

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: CHILDREN PARTICIPATING				
Data as of September 11, 2026				
State / Territory	June 2025	May 2026 <i>Preliminary</i>	June 2026 <i>Initial</i>	Percent Change Jun 26 vs Jun 25
Alabama	598,203	418,196	78,804	-86.8%
Alaska	791	40,025	1,315	66.3%
Arizona	47,538	552,965	50,554	6.3%
Arkansas	44,698	254,749	153,371	243.1%
California	2,137,242	3,143,704	2,004,214	-6.2%
Colorado	12,366	391,920	23,509	90.1%
Connecticut	248,207	283,204	251,105	1.2%
Delaware	75,798	95,019	79,360	4.7%
District of Columbia	41,721	52,228	44,409	6.4%
Florida	230,307	1,583,351	189,574	-17.7%
Georgia	146,964	1,025,206	155,426	5.8%
Guam	575	12,341	3,702	543.9%
Hawaii	8,283	81,908	7,670	-7.4%
Idaho	31,941	122,300	26,394	-17.4%
Illinois	309,471	886,915	190,176	-38.5%
Indiana	51,843	684,495	64,802	25.0%
Iowa	68,525	332,320	88,354	28.9%
Kansas	4,706	286,707	3,869	-17.8%
Kentucky	12,858	455,219	39,054	203.7%
Louisiana	9,701	407,783	24,854	156.2%
Maine	104,393	113,412	103,701	-0.7%
Maryland	391,294	461,831	400,935	2.5%
Massachusetts	544,438	608,468	560,750	3.0%
Michigan	690,746	887,785	632,082	-8.5%
Minnesota	256,468	637,288	276,995	8.0%
Mississippi	5,065	246,672	5,731	13.2%
Missouri	61,402	480,106	58,827	-4.2%
Montana	41,416	69,211	43,307	4.6%
Nebraska	2,214	200,140	2,635	19.1%
Nevada	24,556	201,656	22,827	-7.0%
New Hampshire	68,483	49,213	64,887	-5.3%
New Jersey	674,635	788,630	699,137	3.6%
New Mexico	35,549	185,163	34,749	-2.3%
New York	1,515,992	1,923,201	1,597,767	5.4%
North Carolina	320,950	779,072	334,838	4.3%
North Dakota	1,031	85,160	1,223	18.6%
Ohio	44,836	912,567	288,193	542.8%
Oklahoma	740	336,485	8,291	1020.4%
Oregon	260,228	292,260	214,919	-17.4%
Pennsylvania	589,535	955,397	615,320	4.4%
Puerto Rico	1,947	101,189	873	-55.2%
Rhode Island	63,388	74,339	62,713	-1.1%
South Carolina	93,382	470,378	110,926	18.8%
South Dakota	1,811	88,010	2,041	12.7%
Tennessee	3,716	577,675	138,178	3618.2%
Texas	404,340	3,120,652	313,030	-22.6%
Utah	47,513	292,392	53,992	13.6%
Vermont	47,853	53,708	48,441	1.2%
Virginia	353,836	712,314	342,411	-3.2%
Virgin Islands	14	2,316	18	30.8%
Washington	522,551	541,443	513,241	-1.8%
West Virginia	53,987	152,150	57,396	6.3%
Wisconsin	313,674	458,442	313,249	-0.1%
Wyoming	9,436	38,369	5,904	-37.4%
Dept. of Defense	21,671	22,828	22,111	2.0%
TOTAL	11,654,832	28,030,476	11,432,157	-1.9%
Participation data are based on average daily meals adjusted by an attendance factor of 0.927. Dept. of Defense refers to children of armed forces personnel attending school abroad.				
Data for May and June 2026 are preliminary and are subject to significant change; all data are subject to revision.				