CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM							
Data as of October 9, 2026							
Fiscal Years	Total Participation (thousands)	Meals Served in Homes (millions)	Meals Served in Centers (millions)	Meals Served in Adults (millions)	Total Meals Served (millions)	% Free+RP of Total Meals	Total Costs (millions of $)
1969	23	--	8	--	8	78.2	1.3
1970	69	--	42	--	42	80.3	6.2
1971	154	--	81	--	81	83.5	13.4
1972	185	--	103	--	103	85.4	16.5
1973	216	--	118	--	118	87.1	20.0
1974	267	--	163	--	163	88.6	30.0
1975	375	--	224	--	224	87.6	51.0
1976	401	--	254	--	254	80.6	87.5
1977	483	19	292	--	311	82.6	124.6
1978	528	32	307	--	339	81.8	152.4
1979	598	54	327	--	382	79.8	189.6
1980	663	84	347	--	431	82.6	236.4
1981	778	168	379	--	547	91.0	339.7
1982	830	154	339	--	493	85.5	324.4
1983	920	178	358	--	536	84.4	355.8
1984	982	217	373	--	591	84.0	406.7
1985	1,043	253	387	--	640	83.7	452.1
1986	1,102	277	401	--	678	83.6	496.2
1987	1,186	309	416	--	725	83.2	547.7
1988	1,256	357	433	2	792	83.2	628.2
1989	1,371	414	448	4	866	83.5	692.8
1990	1,492	481	477	8	966	83.9	816.7
1991	1,626	542	509	11	1,061	84.4	945.8
1992	1,804	612	555	14	1,182	85.3	1,096.5
1993	1,968	667	613	17	1,297	85.4	1,223.9
1994	2,176	729	665	19	1,414	85.3	1,353.0
1995	2,338	766	720	22	1,508	85.2	1,463.3
1996	2,404	777	746	23	1,546	85.2	1,533.5
1997	2,489	775	770	26	1,572	85.3	1,571.2
1998	2,599	751	822	29	1,602	84.7	1,552.4
1999	2,681	744	863	32	1,638	84.2	1,619.6
2000	2,707	738	896	36	1,670	83.7	1,682.6
2001	2,726	717	923	40	1,680	83.5	1,737.2
2002	2,850	708	984	45	1,736	83.3	1,852.7
2003	2,917	693	1,023	49	1,765	83.2	1,925.7
2004	3,009	687	1,059	54	1,800	82.9	2,019.4
2005	3,108	671	1,105	58	1,834	82.2	2,110.8
2006	3,112	638	1,132	59	1,830	81.4	2,152.1
2007	3,207	626	1,161	61	1,848	81.3	2,238.0
2008	3,254	627	1,204	64	1,895	81.3	2,402.5
2009	3,649	613	1,217	66	1,896	81.8	2,533.8
2010	3,411	595	1,248	67	1,910	82.1	2,638.4
2011	3,431	583	1,276	70	1,929	81.7	2,723.9
2012	3,571	569	1,306	70	1,945	81.6	2,854.4
2013	3,681	551	1,336	70	1,957	81.7	2,993.3
2014	3,897	537	1,371	71	1,979	81.8	3,130.9
2015	4,181	526	1,419	74	2,019	81.8	3,306.7
2016	4,407	511	1,494	77	2,082	81.7	3,518.1
2017	4,530	485	1,485	79	2,049	81.4	3,537.1
2018	4,629	458	1,504	80	2,041	81.2	3,621.9
2019	4,795	435	1,533	83	2,050	80.9	3,734.1
2020	4,259	363	1,146	62	1,571	82.3	3,022.5
2021	4,843	356	1,448	60	1,864	84.6	3,794.7
2022	4,789	339	1,456	69	1,863	82.7	3,929.3
2023	4,701	337	1,310	68	1,715	79.8	3,897.3
2024	4,724	327	1,338	72	1,738	80.2	4,093.8
2025	4,833	316	1,337	80	1,733	80.3	4,257.4

All data are subject to revision.

RP = Reduced Price

1. FY 1969-75 data are for the year-round component of the Special Food Service Program.

2. Participation data represent average daily attendance with no adjustment for absenteeism. Data were collected monthly through FY 1982, and quarterly in subsequent years.

3. Total cost includes food service equipment assistance (eliminated after FY-1981) and sponsor administrative costs. Audit and startup costs are included from FY-1988 onward.

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