NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM							
Data as of October 9, 2026							
Fiscal Year	**Total Participation**	**Total Lunches Served**	**% Free of Total Lunches**	**% RP of Total Lunches**	**Snacks Served**	**Cash Payments**	**Total Commodity Costs**
ANNUAL SUMMARY							
FY 2025	29,988,041	4,870,699,385	70.3%	2.8%	167,515,312	17,236,122,652	1,659,699,664
FY 2024	29,862,644	4,858,617,269	69.4%	3.1%	171,064,783	16,280,065,961	1,563,332,137
FY 2023	28,620,821	4,661,803,809	67.0%	3.8%	165,258,964	15,806,163,296	1,511,398,029
FY 2022	31,041,449	5,091,179,262	94.9%	0.6%	156,750,513	21,991,626,610	1,515,347,512
MONTHLY DATA							
FY 2023							
Oct 2022	28,596,345	498,726,568	66.0%	4.0%	16,905,906	1,686,808,733	213,529,588
Nov 2022	28,358,371	445,659,919	65.4%	4.1%	16,322,387	1,501,428,346	164,892,331
Dec 2022	27,979,542	356,744,526	65.9%	3.9%	12,997,263	1,204,920,296	119,021,622
Jan 2023	28,607,310	477,395,389	66.0%	4.0%	17,577,826	1,616,486,981	186,849,821
Feb 2023	28,985,976	469,468,524	66.6%	4.0%	17,635,512	1,600,829,260	117,171,410
Mar 2023	28,817,088	524,794,221	66.3%	3.9%	20,065,674	1,783,422,441	124,148,995
Apr 2023	28,805,709	443,507,950	66.3%	4.0%	15,836,993	1,507,587,245	79,959,097
May 2023	27,921,616	522,706,247	66.7%	3.8%	17,262,509	1,777,348,863	46,939,971
Jun 2023	11,547,617	108,118,569	73.0%	2.4%	4,634,228	387,948,615	26,145,413
Jul 2023	1,401,567	15,172,638	90.7%	1.0%	1,522,417	62,871,196	120,966,293
Aug 2023	21,891,900	273,457,095	71.5%	3.6%	8,514,041	936,379,398	156,738,939
Sep 2023	29,515,429	526,052,163	68.7%	3.5%	15,984,208	1,740,131,920	155,034,549
FY 2024							
Oct 2023	30,116,716	554,420,967	68.2%	3.3%	19,197,173	1,820,188,933	198,953,206
Nov 2023	30,108,156	478,773,856	67.9%	3.3%	17,591,891	1,570,002,545	156,251,973
Dec 2023	30,375,178	380,155,797	67.9%	3.2%	13,596,682	1,242,800,587	123,373,145
Jan 2024	29,540,434	468,712,560	68.2%	3.2%	17,275,351	1,538,602,508	168,706,733
Feb 2024	30,203,169	526,471,513	68.9%	3.2%	19,236,529	1,744,278,738	123,993,348
Mar 2024	29,657,889	463,929,858	68.9%	3.1%	17,655,715	1,533,545,531	111,885,241
Apr 2024	29,900,732	533,581,632	69.1%	3.2%	18,451,839	1,768,708,495	76,432,891
May 2024	28,662,117	514,849,897	69.2%	2.9%	16,791,938	1,701,783,040	37,069,674
Jun 2024	10,429,980	95,072,692	75.6%	1.7%	4,471,180	334,825,996	38,735,014
Jul 2024	1,539,892	18,100,366	90.1%	1.0%	1,903,139	77,960,926	155,079,952
Aug 2024	22,567,196	283,962,416	74.7%	2.9%	8,620,946	1,043,963,964	194,141,914
Sep 2024	30,199,403	540,585,715	70.8%	3.0%	16,272,400	1,903,404,699	178,709,047
FY 2025							
Oct 2024	30,695,400	579,349,043	69.9%	2.8%	18,872,471	2,015,781,333	227,140,756
Nov 2024	30,500,442	445,858,925	69.8%	2.9%	15,305,704	1,551,092,992	166,285,778
Dec 2024	30,038,359	406,662,845	70.1%	2.8%	14,452,785	1,418,824,815	131,388,936
Jan 2025	29,818,886	469,557,398	69.6%	2.9%	16,946,952	1,630,731,883	167,506,168
Feb 2025	29,991,233	478,800,385	70.6%	2.8%	17,417,581	1,683,119,498	137,008,406
Mar 2025	29,870,049	488,655,936	70.4%	2.8%	18,388,230	1,711,620,950	120,744,145
Apr 2025	30,248,686	525,170,270	70.6%	2.8%	17,961,748	1,843,233,507	84,220,577
May 2025	28,697,027	503,360,056	70.5%	2.6%	16,451,958	1,759,748,037	53,068,842
Jun 2025	11,654,832	108,413,638	62.4%	1.5%	4,680,251	398,901,772	31,471,273
Jul 2025	1,890,052	19,616,944	47.7%	0.8%	1,789,047	88,173,066	176,015,742
Aug 2025	22,443,643	276,386,865	74.4%	2.9%	8,263,902	1,054,210,830	191,892,657
Sep 2025	30,032,284	568,867,080	71.0%	2.9%	16,984,683	2,080,683,969	172,956,384
FY 2026							
Oct 2025	30,327,905	576,091,509	70.1%	2.8%	18,214,569	2,081,914,984	238,326,908
Nov 2025	30,111,343	422,236,046	69.9%	2.8%	14,790,563	1,526,007,248	178,134,261
Dec 2025	29,422,108	402,094,852	69.9%	2.8%	14,736,747	1,454,942,562	138,294,978
Jan 2026	29,430,438	447,753,828	69.8%	2.8%	16,406,873	1,617,000,629	154,070,016
Feb 2026	29,545,681	474,298,799	70.2%	2.9%	16,895,144	1,722,253,885	124,548,626
Mar 2026	29,293,606	503,875,983	70.2%	2.7%	18,567,778	1,826,938,315	94,640,831
Apr 2026	29,606,152	514,111,417	70.3%	2.9%	17,509,917	1,865,593,466	89,281,566
May 2026	28,140,457	465,729,937	70.1%	2.7%	15,325,132	1,683,225,551	54,504,524
Jun 2026	11,403,236	122,309,985	61.0%	2.2%	5,362,048	460,488,793	32,801,099
Jul 2026	1,987,228	23,857,102	53.3%	0.7%	1,785,678	110,440,130	183,686,646

Annual participation data are 9-month averages (October-May plus September). Cash payments are based on per meal reimbursement rates which are adjusted annually to reflect changes in food prices.

FY 2026 data are preliminary; all data are subject to revision.

** In SY 2020-2021, many schools served meals through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) due to the COVID-19 waivers. The COVID-19 waiver which allowed schools to serve meals through the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and report separately started in SY 2021-2022. FY 2021 - 2022 data includes meals served through the SSO.

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