NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: CHILDREN PARTICIPATING				
Data as of October 9, 2026				
State / Territory	**July 2025**	**June 2026** *Preliminary*	**July 2026** *Initial*	**Percent Change Jul 26 vs Jul 25**
Alabama	132,323	47,364	20,147	-84.8%
Alaska	569	1,388	487	-14.4%
Arizona	166,063	50,554	154,644	-6.9%
Arkansas	47,533	153,371	112,918	137.6%
California	493,795	2,093,421	602,970	22.1%
Colorado	1,350	21,052	102	-92.4%
Connecticut	9,366	251,105	9,898	5.7%
Delaware	626	76,080	533	-14.8%
District of Columbia	2,907	44,409	3,053	5.0%
Florida	84,201	199,422	13,532	-83.9%
Georgia	126,054	155,426	154,128	22.3%
Guam	49	4,159	45	-6.7%
Hawaii	501	7,590	7,618	1422.0%
Idaho	474	26,330	421	-11.2%
Illinois	24,654	194,276	13,802	-44.0%
Indiana	91,058	44,923	23,529	-74.2%
Iowa	1,892	62,469	2,251	19.0%
Kansas	2,204	4,193	1,832	-16.9%
Kentucky	789	39,054	941	19.3%
Louisiana	2,051	24,854	1,889	-7.9%
Maine	763	103,701	3,847	404.4%
Maryland	1,344	400,964	1,545	14.9%
Massachusetts	12,131	560,750	68,239	462.5%
Michigan	13,611	673,406	10,054	-26.1%
Minnesota	10,769	262,483	11,630	8.0%
Mississippi	130,217	5,016	120,091	-7.8%
Missouri	5,556	58,846	5,661	1.9%
Montana	552	36,381	546	-1.2%
Nebraska	953	1,900	567	-40.4%
Nevada	1,001	22,543	1,039	3.8%
New Hampshire	554	64,887	385	-30.5%
New Jersey	35,685	663,647	38,400	7.6%
New Mexico	33,195	34,749	32,944	-0.8%
New York	110,926	1,597,767	117,959	6.3%
North Carolina	24,132	317,934	21,020	-12.9%
North Dakota	172	1,205	143	-16.4%
Ohio	21,210	288,193	25,264	19.1%
Oklahoma	1,352	8,291	2,480	83.5%
Oregon	6,213	214,919	7,644	23.0%
Pennsylvania	34,727	611,289	36,723	5.7%
Puerto Rico	454	1,592	411	-9.5%
Rhode Island	1,328	62,713	140	-89.4%
South Carolina	93,452	115,790	103,876	11.2%
South Dakota	1,385	2,476	1,495	7.9%
Tennessee	13,508	142,456	78,567	481.6%
Texas	103,435	313,030	132,743	28.3%
Utah	13,439	53,992	18,864	40.4%
Vermont	99	48,441	70	-29.3%
Virginia	15,674	333,073	8,913	-43.1%
Virgin Islands	16	18	20	26.7%
Washington	6,789	512,425	4,441	-34.6%
West Virginia	1,052	57,396	1,088	3.5%
Wisconsin	5,318	301,478	5,217	-1.9%
Wyoming	588	5,976	461	-21.7%
Dept. of Defense	0	22,067	0	-
TOTAL	**1,890,052**	**11,403,236**	**1,987,228**	**5.1%**

Participation data are based on average daily meals adjusted by an attendance factor of 0.927. Dept. of Defense refers to children of armed forces personnel attending school abroad.

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