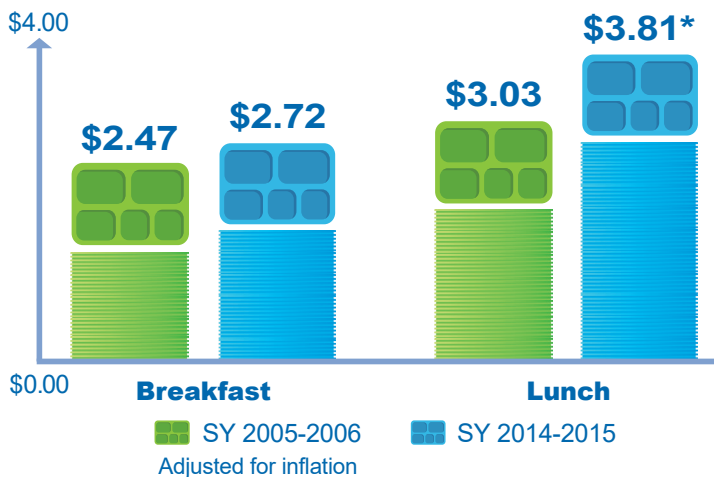


The Cost of Producing School Meals Has Increased

Average Cost of Producing School Meals



*Difference between SY 2005-2006 and SY 2014-2015 is statistically significant for lunch, but not for breakfast. SY = school year.



In SY 2014-2015, lunches in elementary schools cost less to produce than lunches in middle and high schools.



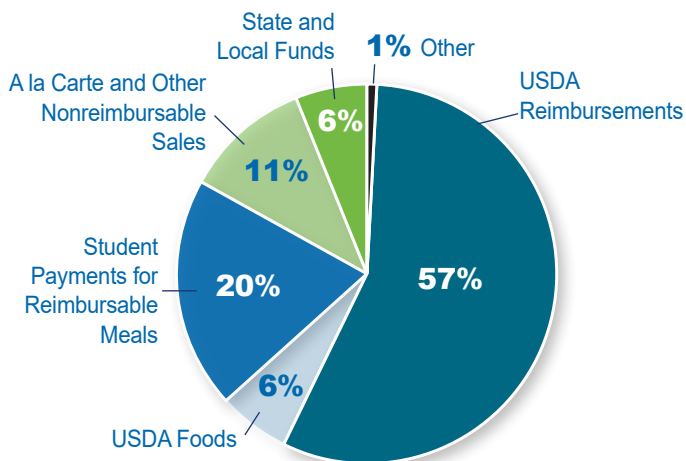
But more nutritious lunches, as measured by the Healthy Eating Index, did not cost more to produce.



In SY 2014-2015, school meals were planned using updated nutrition standards implemented in SY 2012-2013.

School food authorities (SFAs) receive revenue from several sources. USDA cash reimbursements and USDA foods are not meant to cover all SFA costs.

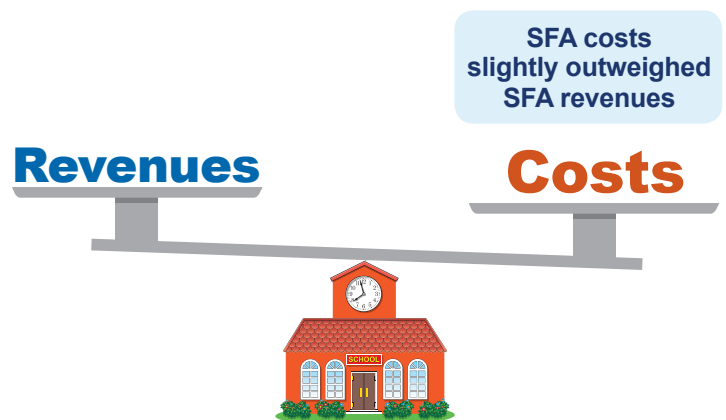
Percentage Contribution to SFA Revenues



USDA Foods includes the cash value of both entitlement and bonus products. Percentages sum to more than 100 due to rounding.

In SY 2014-2015, total costs in the average SFA slightly outweighed their revenues.

Average SFA revenues = 97% of total costs



The ratio between SFA costs and revenues was not significantly different from the ratios estimated in prior studies of school meal costs and revenues.