among early child care programs that used each

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Grocery store or supermarket (n = 508) | | | | |
| Once per week | 52.7 | 45.0 | 64.6 | 61.1 |
| More than once per week | 24.1 | 14.3 | 26.4 | 25.3 |
| Less than once per month | 6.3^ | 8.5^ | - | 1.9^ |
| Once per month | 4.9^ | 6.0^ | - | 1.5^ |
| Twice per month | 10.0^ | 25.8 | 6.9^ | 8.5 |
| Missing | 2.0^ | - | 1.7^ | 1.7^ |
| Wholesale store (n = 311) | | | | |
| Once per week | 44.9 | 33.4 | 20.4 | 26.5 |
| More than once per week | 10.5^ | 17.8^ | 3.8^~ | 5.9^ |
| Less than once per month | 3.9^ | 19.1^ | 14.7^~ | 12.3^ |
| Once per month | 18.2 | 8.2^ | 31.6~ | 27.7 |
| Twice per month | 22.5 | 21.5^ | 24.3~ | 23.8 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.2 | 3.8 |
| Farmers market (n = 85) | | | | |
| Once per week | 8.5^~ | 27.9^~ | 26.0~ | 24.7~ |
| More than once per week | - | - | - | 5.3^~ |
| Less than once per month | - | 27.3^~ | 14.8^~ | 16.0^~ |
| Once per month | - | 39.4^~ | 26.1^~ | 24.3^~ |
| Twice per month | 49.2^~ | 0.0~ | 26.5^~ | 28.0^~ |
| Missing | - | 0.0~ | - | 1.8^ |
| Corner store, convenience store, or bodega (n = 33) | | | | |
| Once per week | 18.0^~ | - | 38.9^~ | 37.4^~ |
| More than once per week | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | - | - |
| Less than once per month | - | - | 15.3^~ | 14.5^~ |
| Once per month | 75.5~ | 0.0~ | - | 21.6^~ |
| Twice per month | - | 0.0~ | 17.4^~ | 16.3^~ |
| Missing | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | - | - |
| Food buying cooperative or community supported agriculture (n = 24) | | | | |
| Once per week | - | 51.9^~ | - | 23.1^~ |
| More than once per week | 0.0~ | 9.2^~ | - | 7.7^~ |
| Less than once per month | 0.0~ | - | 0.0~ | - |
| Once per month | 0.0~ | - | - | - |
| Twice per month | 0.0~ | - | 0.0~ | - |
| Missing | - | 0.0~ | - | 23.9^~ |
| The State Agency (n = 9) | | | | |
| Once per week | - | - | 0.0~ | 33.3^~ |

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| More than once per week | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ |
| Less than once per month | 0.0~ | - | 0.0~ | - |
| Once per month | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ |
| Twice per month | 0.0~ | - | 0.0~ | - |
| Missing | - | 0.0~ | - | 64.2^~ |
| School district (n = 41) | | | | |
| Once per week | - | 14.4^ | 0.0~ | 6.4^ |
| More than once per week | 94.7~ | 69.8 | - | 70.2~ |
| Less than once per month | 0.0~ | 0.0 | 0.0~ | 0.0 |
| Once per month | 0.0~ | 5.6^ | 0.0~ | 2.4^ |
| Twice per month | 0.0~ | - | 0.0~ | - |
| Missing | - | - | - | 16.8^~ |
| Independent food service company, vender, caterer, or other contractor (n = 311) | | | | |
| Once per week | 44.2 | 43.6 | 0.0~ | 43.0 |
| More than once per week | 16.7^~ | 28.4 | - | 20.3 |
| Less than once per month | 4.9^~ | 0.4^ | 0.0~ | 3.3^ |
| Once per month | 10.9^~ | 9.3^ | 0.0~ | 10.1^ |
| Twice per month | 19.9^~ | 17.5^ | 0.0~ | 18.7 |
| Missing | 3.4^~ | 0.8^ | - | 4.5^ |
| Other (n = 100) | | | | |
| Once per week | 38.4^~ | 54.1 | - | 34.8^~ |
| More than once per week | 18.6^~ | 22.9^ | 0.0~ | 15.4^ |
| Less than once per month | - | - | 0.0~ | 0.5^ |
| Once per month | - | 3.4^ | - | 16.2^~ |
| Twice per month | 41.2^~ | 11.3^ | 0.0~ | 25.9 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 6.9^ | 26.4^~ | 7.3^~ |
| Number of early child care programs | 166 | 199 | 195 | 560 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023. Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

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Table B.24. Frequency of using different food sources, among before and after school programs that use each

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Grocery store or supermarket (n = 72) | | | |
| Once per week | 32.8^~ | 55.3 | 36.5^ |
| More than once per week | 13.4^~ | 26.9 | 15.7^ |
| Less than once per month | 20.1^~ | - | 17.4^ |
| Once per month | - | 8.3^ | 10.3^ |
| Twice per month | 2.2^ | 5.7^ | 2.7^ |
| Missing | 20.8^~ | 0.0 | 17.4^ |
| Wholesale store (n = 67) | | | |
| Once per week | 31.7^~ | 44.7 | 33.5^~ |
| More than once per week | - | 10.7 | 9.3^ |
| Less than once per month | 26.1^~ | 0.0 | 22.4^~ |
| Once per month | 1.1^ | 23.2 | 4.3^ |
| Twice per month | 20.3^~ | 20.5^ | 20.3^ |
| Missing | 11.7^~ | - | 10.2^ |
| Farmers market (n = 14) | | | |
| Once per week | 0.0~ | - | - |
| More than once per week | 0.0~ | 13.7^~ | 6.5^~ |
| Less than once per month | 0.0~ | 13.4^~ | 6.4^~ |
| Once per month | 0.0~ | - | - |
| Twice per month | 0.0~ | - | - |
| Missing | 100.0~ | 0.0~ | 52.4^~ |
| Corner store, convenience store, or bodega (n = 6) | | | |
| Once per week | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ |
| More than once per week | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ |
| Less than once per month | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ |
| Once per month | - | - | - |
| Twice per month | 0.0~ | - | - |
| Missing | 98.7~ | 0.0~ | 92.2~ |
| Food buying cooperative or community supported agriculture (n = 20) | | | |
| Once per week | 35.4~ | - | 35.8~ |
| More than once per week | 36.8^~ | 0.0~ | 36.6^~ |
| Less than once per month | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ |
| Once per month | - | 0.0~ | - |
| Twice per month | - | 0.0~ | - |
| Missing | 20.3^~ | 0.0~ | 20.2^~ |
| The State Agency (n = 15) | | | |
| Once per week | 27.0^~ | 0.0~ | 26.7^~ |

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| More than once per week | 23.6 ^{^~} | - | 24.3 ^{^~} |
| Less than once per month | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ |
| Once per month | 28.4 ^{^~} | 0.0~ | 28.1 ^{^~} |
| Twice per month | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ |
| Missing | 21.1 ^{^~} | 0.0~ | 20.9 ^{^~} |
| School district (n = 59) | | | |
| Once per week | 22.8 [^] | 0.0~ | 21.9 [^] |
| More than once per week | 54.2 | - | 55.5 |
| Less than once per month | - | 0.0~ | - |
| Once per month | 6.5 [^] | - | 6.5 [^] |
| Twice per month | 5.2 [^] | 0.0~ | 5.0 [^] |
| Missing | 11.3 [^] | 0.0~ | 10.8 [^] |
| Independent food service company, vender, caterer, or other contractor (n = 133) | | | |
| Once per week | 36.5 | 26.4 [^] | 35.7 |
| More than once per week | 35.7~ | 38.8 | 35.9 |
| Less than once per month | - | 7.6 [^] | 0.8 [^] |
| Once per month | 11.0 [^] | 9.0 [^] | 10.9 [^] |
| Twice per month | 8.5 [^] | 10.1 [^] | 8.6 [^] |
| Missing | 8.0 [^] | 8.1 [^] | 8.0 [^] |
| Other (n = 65) | | | |
| Once per week | 31.6~ | 27.7 ^{^~} | 31.5 |
| More than once per week | 47.6~ | 50.7~ | 47.7~ |
| Less than once per month | - | 0.0~ | - |
| Once per month | 6.6 ^{^~} | 7.3 ^{^~} | 6.6 [^] |
| Twice per month | - | - | - |
| Missing | 13.6 ^{^~} | - | 13.5 [^] |
| Number of before and after school programs | 84 | 49 | 133 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023. Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all before and after school programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

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Table B.25. Frequency of using different food sources, among early child care programs that used each, by share of minority children residing in the area

| | 0 to less than 40 percent | 40 to less than 80 percent | 80 to 100 percent | All |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Grocery store or supermarket (n = 508) | | | | |
| Once per week | 71.0 | 50.6 | 60.4 | 61.1 |
| More than once per week | 21.7 | 29.6 | 25.0~ | 25.3 |
| Less than once per month | 1.2^ | 4.4^ | 0.2^ | 1.9^ |
| Once per month | 0.9^ | 3.0^ | 0.7^ | 1.5^ |
| Twice per month | 2.7^ | 10.0^ | 13.6^~ | 8.5 |
| Missing | 2.5^ | 2.5^ | - | 1.7^ |
| Wholesale store (n = 311) | | | | |
| Once per week | 15.7^ | 25.0 | 36.2~ | 26.5 |
| More than once per week | 3.2^ | 7.1^~ | 7.0^ | 5.9^ |
| Less than once per month | 31.3~ | 8.8^~ | 0.2^ | 12.3^ |
| Once per month | 27.3^~ | 24.2^~ | 30.8~ | 27.7 |
| Twice per month | 19.8^ | 30.0~ | 21.9^~ | 23.8 |
| Missing | 2.7^ | - | - | 3.8 |
| Farmers market (n = 85) | | | | |
| Once per week | 25.1^~ | 23.8^~ | 24.7^~ | 24.7~ |
| More than once per week | 0.0 | - | - | 5.3^~ |
| Less than once per month | 18.2^~ | 28.4^~ | 6.7^~ | 16.0^~ |
| Once per month | 23.4^~ | 19.2^~ | - | 24.3^~ |
| Twice per month | 29.6^~ | 7.0^~ | 37.6^~ | 28.0^~ |
| Missing | - | 0.0~ | - | 1.8^ |
| Corner store, convenience store, or bodega (n = 33) | | | | |
| Once per week | 12.5^~ | 51.1^~ | - | 37.4^~ |
| More than once per week | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | - | - |
| Less than once per month | - | - | - | 14.5^~ |
| Once per month | 0.0~ | 16.1^~ | 30.3^~ | 21.6^~ |
| Twice per month | - | - | 13.9^~ | 16.3^~ |
| Missing | - | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | - |
| Food buying cooperative or community supported agriculture (n = 24) | | | | |
| Once per week | 21.4^~ | - | 28.7^~ | 23.1^~ |
| More than once per week | 0.0~ | 33.9^~ | - | 7.7^~ |
| Less than once per month | 0.0~ | - | - | - |
| Once per month | - | 0.0~ | - | - |
| Twice per month | 0.0~ | - | 0.0~ | - |
| Missing | 75.4~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 23.9^~ |
| The State Agency (n = 9) | | | | |
| Once per week | - | - | 0.0~ | 33.3^~ |

| | 0 to less than 40 percent | 40 to less than 80 percent | 80 to 100 percent | All |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| More than once per week | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ |
| Less than once per month | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | - | - |
| Once per month | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ |
| Twice per month | - | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | - |
| Missing | 95.8~ | 0.0~ | - | 64.2^~ |
| School district (n = 41) | | | | |
| Once per week | - | - | - | 6.4^ |
| More than once per week | 43.4^~ | 90.1~ | 88.1~ | 70.2~ |
| Less than once per month | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0 |
| Once per month | - | 0.0~ | 8.4^~ | 2.4^ |
| Twice per month | - | - | 0.0~ | - |
| Missing | 40.0^~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 16.8^~ |
| Independent food service company, vender, caterer, or other contractor (n = 311) | | | | |
| Once per week | 49.7 | 37.7 | 39.9 | 43.0 |
| More than once per week | 18.4^ | 17.2^ | 28.7 | 20.3 |
| Less than once per month | 0.8^ | 8.3^~ | 0.0 | 3.3^ |
| Once per month | 6.1^~ | 8.7^ | 18.9^ | 10.1^ |
| Twice per month | 19.1 | 22.4^~ | 12.1^ | 18.7 |
| Missing | 6.0^~ | 5.7^~ | - | 4.5^ |
| Other (n = 100) | | | | |
| Once per week | 21.4^ | 42.6^~ | 32.6^~ | 34.8^~ |
| More than once per week | 14.9^~ | 11.3^~ | 22.8^~ | 15.4^ |
| Less than once per month | 0.0 | - | - | 0.5^ |
| Once per month | 4.5^ | - | - | 16.2^~ |
| Twice per month | 34.1^~ | 12.9^~ | 41.8^~ | 25.9 |
| Missing | 25.2^~ | - | - | 7.3^~ |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 160 | 108 | 507 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023, and American Community Survey, 2021.

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The percentage of minority children residing in the area is defined as the percentage of children ages 0–11 in the program's zip code who are non-White or Hispanic.

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Table B.26. Frequency of using different food sources, among before and after school programs that use each, by share of minority children residing in the area

| | 0 to less than 40 percent | 40 to less than 80 percent | 80 to 100 percent | All |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Grocery store or supermarket (n = 72) | | | | |
| Once per week | 12.1 [^] ~ | 36.5 [^] ~ | 69.2~ | 36.5 [^] |
| More than once per week | 3.5 [^] ~ | 36.1 [^] ~ | 7.1 [^] ~ | 15.7 [^] |
| Less than once per month | 23.4 [^] ~ | - | - | 17.4 [^] |
| Once per month | - | - | - | 10.3 [^] |
| Twice per month | 5.7 [^] ~ | 1.8 [^] ~ | 0.0~ | 2.7 [^] |
| Missing | 37.5~ | 0.0~ | - | 17.4 [^] |
| Wholesale store (n = 67) | | | | |
| Once per week | 29.4 [^] ~ | 37.3 [^] ~ | 40.0 [^] ~ | 33.5 [^] ~ |
| More than once per week | 0.0 | - | 36.5 [^] ~ | 9.3 [^] |
| Less than once per month | 28.4 [^] ~ | - | 0.0~ | 22.4 [^] ~ |
| Once per month | 3.3 [^] | - | 5.8 [^] ~ | 4.3 [^] |
| Twice per month | 26.0 [^] ~ | 22.5 [^] ~ | - | 20.3 [^] |
| Missing | - | 0.0~ | - | 10.2 [^] |
| Farmers market (n = 14) | | | | |
| Once per week | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | - | - |
| More than once per week | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 24.0 [^] ~ | 6.5 [^] ~ |
| Less than once per month | - | - | - | 6.4 [^] ~ |
| Once per month | - | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | - |
| Twice per month | 0.0~ | - | - | - |
| Missing | - | 0.0~ | - | 52.4 [^] ~ |
| Corner store, convenience store, or bodega (n = 6) | | | | |
| Once per week | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ |
| More than once per week | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ |
| Less than once per month | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ |
| Once per month | 0.0~ | - | - | - |
| Twice per month | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | - | - |
| Missing | - | 0.0~ | - | 92.2~ |
| Food buying cooperative or community supported agriculture (n = 20) | | | | |
| Once per week | 0.0~ | 43.3 [^] ~ | 40.9~ | 35.8~ |
| More than once per week | 0.0~ | - | 47.2~ | 36.6 [^] ~ |
| Less than once per month | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | 0.0~ |
| Once per month | - | 0.0~ | 0.0~ | - |
| Twice per month | 0.0~ | - | 0.0~ | - |
| Missing | - | 0.0~ | - | 20.2 [^] ~ |
| The State Agency (n = 15) | | | | |
| Once per week | - | 0.0~ | - | 26.7 [^] ~ |

| | 0 to less than 40 percent | 40 to less than 80 percent | 80 to 100 percent | All |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| More than once per week | - | 74.6 ^{^~} | - | 24.3 ^{^~} |
| Less than once per month | 0.0 [~] | 0.0 [~] | 0.0 [~] | 0.0 [~] |
| Once per month | - | - | - | 28.1 ^{^~} |
| Twice per month | 0.0 [~] | 0.0 [~] | 0.0 [~] | 0.0 [~] |
| Missing | 26.8 ^{^~} | 0.0 [~] | - | 20.9 ^{^~} |
| School district (n = 59) | | | | |
| Once per week | - | 41.4 [~] | 10.5 ^{^~} | 21.9 [^] |
| More than once per week | 10.3 ^{^~} | 24.9 ^{^~} | 81.2 [~] | 55.5 |
| Less than once per month | - | 0.0 [~] | 0.0 [~] | - |
| Once per month | - | 16.2 ^{^~} | - | 6.5 [^] |
| Twice per month | 0.0 [~] | - | - | 5.0 [^] |
| Missing | 81.7 [~] | - | - | 10.8 [^] |
| Independent food service company, vender, caterer, or other contractor (n = 133) | | | | |
| Once per week | 50.2 | 15.3 [^] | 47.7 [~] | 35.7 |
| More than once per week | 10.0 [^] | 57.2 [~] | 31.6 ^{^~} | 35.9 |
| Less than once per month | 2.4 [^] | - | 0.0 | 0.8 [^] |
| Once per month | - | 21.5 ^{^~} | 6.4 ^{^~} | 10.9 [^] |
| Twice per month | 24.5 [^] | 4.8 [^] | - | 8.6 [^] |
| Missing | 12.1 [^] | - | 13.8 [^] | 8.0 [^] |
| Other (n = 65) | | | | |
| Once per week | 29.9 ^{^~} | 35.6 ^{^~} | 27.3 ^{^~} | 31.5 |
| More than once per week | 34.8 ^{^~} | 40.3 ^{^~} | 61.2 ^{^~} | 47.7 [~] |
| Less than once per month | - | 0.0 [~] | 0.0 [~] | - |
| Once per month | - | - | 5.6 ^{^~} | 6.6 [^] |
| Twice per month | 0.0 [~] | - | 0.0 [~] | - |
| Missing | 31.3 ^{^~} | 14.1 ^{^~} | 5.9 ^{^~} | 13.5 [^] |
| Number of before and after school programs | 45 | 51 | 34 | 130 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023, and American Community Survey, 2021.

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Table B.27. Entities responsible for food purchases in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Director or site supervisor | 61.0 | 26.8 | 12.3 | 25.3 |
| Cook or chef | 28.3 | 36.6 | 6.5 ^{^~} | 14.5 |
| Independent food service company, vender, caterer, or other contractor | 6.4 [^] | 16.4 | - | 5.2 |
| Sponsoring agency | 7.5 [^] | 16.4 | - | 4.1 |
| Dietitian or nutritionist | 0.9 [^] | 9.9 | 0.0 | 1.1 |
| Parent or guardian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Teacher | 2.5 [^] | 1.8 [^] | 6.8 [^] | 5.3 [^] |
| Provider | 14.9 | 1.5 [^] | 74.9 [~] | 53.8 |
| Other | 13.5 | 20.5 | 11.7 ^{^~} | 12.9 |
| Don't know | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 [^] | 0.8 [^] |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023. Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Multiple responses were allowed.

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Table B.28. Entities responsible for food purchases in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Director or site supervisor | 44.2 | 44.2 | 44.2 |
| Cook or chef | 9.5^ | 27.3 | 10.7 |
| Independent food service company, vender, caterer, or other contractor | 11.2^ | 6.5^ | 10.9^ |
| Sponsoring agency | 28.2 | 27.0^ | 28.2 |
| Dietitian or nutritionist | 7.6^ | - | 7.1^ |
| Parent or guardian | 0.0 | - | - |
| Teacher | 1.5^ | - | 1.4^ |
| Provider | 1.8^ | 7.8^ | 2.2^ |
| Other | 11.4 | 6.6^ | 11.1 |
| Don't know | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all before and after school programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

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Table B.29. Entities responsible for food purchases in early child care programs, by share of minority children residing in the area

| | 0 to less than 40 percent | 40 to less than 80 percent | 80 to 100 percent | All |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Director or site supervisor | 27.9 | 28.5 | 19.7 | 25.3 |
| Cook or chef | 14.4^ | 11.3 | 17.6 | 14.5 |
| Independent food service company, vender, caterer, or other contractor | 1.7 | 4.9^ | 9.0^~ | 5.2 |
| Sponsoring agency | 4.4^ | 4.8^ | 3.1^ | 4.1 |
| Dietitian or nutritionist | 0.9^ | 0.8^ | 1.6^ | 1.1 |
| Parent or guardian | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Teacher | 0.7^ | 0.7^ | 14.5^ | 5.3^ |
| Provider | 62.3 | 52.3 | 46.8~ | 53.8 |
| Other | 13.1 | 11.3^ | 14.4^ | 12.9 |
| Don't know | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing | 0.0 | - | - | 0.8^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 303 | 247 | 226 | 776 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023, and American Community Survey, 2021.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Multiple responses were allowed.

The percentage of minority children residing in the area is defined as the percentage of children ages 0–11 in the program's zip code who are non-White or Hispanic.

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Table B.30. Entities responsible for food purchases in before and after school programs, by share of minority children residing in the area

| | 0 to less than 40 percent | 40 to less than 80 percent | 80 to 100 percent | All |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Director or site supervisor | 56.4 | 37.6 | 44.8 | 44.2 |
| Cook or chef | 19.7 [^] | 15.6 [^] | 1.3 [^] | 10.7 |
| Independent food service company, vender, caterer, or other contractor | 1.1 [^] | 9.8 [^] | 16.4 ^{^~} | 10.9 [^] |
| Sponsoring agency | 26.6 [^] | 28.2 | 29.0 | 28.2 |
| Dietitian or nutritionist | 0.0 | 13.3 [^] | 4.5 [^] | 7.1 [^] |
| Parent or guardian | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | - |
| Teacher | - | - | - | 1.4 [^] |
| Provider | 1.0 [^] | 0.5 [^] | 4.4 [^] | 2.2 [^] |
| Other | 1.6 [^] | 14.2 [^] | 12.6 [^] | 11.1 |
| Don't know | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Number of before and after school programs | 85 | 107 | 100 | 292 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023, and American Community Survey, 2021.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all before and after school programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Multiple responses were allowed.

The percentage of minority children residing in the area is defined as the percentage of children ages 0–11 in the program's zip code who are non-White or Hispanic.

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Table B.31. Entities responsible for documenting meal counts and methods used in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Entity responsible for meal counts | | | | |
| Director or site supervisor | 66.0 | 38.4 | 13.0 ^{^~} | 28.1 |
| Sponsoring agency | 10.5 | 22.5 | 11.5 ^{^~} | 12.3 |
| Cook or chef | 18.2 | 15.0 | 1.2 [^] | 6.5 |
| Independent food service company, vender, caterer, or other contractor | - | 0.8 [^] | - | 2.5 [^] |
| Dietitian or nutritionist | 0.2 [^] | 14.4 | 0.0 | 1.3 |
| Provider | 10.3 | 3.6 [^] | 71.3 [~] | 50.5 |
| Teacher | 10.8 [^] | 20.1 | 2.8 [^] | 6.3 |
| Other | 12.7 [^] | 29.4 | 9.3 ^{^~} | 12.0 |
| Don't know | - | 4.9 [^] | 4.6 ^{^~} | 3.6 [^] |
| Missing | - | 0.6 [^] | 6.1 ^{^~} | 4.4 [^] |
| Documentation method | | | | |
| Paper form | 79.7 | 66.9 | 43.6 | 54.4 |
| Meal tracking software | 30.1 | 51.4 | 58.4 [~] | 51.0 |
| Microsoft Excel or other spreadsheet | 25.1 | 19.1 | 1.1 [^] | 8.5 |
| Microsoft Access or other database | 2.0 [^] | 3.6 [^] | 1.9 ^{^~} | 2.1 [^] |
| Other | 0.4 [^] | 1.7 | 6.7 ^{^~} | 4.7 [^] |
| Missing | - | 0.6 [^] | - | 0.2 [^] |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Multiple responses were allowed.

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Table B.32. Entities responsible for documenting meal counts and methods used in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Entity responsible for meal counts | | | |
| Director or site supervisor | 49.2 | 48.3 | 49.2 |
| Sponsoring agency | 32.9 | 30.6^ | 32.8 |
| Cook or chef | 5.8^ | 9.5^ | 6.1^ |
| Independent food service company, vender, caterer, or other contractor | 1.6^ | - | 1.6^ |
| Dietitian or nutritionist | 3.0^ | 0.0 | 2.8^ |
| Provider | 7.4^ | 8.6^ | 7.5^ |
| Teacher | 4.0^ | 21.4^ | 5.2^ |
| Other | 13.8 | 16.7^ | 14.0 |
| Don't know | 1.6^ | 2.0^ | 1.6^ |
| Missing | - | 2.5^ | 1.4^ |
| Documentation method | | | |
| Paper form | 70.2 | 81.3 | 71.0 |
| Meal tracking software | 51.2 | 18.5^ | 49.0 |
| Microsoft Excel or other spreadsheet | 20.9 | 19.2 | 20.8 |
| Microsoft Access or other database | 2.2^ | - | 2.1^ |
| Other | 3.9^ | - | 3.7^ |
| Missing | - | - | - |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all before and after school programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

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Table B.33. Policies about declining food and serving seconds in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Type of policy describing what staff should do when children decline food that is served to them | | | | |
| Informal policy | 42.0*** | 20.9†† | 34.3 | 34.9 |
| Written policy | 15.1*** | 34.0††† | 8.3^~ | 12.3 |
| Both an informal and written policy | 24.8 | 26.4††† | 10.0###^~ | 15.0 |
| No policy | 15.4** | 6.3††† | 40.1### | 31.1 |
| Don't know | 0.3**^ | 7.5^ | 3.7^~ | 3.2^ |
| Missing | 2.5^ | 4.9^ | 3.7^~ | 3.5^ |
| Type of policy about second servings of food or beverages to children | | | | |
| Informal policy | 39.8*** | 20.7†† | 31.6 | 32.6 |
| Written policy | 13.7*** | 31.7††† | 3.9##^~ | 8.7 |
| Both an informal and written policy | 13.8** | 25.8††† | 9.8^ | 12.2 |
| No policy | 30.7*** | 10.6††† | 46.9### | 39.7 |
| Don't know | 0.4***^ | 9.3+^ | 2.5^~ | 2.6^ |
| Missing | 1.6^ | 1.8^ | 5.4^~ | 4.2^ |
| Foods and beverages for which second servings are allowed^a | | | | |
| Water | 46.2 | 36.6††† | 63.5## | 56.9 |
| Vegetables | 46.7 | 38.9††† | 62.5### | 56.5 |
| Fruit | 47.1 | 39.1††† | 58.8# | 54.2 |
| Milk | 47.3** | 34.6††† | 59.1~ | 54.0 |
| Meat or meat alternate | 38.9 | 32.4†† | 47.8~ | 44.2 |
| Grain/bread | 39.0 | 30.6†† | 47.2 | 43.7 |
| Cereal | 41.4 | 31.8 | 42.2 | 41.1 |
| Dairy foods | 36.1 | 28.7 | 36.0~ | 35.4 |
| Mixed component foods (e.g., chili, lasagna, tacos) | 34.6 | 26.3 | 29.4~ | 30.3 |
| 100% juice | 18.3 | 15.5 | 18.1 | 17.9 |
| Salty snacks | 15.2** | 8.3†† | 19.8~ | 17.6 |
| Other beverages | 3.8^ | 1.9††^ | 8.4^ | 6.7 |
| Sweet snacks | 3.7^ | 2.6^ | 4.0^~ | 3.8^ |
| Any food | 56.9 | 60.1 | 54.9~ | 55.8 |
| Second servings are not allowed | 6.4^ | 3.1††^ | - | 1.9^ |
| Don't know | 0.4**^ | 5.1+^ | - | 1.3^ |
| Missing | 2.1^ | 1.5^ | 1.7^ | 1.8^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

^a Multiple responses were allowed.

Difference between child care centers and Head Start centers is significantly different from zero at the ***0.001 level, **0.01 level, or *0.05 level. Difference between child care centers and family day care homes is significantly different from zero at the ###0.001 level,

##0.01 level, or #0.05 level. Difference between Head Start centers and family day care homes is significantly different from zero at the +++0.001 level, ++0.01 level, or +0.05 level.

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Table B.34. Policies about declining food and serving seconds in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Type of policy describing what staff should do when children decline food that is served to them | | | |
| Informal policy | 28.9 | 46.7 | 30.1 |
| Written policy | 25.6 | 15.4 | 24.9 |
| Both an informal and written policy | 17.8 | 13.4 | 17.5 |
| No policy | 15.4 | 21.1^ | 15.8 |
| Don't know | 9.7*** | 3.1^ | 9.2 |
| Missing | 2.6^ | - | 2.5^ |
| Type of policy about second servings of food or beverages to children | | | |
| Informal policy | 32.2 | 36.1 | 32.4 |
| Written policy | 29.7** | 12.5^ | 28.5 |
| Both an informal and written policy | 17.8 | 16.3 | 17.7 |
| No policy | 10.8^ | 31.3^ | 12.3 |
| Don't know | 7.9* | 3.4^ | 7.6 |
| Missing | 1.6^ | - | 1.5^ |
| Foods and beverages for which second servings are allowed^a | | | |
| Water | 8.5***^ | 24.5 | 9.6 |
| Vegetables | 23.6 | 25.6 | 23.7 |
| Fruit | 24.8 | 27.6 | 25.0 |
| Milk | 8.5* | 21.2 | 9.4 |
| Meat or meat alternate | 7.5^ | 14.3^ | 7.9 |
| Grain/bread | 10.0 | 15.8 | 10.4 |
| Cereal | 6.0** | 16.9 | 6.7 |
| Dairy foods | 5.4*^ | 14.4^ | 6.1 |
| Mixed component foods (e.g., chili, lasagna, tacos) | 7.9^ | 12.3^ | 8.2^ |
| 100% juice | 5.7^ | 7.5^ | 5.8^ |
| Salty snacks | 5.5^ | 10.8^ | 5.9^ |
| Other beverages | 1.9^ | 2.5^ | 2.0^ |
| Sweet snacks | 4.1^ | 4.4^ | 4.1^ |
| Any food | 22.0*** | 59.6 | 24.6 |
| Second servings are not allowed | 44.6*** | 10.0^ | 42.3 |
| Don't know | 5.2^ | 3.0^ | 5.1^ |
| Missing | 1.6^ | - | 1.6^ |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all before and after school programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

^a Multiple responses were allowed.

Difference between at-risk afterschool centers and outside-school-hours care centers is significantly different from zero at the

***0.001 level, ** 0.01 level, or * 0.05 level.

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Table B.35. Handling of unserved food and strategies used to reduce plate waste in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Handling of unserved food after meals | | | | |
| Thrown in garbage | 81.1 | 93.5 | 51.5 | 62.4 |
| Saved to be served again | 13.9 | 4.9^ | 30.6 | 24.3 |
| Given to staff | 28.8 | 13.9 | 22.8~ | 23.4 |
| Given to parents | 3.3^ | 2.3^ | 5.6^ | 4.8^ |
| Donated | 3.5^ | 2.6^ | 2.4^ | 2.7^ |
| Other | 2.7^ | 2.6^ | 11.2 | 8.4 |
| Missing | 1.3^ | 1.6^ | 3.8 | 3.0 |
| Strategies used to reduce plate waste | | | | |
| Scheduling meals with enough time for children to eat | 95.9 | 96.5 | 94.8~ | 95.2 |
| Serving popular foods | 87.1 | 77.7 | 87.1~ | 86.2 |
| Tailoring meal quantity to expected attendance | 85.6 | 82.8 | 86.7 | 86.1 |
| Planning menus that allow repeated exposure to new foods | 85.7 | 86.8 | 81.7 | 83.1 |
| Staff and teachers eat with children | 78.9 | 94.0 | 78.5~ | 80.0 |
| Scheduling physical activity time before meal | 75.7 | 78.3 | 77.9 | 77.4 |
| Serving pre-cut or ready-to-eat fruits and vegetables | 70.3 | 80.8 | 78.7~ | 76.9 |
| Planning menus that represent the cultures of families served | 65.6 | 86.0 | 58.9~ | 63.0 |
| Providing children with multiple choices | 35.4 | 42.4 | 49.1~ | 45.2 |
| Using sharing/trading tables | 13.5 | 24.7 | 21.1~ | 19.6 |
| Encouraging children to keep leftover food items for snacks | 8.1^ | 11.6 | 13.4 | 12.0 |
| Use offer-versus-serve option at supper | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Other | 3.9^ | 5.3^ | 3.6^ | 3.8^ |
| Missing | 0.6^ | 1.5^ | 1.6^~ | 1.3^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023. Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

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Table B.36. Handling of unserved food and strategies used to reduce plate waste in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Handling of unserved food after meals | | | |
| Thrown in garbage | 74.1 | 67.2 | 73.6 |
| Saved to be served again | 39.4 | 14.0 | 37.6 |
| Given to staff | 9.2 | 15.6^ | 9.7 |
| Given to parents | 2.4^ | 6.6^ | 2.7^ |
| Donated | 14.9 | 24.0^ | 15.5 |
| Other | 10.1^ | 5.1^ | 9.8^ |
| Missing | 1.7^ | - | 1.6^ |
| Strategies used to reduce plate waste | | | |
| Scheduling meals with enough time for children to eat | 83.9 | 91.9 | 84.4 |
| Serving popular foods | 85.6 | 82.0 | 85.3 |
| Tailoring meal quantity to expected attendance | 88.9 | 78.1 | 88.1 |
| Planning menus that allow repeated exposure to new foods | 68.2 | 60.2 | 67.6 |
| Staff and teachers eat with children | 30.5 | 78.5 | 33.8 |
| Scheduling physical activity time before meal | 38.4 | 56.2 | 39.6 |
| Serving pre-cut or ready-to-eat fruits and vegetables | 62.7 | 73.2 | 63.4 |
| Planning menus that represent the cultures of families served | 57.8 | 39.7 | 56.6 |
| Providing children with multiple choices | 45.1 | 45.9 | 45.2 |
| Using sharing/trading tables | 55.6 | 42.4 | 54.7 |
| Encouraging children to keep leftover food items for snacks | 35.8 | 30.1^ | 35.5 |
| Use offer-versus-serve option at supper | 98.0 | . | 98.0 |
| Other | 8.0^ | 4.7^ | 7.7^ |
| Missing | 2.3^ | 0.0 | 2.1^ |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

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Table B.37. Meals and snacks served in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Meals served^a | | | | |
| Breakfast | 97.4 | 95.2 | 91.6~ | 93.3 |
| Morning snack | 34.5 | 29.4 | 71.1~ | 58.5 |
| Lunch | 97.4 | 97.6 | 98.3 | 98.0 |
| Afternoon snack | 98.3 | 90.1 | 96.0 | 96.0 |
| Supper | 14.9 | 3.4^ | 43.9~ | 33.2 |
| Evening snack | 10.7^ | 5.2^ | 31.8 | 24.3 |
| Missing | 0.6^ | 1.5^ | 1.6^~ | 1.3^ |
| Top five most commonly served meal and snack combinations | | | | |
| Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack | 52.5 | 59.7 | 22.6~ | 33.1 |
| Breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack | 23.2 | 20.3 | 25.9 | 24.7 |
| Breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack, supper, and evening snack | 2.9^ | 1.5^ | 26.9 | 18.8 |
| Breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack, and supper | 1.9^ | 1.1^ | 10.2^~ | 7.4^ |
| Breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack, and evening snack | 1.9^ | 2.7^ | 2.5^ | 2.4 |
| Other combination | 17.1 | 13.2 | 10.3^~ | 12.2 |
| Missing | 0.6^ | 1.5^ | 1.6^~ | 1.3^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

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Table B.38. Meals and snacks served in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Meals served^a | | | |
| Breakfast | 65.6 | 68.8 | 65.8 |
| Morning snack | 12.3 | 51.6 | 15.0 |
| Lunch | 69.4 | 66.8 | 69.2 |
| Afternoon snack | 53.1 | 88.8 | 55.6 |
| Supper | 77.4 | 28.2 | 74.0 |
| Evening snack | 21.0 | 18.9 | 20.8 |
| Missing | 1.6 [^] | 0.0 | 1.5 [^] |
| Top five most commonly served meal and snack combinations | | | |
| Breakfast, lunch, and supper | 22.7 | - | 21.2 |
| Supper | 14.0 [^] | - | 13.2 [^] |
| Breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, and supper | 10.1 | - | 9.5 |
| Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack | 6.4 [^] | 13.8 [^] | 6.9 [^] |
| Breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack | 3.7 [^] | 27.6 [^] | 5.3 [^] |
| Other combination | 41.5 | 54.6 | 42.4 |
| Missing | 1.6 [^] | 0.0 | 1.5 [^] |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

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Table B.39. Food safety policies and practices in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Type of food safety policy | | | | |
| Informal policy | 13.2 | 5.9 | 25.0 | 20.4 |
| Written policy | 31.8 | 46.5 | 13.0 | 20.6 |
| Both an informal and written policy | 46.1 | 39.7 | 26.3 | 32.3 |
| No policy | 3.9^ | 2.9^ | 19.0 | 13.9 |
| Don't know | 4.5^ | 3.3^ | 9.9^ | 8.0 |
| Missing | 0.5^ | 1.8^ | 6.8^~ | 4.8^ |
| Staff food safety training course requirements | | | | |
| Yes | 78.8 | 91.0 | 47.1~ | 58.7 |
| No | 18.7 | 7.0^ | 43.4 | 34.2 |
| Don't know | 1.8^ | 0.6^ | 5.4^ | 4.1^ |
| Missing | 0.6^ | 1.4^ | 4.0^~ | 3.0^ |
| Staff food safety certification requirements | | | | |
| Yes | 54.1 | 65.1 | 22.4~ | 33.9 |
| No | 39.7 | 27.9 | 63.6 | 54.6 |
| Don't know | 4.2^ | 5.4 | 10.3 | 8.4 |
| Missing | 1.9^ | 1.6^ | 3.8^~ | 3.1^ |
| Food identification procedure in place to allow for food product removal during a recall | | | | |
| Yes | 78.8 | 79.9 | 61.2~ | 67.1 |
| No | 7.9 | 6.6 | 22.7~ | 17.7 |
| Don't know | 12.4 | 11.8 | 12.1~ | 12.1 |
| Missing | 0.9^ | 1.7^ | 4.0^~ | 3.0^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

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Table B.40. Food safety policies and practices in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Type of food safety policy | | | |
| Informal policy | 5.9^ | 11.0^ | 6.2^ |
| Written policy | 41.4 | 30.5 | 40.6 |
| Both an informal and written policy | 40.4 | 53.7 | 41.3 |
| No policy | 3.0^ | 2.2^ | 2.9^ |
| Don't know | 6.4^ | 1.9^ | 6.1^ |
| Missing | 3.0^ | - | 2.8^ |
| Staff food safety training course requirements | | | |
| Yes | 88.7 | 87.0 | 88.6 |
| No | 5.5^ | 9.4^ | 5.8^ |
| Don't know | 2.8^ | 3.2^ | 2.8^ |
| Missing | 3.0^ | - | 2.8^ |
| Staff food safety certification requirements | | | |
| Yes | 67.5 | 64.7 | 67.3 |
| No | 23.6 | 27.2 | 23.9 |
| Don't know | 7.4^ | 8.0^ | 7.4^ |
| Missing | 1.5^ | 0.0 | 1.4^ |
| Food identification procedure in place to allow for food product removal during a recall | | | |
| Yes | 84.9 | 73.5 | 84.1 |
| No | 6.2^ | 8.0^ | 6.4 |
| Don't know | 7.3^ | 17.7^ | 8.0^ |
| Missing | 1.6^ | - | 1.6^ |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

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Table B.41. Drinking water practices in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Providers that prompted children to consume water during physical activity among programs that had outdoor or indoor physical activity (n = 258) | | | | |
| Providers prompted children to consume water during outdoor physical activity | 52.3 | 48.5 | 58.0~ | 55.3 |
| Missing | 8.6^~ | 2.6^ | 1.5^ | 3.7^ |
| Providers prompted children to consume water during indoor physical activity | 30.6 | 20.7 | 47.6~ | 41.0 |
| Missing | 2.1^ | 3.7^ | 4.8^~ | 4.1^ |
| How is drinking water available for children while outdoors^a | | | | |
| Individual bottles | 20.3 | 13.5^ | 66.7~ | 50.4 |
| Water cooler | 15.0^ | 18.7^ | 13.6^~ | 14.4 |
| Other | 5.1^ | 5.8^ | 18.9^~ | 14.3 |
| Pitcher | 22.2 | 21.3^ | 7.3^~ | 12.3 |
| Faucet/tap | 4.3^ | 9.6^ | 5.6^~ | 5.6^ |
| Drinking fountain | 13.7^ | 10.7^ | 0.0 | 4.4^ |
| Water not available for children while outdoors | 18.5^ | 23.4 | 4.2^~ | 9.4 |
| Missing | 11.8^ | 6.9^ | 0.8^ | 4.1^ |
| How is drinking water available for children while indoors^a | | | | |
| Individual bottles | 35.0 | 9.1^ | 62.7~ | 51.1 |
| Faucet/tap | 28.4 | 44.4 | 23.7^~ | 26.7 |
| Pitcher | 27.2 | 26.4 | 22.0^~ | 23.7 |
| Water cooler | 8.4^ | 19.2 | 10.9^~ | 11.0^ |
| Other | 2.8^ | 4.2^ | 8.7^ | 6.8 |
| Drinking fountain | 18.5^ | 8.3^ | 0.0 | 5.4^ |
| Water not available for children while indoors | - | - | - | 0.4^ |
| Missing | 10.6^ | 9.6^ | 0.8^ | 4.0^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 91 | 112 | 82 | 285 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Environmental Observation Form, winter through summer, 2023.

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Table B.42. Drinking water practices in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Providers that prompted children to consume water during physical activity among programs that had outdoor or indoor physical activity (n = 70) | | | |
| Providers prompted children to consume water during outdoor physical activity | 18.4 ^{^~} | 64.7 ^{^~} | 22.5 [^] |
| Missing | - | - | 0.6 [^] |
| Providers prompted children to consume water during indoor physical activity | 32.1 ^{^~} | 64.1 [~] | 35.5 ^{^~} |
| Missing | 2.1 [^] | - | 2.6 [^] |
| How is drinking water available for children while outdoors^a | | | |
| Individual bottles | 40.7 [~] | 22.0 [^] | 39.4 |
| Water cooler | 7.8 ^{^~} | 14.7 [^] | 8.2 [^] |
| Other | 7.1 [^] | 6.1 [^] | 7.0 [^] |
| Pitcher | 6.7 ^{^~} | 51.1 [^] | 9.8 [^] |
| Faucet/tap | 6.6 [^] | 0.0 | 6.1 [^] |
| Drinking fountain | 36.2 | 14.6 [^] | 34.7 |
| Water not available for children while outdoors | 15.0 [^] | 9.7 [^] | 14.6 [^] |
| Missing | 5.1 [^] | 7.7 [^] | 5.3 [^] |
| How is drinking water available for children while indoors^a | | | |
| Individual bottles | 29.0 ^{^~} | 17.9 [^] | 28.2 |
| Faucet/tap | 18.3 [^] | 5.4 [^] | 17.4 [^] |
| Pitcher | 7.5 [^] | 52.7 [^] | 10.7 [^] |
| Water cooler | 17.2 [^] | 14.9 [^] | 17.0 [^] |
| Other | 0.0 | - | - |
| Drinking fountain | 64.5 | 31.5 [^] | 62.2 |
| Water not available for children while indoors | 3.1 [^] | 0.0 | 2.8 [^] |
| Missing | 2.1 [^] | - | 2.3 [^] |
| Number of before and after school programs | 70 | 33 | 103 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Environmental Observation Form, winter through summer, 2023.

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Table B.43. Entities that provide food for snacks and meals in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------|
| Breakfast source | | | | |
| Site provides food | 97.4 | 95.2 | 91.6~ | 93.3 |
| Parents/guardians allowed to send food | 15.3^ | 1.6^ | 10.5 | 10.9 |
| Parents/guardians required to send food | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Parents/guardians not allowed to send food | 20.3 | 30.3 | 5.9^~ | 11.6 |
| Breakfast is not served at all | 2.1^ | 3.2^ | 6.8^~ | 5.4^ |
| Missing | 0.6^ | 1.5^ | 1.6^~ | 1.3^ |
| Morning snack source | | | | |
| Site provides food | 34.5 | 29.4 | 71.1~ | 58.5 |
| Parents/guardians allowed to send food | 7.4^ | 0.6^ | 5.2^ | 5.3^ |
| Parents/guardians required to send food | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | - |
| Parents/guardians not allowed to send food | 5.2^ | 5.6 | 7.8^ | 7.0 |
| Morning snack is not served at all | 65.0 | 68.9 | 27.2~ | 40.1 |
| Missing | 0.6^ | 1.5^ | 1.7^ | 1.4^ |
| Lunch source | | | | |
| Site provides food | 97.4 | 97.6 | 98.3 | 98.0 |
| Parents/guardians allowed to send food | 17.3 | 2.3^ | 3.6^ | 6.8 |
| Parents/guardians required to send food | 1.8^ | - | - | 0.5^ |
| Parents/guardians not allowed to send food | 20.0 | 30.1 | 9.5^ | 13.9 |
| Lunch is not served at all | - | 0.5^ | 0.0 | 0.1^ |
| Missing | 0.6^ | 1.5^ | 1.6^~ | 1.3^ |
| Afternoon snack source | | | | |
| Site provides food | 98.3 | 90.1 | 96.0 | 96.0 |
| Parents/guardians allowed to send food | 15.3 | 1.5^ | 5.7^~ | 7.6 |
| Parents/guardians required to send food | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Parents/guardians not allowed to send food | 18.2 | 29.1 | 9.5^ | 13.4 |
| Afternoon snack is not served at all | 1.2^ | 7.9 | 2.4^ | 2.6^ |
| Missing | 0.6^ | 1.6^ | 1.6^~ | 1.4^ |

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Supper source | | | | |
| Site provides food | 14.9 | 3.4^ | 43.9~ | 33.2 |
| Parents/guardians allowed to send food | 5.3^ | 0.0 | 1.9^ | 2.5^ |
| Parents/guardians required to send food | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Parents/guardians not allowed to send food | - | 1.0^ | 1.9^ | 1.6^ |
| Supper is not served at all | 84.6 | 94.8 | 54.6~ | 65.4 |
| Missing | 0.6^ | 1.5^ | 1.6^~ | 1.3^ |
| Evening snack source | | | | |
| Site provides food | 10.7^ | 5.2^ | 31.8 | 24.3 |
| Parents/guardians allowed to send food | 2.9^ | - | 3.3^ | 2.9^ |
| Parents/guardians required to send food | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Parents/guardians not allowed to send food | - | 1.3^ | - | 1.0^ |
| Evening snack is not served at all | 88.7 | 93.0 | 66.6 | 74.3 |
| Missing | 0.6^ | 1.5^ | 1.6^~ | 1.4^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

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Table B.44. Entities that provide food for snacks and meals in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Breakfast source | | | |
| Site provides food | 65.6 | 68.8 | 65.8 |
| Parents/guardians allowed to send food | 21.5 | 14.0^ | 20.9 |
| Parents/guardians required to send food | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Parents/guardians not allowed to send food | 4.1^ | 7.5^ | 4.3^ |
| Breakfast is not served at all | 32.1 | 27.3^ | 31.8 |
| Missing | 1.6^ | 0.0 | 1.5^ |
| Morning snack source | | | |
| Site provides food | 12.3 | 51.6 | 15.0 |
| Parents/guardians allowed to send food | 10.6^ | 15.1^ | 11.0^ |
| Parents/guardians required to send food | - | 0.0 | - |
| Parents/guardians not allowed to send food | - | 4.4^ | 1.6^ |
| Morning snack is not served at all | 75.4 | 47.5 | 73.5 |
| Missing | 1.6^ | 0.0 | 1.5^ |
| Lunch source | | | |
| Site provides food | 69.4 | 66.8 | 69.2 |
| Parents/guardians allowed to send food | 27.9 | 26.8^ | 27.8 |
| Parents/guardians required to send food | - | 5.0^ | 0.4^ |
| Parents/guardians not allowed to send food | 4.4^ | 7.5^ | 4.6^ |
| Lunch is not served at all | 28.2 | 26.9^ | 28.2 |
| Missing | 1.6^ | 0.0 | 1.5^ |
| Afternoon snack source | | | |
| Site provides food | 53.1 | 88.8 | 55.6 |
| Parents/guardians allowed to send food | 18.9 | 39.7 | 20.3 |
| Parents/guardians required to send food | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Parents/guardians not allowed to send food | 2.6^ | 8.2^ | 3.0^ |
| Afternoon snack is not served at all | 40.8 | 10.4 | 38.7 |
| Missing | 1.6^ | 0.0 | 1.5^ |
| Supper source | | | |
| Site provides food | 77.4 | 28.2 | 74.0 |
| Parents/guardians allowed to send food | 21.9 | 6.4^ | 20.8 |
| Parents/guardians required to send food | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Parents/guardians not allowed to send food | 2.0^ | - | 2.0^ |
| Supper is not served at all | 21.0 | 71.0 | 24.4 |
| Missing | 1.6^ | 0.0 | 1.5^ |
| Evening snack source | | | |
| Site provides food | 21.0 | 18.9 | 20.8 |
| Parents/guardians allowed to send food | 2.4^ | 4.5^ | 2.5^ |

Appendix B. CACFP programs' policies and practices supplementary tables

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Parents/guardians required to send food | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Parents/guardians not allowed to send food | - | - | - |
| Evening snack is not served at all | 76.7 | 80.3 | 77.0 |
| Missing | 1.6^ | 0.0 | 1.5^ |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

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Table B.45. Policies on types of food and beverages that can be brought from home in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Policy on meals and snacks from home | | | | |
| Informal policy | 14.3 | 4.4^ | 23.3~ | 19.4 |
| Written policy | 33.9 | 55.5 | 14.4 | 22.9 |
| Both an informal and written policy | 25.9 | 27.5 | 18.2~ | 20.9 |
| No policy | 19.1 | 5.6 | 36.9~ | 29.7 |
| Don't know | 2.9^ | 4.9^ | 4.8^ | 4.3^ |
| Missing | 3.9^ | 2.2^ | 2.4^ | 2.7^ |
| Policy on food brought for celebrations | | | | |
| Informal policy | 24.7 | 4.9^ | 32.5 | 28.1 |
| Written policy | 33.6 | 60.4 | 9.2^ | 19.7 |
| Both an informal and written policy | 23.2 | 22.9 | 14.6~ | 17.5 |
| No policy | 16.1 | 3.1 | 35.6 | 28.0 |
| Don't know | 1.5^ | 5.6^ | 3.6^~ | 3.3^ |
| Missing | 0.8^ | 3.1^ | 4.4^~ | 3.4^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

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Table B.46. Policies on types of food and beverages that can be brought from home in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Policy on meals and snacks from home | | | |
| Informal policy | 9.3^ | 11.8 | 9.5 |
| Written policy | 26.3 | 27.0 | 26.4 |
| Both an informal and written policy | 11.4 | 40.4 | 13.4 |
| No policy | 37.9 | 13.1^ | 36.2 |
| Don't know | 13.4 | 4.9^ | 12.8 |
| Missing | 1.7^ | 2.6^ | 1.8^ |
| Policy on food brought for celebrations | | | |
| Informal policy | 12.6 | 14.6 | 12.8 |
| Written policy | 45.3 | 29.5 | 44.2 |
| Both an informal and written policy | 12.5 | 38.4 | 14.3 |
| No policy | 13.1 | 11.2 | 13.0 |
| Don't know | 14.7 | 4.9^ | 14.0 |
| Missing | 1.7^ | - | 1.7^ |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

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Table B.47. Primary languages spoken in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Language spoken at home | | | | |
| English | 98.6 | 98.3 | 93.1 | 94.9 |
| Spanish | 55.5 | 57.9 | 26.3~ | 36.2 |
| Chinese, including Cantonese, Mandarin, and other Chinese languages | 9.9 | 2.6^ | 2.5^ | 4.3^ |
| Arabic | 8.5 | 9.5^ | - | 3.6 |
| An African language | 4.8^ | 5.3^ | - | 3.0^ |
| Korean | 2.3^ | 0.6^ | - | 1.3^ |
| French | 1.2^ | 3.4^ | - | 1.2^ |
| Native American language | 3.4^ | 0.8^ | - | 0.9^ |
| Tagalog | 3.0^ | 0.7^ | 0.0 | 0.8^ |
| Vietnamese | 1.8^ | 2.4^ | - | 0.7^ |
| German | - | - | 0.0 | 0.3^ |
| Other | 6.6^ | 13.5 | 2.2^ | 4.3 |
| Missing | - | 0.5^ | 1.9^ | 1.4^ |
| Language spoken by staff at center | | | | |
| English | 95.2 | 98.4 | 90.8~ | 92.6 |
| Spanish | 44.1 | 41.0 | 28.2~ | 33.2 |
| Chinese, including Cantonese, Mandarin, and other Chinese languages | 3.5^ | 0.8^ | - | 2.3^ |
| Arabic | 2.6^ | 2.4^ | - | 1.5^ |
| French | 2.5^ | 0.8^ | 0.0 | 0.7^ |
| Korean | 0.0 | - | - | 0.7^ |
| Native American language | 0.0 | 2.4^ | 0.0 | 0.2^ |
| An African language | - | 0.7^ | 0.0 | 0.1^ |
| Vietnamese | - | 0.4^ | 0.0 | 0.1^ |
| Tagalog | - | 0.5^ | - | 0.1^ |
| German | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 1.9^ | 4.0^ | 4.0^ | 3.5^ |
| Missing | 1.3^ | 1.1^ | 3.1^ | 2.5^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

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Table B.48. Primary languages spoken in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Language spoken at home | | | |
| English | 97.2 | 96.1 | 97.1 |
| Spanish | 60.1 | 41.1^ | 58.8 |
| Chinese, including Cantonese, Mandarin, and other Chinese languages | 6.0^ | 18.4^ | 6.8^ |
| Arabic | 2.9^ | 17.8^ | 3.9^ |
| An African language | 4.0^ | 3.7^ | 4.0^ |
| Korean | - | - | 2.1^ |
| French | 2.5^ | - | 2.4^ |
| Native American language | - | 0.0 | - |
| Tagalog | - | 0.0 | - |
| Vietnamese | 4.3^ | 0.0 | 4.0^ |
| German | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 3.1^ | 1.2^ | 3.0^ |
| Missing | - | - | 1.5^ |
| Language spoken by staff at center | | | |
| English | 98.5 | 99.6 | 98.6 |
| Spanish | 42.2 | 16.5^ | 40.5 |
| Chinese, including Cantonese, Mandarin, and other Chinese languages | - | - | 0.7^ |
| Arabic | 0.8^ | - | 0.9^ |
| French | 0.7^ | - | 0.7^ |
| Korean | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Native American language | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| An African language | - | - | - |
| Vietnamese | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Tagalog | 0.0 | - | - |
| German | - | 0.0 | - |
| Other | 0.7^ | 2.0^ | 0.8^ |
| Missing | - | 0.0 | - |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

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Table B.49. Policies about managing special dietary needs in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Center policy about special dietary needs | | | | |
| Informal policy | 12.0^ | 2.3^ | 27.0 | 21.2 |
| Written policy | 44.0 | 66.6 | 29.5 | 36.3 |
| Both an informal and written policy | 37.2 | 27.2 | 18.1 | 23.5 |
| No policy | 3.2^ | 0.0 | 15.7 | 11.2 |
| Don't know | - | 1.2^ | 3.9^~ | 2.7^ |
| Missing | 3.4^ | 2.7^ | 5.9^ | 5.0^ |
| Center requires children to bring documentation from medical provider | | | | |
| Yes | 91.7 | 97.3 | 83.5 | 86.7 |
| No | 7.6^ | 0.6^ | 10.5 | 8.9 |
| Don't know | - | - | 1.2^ | 0.8^ |
| Missing | 0.6^ | 1.9^ | 4.8^ | 3.5^ |
| How center serves meals to children with special dietary needs^a | | | | |
| Program provides alternate food/beverages | 87.5 | 96.9 | 66.2~ | 74.1 |
| Staff inspect food | 39.7 | 35.6 | 32.5 | 34.5 |
| Children allowed to bring their food from home | 45.4 | 7.3^ | 28.9 | 30.9 |
| Children given meals/snacks at another table/in another room | 13.1 | 0.9^ | 19.9 | 16.5 |
| Consultation with registered dietitian to adapt menus | 2.4^ | 45.7 | 6.6^ | 9.2 |
| Children required to bring their food from home | 4.7^ | 0.8^ | 7.0^~ | 5.9^ |
| Children given meals/snacks at different times | - | 1.4^ | - | 0.3^ |
| Other | 7.9^ | 2.0^ | 13.8^~ | 11.3 |
| Don't know | - | - | 3.5^ | 2.4^ |
| Missing | 0.6^ | 1.5^ | 1.6^~ | 1.3^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

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Table B.50. Policies about managing special dietary needs in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Center policy about special dietary needs | | | |
| Informal policy | 11.4 | 4.7^ | 10.9 |
| Written policy | 57.4 | 49.1 | 56.9 |
| Both an informal and written policy | 23.0 | 40.3 | 24.2 |
| No policy | 2.1^ | - | 2.1^ |
| Don't know | 2.3^ | 3.8^ | 2.4^ |
| Missing | 3.7^ | - | 3.5^ |
| Center requires children to bring documentation from medical provider | | | |
| Yes | 81.7 | 73.5 | 81.1 |
| No | 11.8 | 22.8^ | 12.6 |
| Don't know | 4.3^ | 3.3^ | 4.3^ |
| Missing | 2.2^ | - | 2.1^ |
| How center serves meals to children with special dietary needs^a | | | |
| Program provides alternate food/beverages | 77.8 | 78.5 | 77.8 |
| Staff inspect food | 27.8 | 34.3 | 28.3 |
| Children allowed to bring their food from home | 52.7 | 51.5 | 52.7 |
| Children given meals/snacks at another table/in another room | 11.5 | 9.5 | 11.4 |
| Consultation with registered dietitian to adapt menus | 29.4 | 5.2^ | 27.7 |
| Children required to bring their food from home | - | 6.8^ | 2.8^ |
| Children given meals/snacks at different times | 1.0^ | 2.8^ | 1.2^ |
| Other | 6.5^ | 3.8^ | 6.4^ |
| Don't know | 3.0^ | - | 2.8^ |
| Missing | 3.7^ | - | 3.5^ |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

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Table B.51. Policies about accommodating children with disabilities or impairments in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Center policy about accommodating children with disabilities or impairments | | | | |
| Informal policy | 11.8 | 2.4^ | 22.7 | 18.2 |
| Written policy | 35.9 | 56.6 | 18.6 | 26.2 |
| Both an informal and written policy | 32.3 | 29.8 | 15.5~ | 20.9 |
| No policy | 13.1 | - | 31.0 | 23.9 |
| Don't know | 4.5^ | 9.2^ | 6.5^~ | 6.2^ |
| Missing | 2.3^ | 1.6^ | 5.8 | 4.5 |
| Center procedures to accommodate children with disabilities or impairments^a | | | | |
| Modify child care environment | 63.9 | 73.4 | 53.2 | 57.6 |
| Modify toys and equipment | 61.7 | 69.8 | 46.8 | 52.5 |
| Teach all children how to find and be a playmate | 50.1 | 51.0 | 52.8 | 52.0 |
| Communicate with pictures and signs | 57.8 | 70.4 | 46.7 | 51.5 |
| Provide breaks from the group for individual children | 53.0 | 61.6 | 42.1 | 46.5 |
| Provide earlier start times for meals and snacks | 15.3 | 25.9 | 27.6~ | 24.5 |
| Other | 10.6^ | 5.6 | 1.6^ | 4.1 |
| No accommodation procedures | 9.2^ | 1.8^ | 27.7 | 20.9 |
| Don't know | 5.7^ | 10.0 | 6.0^~ | 6.3^ |
| Missing | 1.2^ | 3.2^ | 3.9^ | 3.2^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

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^a Multiple responses were allowed.

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Table B.52. Policies about accommodating children with disabilities or impairments in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Center policy about accommodating children with disabilities or impairments | | | |
| Informal policy | 9.1 | 10.3 [^] | 9.2 |
| Written policy | 49.9 | 27.0 | 48.3 |
| Both an informal and written policy | 20.5 | 38.9 | 21.7 |
| No policy | 6.0 [^] | 12.0 [^] | 6.4 [^] |
| Don't know | 12.3 | 11.1 [^] | 12.3 |
| Missing | 2.2 [^] | - | 2.1 [^] |
| Center procedures to accommodate children with disabilities or impairments^a | | | |
| Modify child care environment | 40.3 | 44.0 | 40.5 |
| Modify toys and equipment | 22.6 | 28.5 [^] | 23.0 |
| Teach all children how to find and be a playmate | 17.3 | 28.5 | 18.1 |
| Communicate with pictures and signs | 21.0 | 35.2 | 22.0 |
| Provide breaks from the group for individual children | 31.3 | 33.2 | 31.5 |
| Provide earlier start times for meals and snacks | 25.2 | 8.0 | 24.1 |
| Other | 13.5 [^] | 14.8 [^] | 13.5 [^] |
| No accommodation procedures | 2.9 [^] | 28.5 [^] | 4.7 [^] |
| Don't know | 30.5 | 10.3 [^] | 29.1 |
| Missing | 2.3 [^] | - | 2.2 [^] |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

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Table B.53. Early child care providers that also operate a before and after school program

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Center operates CACFP at-risk after school program | | | | |
| Yes | 9.0^ | 6.5^ | 3.9^ | 5.4 |
| No | 77.0 | 90.1 | 80.1 | 80.3 |
| Missing | 14.0 | 3.4^ | 15.9 | 14.3 |
| Center operates CACFP outside-school-hours program | | | | |
| Yes | 25.0 | 7.4 | 19.4~ | 19.6 |
| No | 68.0 | 88.1 | 71.6 | 72.3 |
| Missing | 7.0 | 4.5^ | 9.0^ | 8.1 |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023. Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

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Table B.54. Resources and tools for the selection and purchasing of healthier foods in early child care programs

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Entities providing tools and resources | | | | |
| United States Department of Agriculture | 53.4 | 62.1 | 21.3~ | 32.7 |
| Sponsoring agency | 23.7 | 16.5 | 16.9~ | 18.2 |
| State health department | 6.5^ | 15.4 | 10.1 | 9.7 |
| Child care corporate office | 6.8^ | 8.0 | 8.2 | 7.8 |
| Resource and referral agency | 5.8^ | 0.8^ | 4.8^ | 4.7 |
| Internet/online resources | 6.2^ | 8.9^ | 1.5^ | 3.3 |
| School food authority | 5.0^ | 10.0 | - | 3.2^ |
| Other | 12.0 | 13.1 | 15.9 | 14.7 |
| None of the above | 26.9 | 20.2 | 49.1~ | 41.1 |
| Missing | - | 2.4^ | 4.3^~ | 3.2^ |
| Additional tools and resources that would be helpful | | | | |
| Resources for family day care home providers | 16.3 | 17.1 | 56.9 | 43.5 |
| Standardized recipes | 26.2 | 29.0 | 24.6~ | 25.4 |
| Live and recorded training webinars | 24.1 | 27.6 | 19.3~ | 21.2 |
| Greater availability of free printed resources | 21.4 | 21.7 | 15.8~ | 17.7 |
| Greater availability of online resources | 27.3 | 19.6 | 12.0 | 16.4 |
| Parent/guardian communication tools | 11.8 | 23.6 | 14.3 | 14.5 |
| Resources for providers of before and after school care | 11.2^ | 5.6^ | 16.3~ | 14.1 |
| Resources provided as downloadable applications | 15.6 | 17.3 | 8.3^ | 10.9 |
| Training slides and related resources | 15.0 | 24.8 | 7.2^ | 10.7 |
| Resources available in Spanish | 12.7^ | 13.4 | 8.2^ | 9.8 |
| Resources available in languages other than English and Spanish | 1.5^ | 5.3^ | - | 1.7^ |
| Other | 0.9^ | 2.0^ | 6.4^ | 4.6^ |
| None of the above | 17.2 | 9.9 | 7.3^ | 9.9 |
| Don't know | 16.3 | 21.3 | 12.8 | 14.4 |
| Missing | - | 0.9^ | 3.0^ | 2.5^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023. Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Multiple responses were allowed.

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Table B.55. Resources and tools for the selection and purchasing of healthier foods in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Entities providing tools and resources | | | |
| United States Department of Agriculture | 55.5 | 38.0 | 54.3 |
| Sponsoring agency | 30.4 | 31.2^ | 30.4 |
| State health department | 8.9 | 11.8 | 9.1 |
| Child care corporate office | 3.2^ | 2.2^ | 3.1^ |
| Resource and referral agency | 1.2^ | 5.0^ | 1.4^ |
| Internet/online resources | 6.2^ | 8.5^ | 6.4^ |
| School food authority | 37.3 | - | 34.8 |
| Other | 11.6 | 14.9 | 11.8 |
| None of the above | 12.2 | 29.1 | 13.4 |
| Missing | 4.4^ | 3.8^ | 4.3^ |
| Additional tools and resources that would be helpful | | | |
| Resources for family day care home providers | 5.9^ | 9.8^ | 6.2^ |
| Standardized recipes | 14.8 | 22.7^ | 15.3 |
| Live and recorded training webinars | 28.8 | 24.5 | 28.5 |
| Greater availability of free printed resources | 18.0 | 8.4^ | 17.4 |
| Greater availability of online resources | 18.4 | 17.1 | 18.3 |
| Parent/guardian communication tools | 13.3 | 12.8 | 13.3 |
| Resources for providers of before and after school care | 17.2 | 20.9 | 17.5 |
| Resources provided as downloadable applications | 12.8 | 8.3^ | 12.5 |
| Training slides and related resources | 18.3 | 17.4^ | 18.3 |
| Resources available in Spanish | 15.6 | 5.2^ | 14.8 |
| Resources available in languages other than English and Spanish | 3.9^ | 0.0 | 3.6^ |
| Other | 5.7^ | 9.2 | 5.9^ |
| None of the above | 14.8 | 14.6^ | 14.8 |
| Don't know | 27.6 | 29.9^ | 27.8 |
| Missing | 1.6^ | 2.2^ | 1.6^ |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all before and after school programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

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Table B.56. Challenges faced by early child care programs participating in CACFP

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Challenges classified as minor or major | | | | |
| Meal reimbursement is not enough to cover food expenses | 57.2*** | 37.1+++ | 75.0##~ | 67.3 |
| Nutrition requirements are difficult | 43.7*** | 19.3+++ | 37.6~ | 37.4 |
| Paperwork to receive meal reimbursement is difficult | 51.3*** | 25.9 | 32.2### | 36.2 |
| Not enough children are eligible for higher reimbursement | 40.8*** | 21.5 | 28.5## | 30.8 |
| Paperwork for child enrollment is difficult | 51.4*** | 16.7 | 23.2###~ | 29.3 |
| Lack of support from sponsor | 41.9*** | 5.6+++ | 28.1## | 29.3 |
| Requirements for site eligibility are difficult | 31.9*** | 10.3+ | 20.2#~ | 22.1 |
| Monitoring by the State or sponsor is time-consuming | 8.1 | 5.8++^ | 15.2# | 12.7 |
| Other | 7.7^ | 4.1^ | 6.0^~ | 6.3^ |
| Missing | 0.7^ | 2.9^ | 2.3^ | 1.9^ |
| Challenges classified as major | | | | |
| Meal reimbursement is not enough to cover food expenses | 26.3** | 17.2+++ | 42.5### | 36.3 |
| Lack of children eligible for higher reimbursement | 15.8*** | 0.9+++^ | 12.5^~ | 12.2 |
| Meal reimbursement paperwork | 12.7* | 4.9^ | 10.3^~ | 10.4 |
| Monitoring by the State or sponsor is time consuming | 10.3** | 3.0^ | 7.2^ | 7.6 |
| Nutrition requirements | 7.4*** | 1.8^ | 6.6^~ | 6.4^ |
| Child enrollment paperwork | 5.4^ | 2.1^ | 3.7^ | 4.0^ |
| Site eligibility requirements | 4.5*^ | 0.6^ | 4.1^~ | 3.9^ |
| Lack of support from sponsor | 1.6^ | 0.3^ | 1.9^ | 1.7^ |
| Other | 6.6^ | 3.8^ | 1.2^ | 2.7^ |
| Missing | 0.7^ | 2.9^ | 2.3^ | 1.9^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Multiple responses were allowed.

Difference between child care centers and Head Start centers is significantly different from zero at the ***0.001 level, **0.01 level, or *0.05 level. Difference between child care centers and family day care homes is significantly different from zero at the ###0.001 level, ##0.01 level, or #0.05 level. Difference between Head Start centers and family day care homes is significantly different from zero at the +++0.001 level, ++0.01 level, or +0.05 level.

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Table B.57. Challenges faced by before and after school programs participating in CACFP

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Challenges classified as minor or major | | | |
| Meal reimbursement is not enough to cover food expenses | 47.5 | 52.7 | 47.8 |
| Nutrition requirements are difficult | 31.9 | 43.0 | 32.7 |
| Paperwork to receive meal reimbursement is difficult | 40.2 | 42.2 | 40.4 |
| Not enough children are eligible for higher reimbursement | 36.0 | 42.4 | 36.5 |
| Paperwork for child enrollment is difficult | 19.3** | 41.1 | 20.8 |
| Lack of support from sponsor | 11.3*^ | 24.9 | 12.2 |
| Requirements for site eligibility are difficult | 19.8 | 15.9^ | 19.5 |
| Monitoring by the State or sponsor is time-consuming | 9.1^ | 7.3^ | 9.0^ |
| Other | 4.4^ | 3.4 | 4.3^ |
| Missing | 2.3^ | 2.2^ | 2.3^ |
| Challenges classified as major | | | |
| Meal reimbursement is not enough to cover food expenses | 26.5 | 27.4 | 26.6 |
| Lack of children eligible for higher reimbursement | 2.9^ | 7.5 | 3.3^ |
| Meal reimbursement paperwork | 2.2**^ | 6.8^ | 2.6^ |
| Monitoring by the State or sponsor is time consuming | 12.7^ | 6.9^ | 12.3^ |
| Nutrition requirements | 5.2^ | 7.1^ | 5.4^ |
| Child enrollment paperwork | 0.7^ | 16.0^ | 1.7^ |
| Site eligibility requirements | - | - | 0.1^ |
| Lack of support from sponsor | 1.9^ | - | 1.8^ |
| Other | - | 3.4 | 1.9^ |
| Missing | 2.3^ | 2.2^ | 2.3^ |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all before and after school programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Multiple responses were allowed.

Difference between at-risk afterschool centers and outside-school-hours care centers is significantly different from zero at the ***0.001 level, ** 0.01 level, or * 0.05 level.

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CACFP = Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Table B.58. Changes that could help early child care programs that do not currently participate in CACFP decide to participate

| | Child care centers | Head Start centers | Family day care homes | All |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Increase meal reimbursement rate | 70.6 | 59.9 | 79.9~ | 75.8 |
| Offer more nutrition training for child care program staff | 30.3 | 43.4 | 32.7 | 33.1 |
| Provide assistance with writing menus | 24.6 | 29.7 | 29.7 | 28.4 |
| Offer electronic enrollment and paperwork options | 43.0 | 33.6 | 14.4 | 23.0 |
| Provide more support to complete paperwork | 30.0 | 25.2 | 16.2 | 20.3 |
| Require less monitoring | 22.2 | 10.9 | 17.9~ | 18.3 |
| Other | 3.2^ | 6.5 | 3.0^ | 3.4^ |
| Don't know | 8.7^ | 10.6 | 6.4^ | 7.3 |
| Missing | 0.7^ | 2.9^ | 2.3^ | 2.0^ |
| Number of early child care programs | 239 | 334 | 205 | 778 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023. Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Respondents could select up to three responses.

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Table B.59. Changes that could help before and after school programs that do not currently participate in CACFP decide to participate

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Increase meal reimbursement rate | 55.0 | 51.2 | 54.7 |
| Offer more nutrition training for child care program staff | 18.4 | 22.9 | 18.7 |
| Provide assistance with writing menus | 15.9 | 15.3^ | 15.9 |
| Offer electronic enrollment and paperwork options | 23.3 | 28.7 | 23.6 |
| Provide more support to complete paperwork | 21.1 | 18.7 | 20.9 |
| Require less monitoring | 27.9 | 28.6^ | 27.9 |
| Other | 7.9^ | 6.9 | 7.8^ |
| Don't know | 22.6 | 13.9^ | 22.0 |
| Missing | 2.3^ | 2.2^ | 2.3^ |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

Tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all before and after school programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Year 2022–2023. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Respondents could select up to three responses.

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Table B.60. Length of program operation in before and after school programs

| | At-risk afterschool centers | Outside-school-hours care centers | All |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Fewer than six months | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Six months up to one year | - | 0.0 | - |
| One year up to three years | 2.0^ | 1.4^ | 2.0^ |
| Three years up to five years | 3.6^ | 5.9^ | 3.8^ |
| Five or more years | 89.1 | 92.3 | 89.3 |
| Missing | 4.6^~ | - | 4.3^ |
| Number of before and after school programs | 195 | 100 | 295 |

Source: Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

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Early child care providers were not asked this survey question.

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Table B.61. Sources of foods for meals and snacks in early child care programs in SNACS-I and SNACS-II

| | SNACS-I | SNACS-II | Difference |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Grocery store or supermarket | 87.1 | 84.6 | -2.5 |
| Wholesale store | 59.2 | 60.4 | 1.3 |
| Farmers market | 25.5 | 21.1~ | -4.4~ |
| Independent food service company, vendor, caterer, or other contractor | 14.3 | 16.7 | 2.3 |
| Corner store, convenience store, or bodega | 7.4 | 10.6^~ | 3.2~ |
| School district | 2.9 | 1.9^~ | -1.0~ |
| Food buying cooperative or community supported agriculture | 2.4 | 1.4^~ | -1.1~ |
| The State Agency | 4.3 | 0.3^~ | -4.0***~ |
| Other | 7.9 | 4.9~ | -3.0~ |
| Number of early child care programs | 766 | 778 | |

Source: Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-I), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2017 and Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

SNACS-I and SNACS-II tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Years 2016–2017 and 2022–2023, respectively. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Multiple responses were allowed.

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Table B.62. Sources of foods for meals and snacks in before and after school programs in SNACS-I and SNACS-II

| | SNACS-I | SNACS-II | Difference |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Grocery store or supermarket | 29.6 | 14.4~ | -15.3**~ |
| Wholesale store | 21.7 | 16.2~ | -5.5~ |
| Farmers market | 4.8^ | 1.6^~ | -3.2~ |
| Independent food service company, vendor, caterer, or other contractor | 42.9 | 39.0 | -3.9 |
| Corner store, convenience store, or bodega | 3.3^ | 0.2^~ | -3.1*~ |
| School district | 21.2 | 28.0~ | 6.7~ |
| Food buying cooperative or community supported agriculture | 11.6 | 7.2~ | -4.4~ |
| The State Agency | 23.0 | 7.1^~ | -15.9*~ |
| Other | 10.3 | 25.4 | 15.0** |
| Number of before and after school programs | 308 | 295 | |

Source: Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-I), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2017 and Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

SNACS-I and SNACS-II tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all before and after school programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Years 2016–2017 and 2022–2023, respectively. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Multiple responses were allowed.

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Table B.63. Challenges participating in CACFP that early child care programs faced in SNACS-I and SNACS-II

| | SNACS-I | SNACS-II | Difference |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| Meal reimbursement is not enough to cover food expenses | 26.1 | 36.3 | 10.2* |
| Lack of children eligible for higher reimbursement | 8.2 | 12.2~ | 4.1~ |
| Meal reimbursement paperwork | 9.3 | 10.4~ | 1.1~ |
| Monitoring by the State or sponsor is time consuming | 7.0 | 7.6~ | 0.5~ |
| Nutrition requirements | 6.8 | 6.4^~ | -0.5~ |
| Child enrollment paperwork | 4.6 | 4.0^~ | -0.6~ |
| Site eligibility requirements | 3.9 | 3.9^~ | -0.0~ |
| Lack of support from sponsor | 1.5^ | 1.7^~ | 0.2~ |
| Number of early child care programs | 761 | 778 | |

Source: Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-I), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2017 and Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

SNACS-I and SNACS-II tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all early child care programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Years 2016–2017 and 2022–2023, respectively. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Multiple responses were allowed.

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CACFP = Child and Adult Care Food Program

Table B.64. Challenges participating in CACFP that before and after school programs faced in SNACS-I and SNACS-II

| | SNACS-I | SNACS-II | Difference |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| Meal reimbursement is not enough to cover food expenses | 12.2 | 26.6~ | 14.3**~ |
| Lack of children eligible for higher reimbursement | 2.7^ | 3.3^~ | 0.6~ |
| Meal reimbursement paperwork | 10.4 | 2.6^~ | -7.8**~ |
| Monitoring by the State or sponsor is time consuming | 12.8 | 12.3^~ | -0.5~ |
| Nutrition requirements | 3.3^ | 5.4^~ | 2.0~ |
| Child enrollment paperwork | 5.9^ | 1.7^~ | -4.2*~ |
| Site eligibility requirements | 4.3^ | 0.1^~ | -4.1**~ |
| Lack of support from sponsor | 1.2^ | 1.8^~ | 0.6~ |
| Number of before and after school programs | 308 | 295 | |

Source: Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-I), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2017 and Second Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II), Provider Survey, winter through summer, 2023.

SNACS-I and SNACS-II tabulations are weighted to be nationally representative of all before and after school programs participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Program Years 2016–2017 and 2022–2023, respectively. Estimates are percentages unless otherwise noted.

Multiple responses were allowed.

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