FEDERAL COST OF SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAMS 1]

Data as of October 9, 2026

Fiscal Year	Cash Payments National School Lunch	Cash Payments School Breakfast 3]	Cash Payments Special Milk	Cash Payment Total	Commodity Costs Entitlement 4]	Commodity Costs Bonus	Commodity Costs Total 2]	Total Federal Cost
	----------Millions of Dollars----------							
1969	203.8	5.4	101.3	310.5	272.0	--	272.0	582.5
1970	300.2	10.8	101.2	412.2	265.2	--	265.2	679.4
1971	532.2	19.4	91.2	642.8	277.3	--	277.3	920.1
1972	738.7	24.9	90.3	853.9	312.1	--	312.1	1,166.0
1973	882.1	34.6	90.8	1,007.5	331.0	--	331.0	1,338.5
1974	1,085.4	59.1	49.2	1,193.7	316.1	--	316.1	1,509.8
1975	1,289.0	86.1	122.9	1,498.0	423.5	--	423.5	1,921.5
1976	1,491.5	113.7	138.5	1,743.7	418.6	--	418.6	2,162.3
1977	1,570.3	148.6	150.0	1,868.9	540.8	--	540.8	2,409.7
1978	1,808.3	181.2	135.3	2,124.8	485.3	57.6	542.9	2,667.7
1979	1,983.7	231.0	133.6	2,348.3	675.3	69.6	744.9	3,093.2
1980	2,279.4	287.8	145.2	2,712.4	765.5	139.0	904.5	3,616.9
1981	2,380.6	331.7	100.8	2,813.1	578.9	316.3	895.2	3,708.3
1982	2,185.4	317.3	18.3	2,521.0	426.2	330.8	757.0	3,278.0
1983	2,401.8	343.8	17.4	2,763.0	426.8	374.1	800.9	3,563.9
1984	2,507.7	364.0	16.0	2,887.7	440.5	386.9	827.4	3,715.1
1985	2,578.4	379.3	15.8	2,973.5	456.0	345.2	801.3	3,774.8
1986	2,714.6	406.3	15.5	3,136.4	445.7	376.2	821.9	3,958.3
1987	2,797.1	446.8	15.5	3,259.4	448.5	439.6	888.2	4,147.6
1988	2,916.4	482.1	18.7	3,417.2	466.3	347.4	813.7	4,230.9
1989	3,005.2	513.4	18.5	3,537.1	472.7	291.5	764.1	4,301.3
1990	3,213.9	599.2	19.2	3,832.2	463.2	154.1	617.3	4,449.5
1991	3,524.6	690.2	19.8	4,234.6	590.0	109.1	699.1	4,933.8
1992	3,856.1	791.3	19.5	4,667.0	583.1	119.8	702.9	5,369.9
1993	4,081.3	873.3	18.7	4,973.4	577.8	90.5	668.4	5,641.8
1994	4,290.7	963.6	17.8	5,272.0	629.2	96.2	725.3	5,997.4
1995	4,466.2	1,049.1	17.0	5,532.2	611.8	81.8	693.6	6,225.9
1996	4,661.5	1,118.8	16.8	5,797.1	647.2	45.8	693.0	6,490.1
1997	4,934.1	1,214.3	17.4	6,165.8	590.9	28.8	619.7	6,785.4
1998	5,101.6	1,272.2	16.8	6,390.6	642.5	85.7	728.2	7,118.8
1999	5,314.5	1,345.5	16.5	6,676.5	661.1	43.8	704.9	7,381.4
2000	5,492.9	1,393.3	15.4	6,901.6	606.6	48.6	655.2	7,556.8
2001	5,612.3	1,450.1	15.5	7,078.0	802.2	60.6	862.8	7,940.8
2002	6,049.6	1,566.7	16.1	7,632.3	720.6	82.6	803.3	8,435.6
2003	6,340.6	1,651.8	14.3	8,006.7	696.9	151.7	848.7	8,855.3
2004	6,663.1	1,775.8	14.2	8,453.1	762.5	200.5	963.0	9,416.1
2005	7,055.3	1,927.2	16.4	8,998.9	824.0	151.1	975.1	9,974.0
2006	7,387.9	2,041.9	14.6	9,444.4	772.9	29.4	802.3	10,246.7
2007	7,706.1	2,163.5	13.6	9,883.2	1,017.0	16.2	1,033.2	10,916.4
2008	8,264.8	2,365.5	14.9	10,645.1	1,034.0	18.5	1,052.5	11,697.6
2009	8,874.5	2,582.6	14.1	11,471.2	933.7	185.4	1,119.1	12,590.3
2010	9,751.7	2,859.2	11.9	12,622.9	1,044.1	83.8	1,127.9	13,750.8
2011	10,105.0	3,034.2	12.3	13,151.5	1,031.4	163.7	1,195.2	14,346.7
2012	10,414.3	3,277.0	12.3	13,703.6	1,157.0	7.1	1,164.1	14,867.7
2013	11,057.7	3,514.0	10.7	14,582.4	1,157.2	5.8	1,163.0	15,745.3
2014	11,356.0	3,685.4	10.5	15,051.9	1,300.3	1.5	1,301.8	16,353.7
2015	11,695.8	3,891.8	10.5	15,598.1	1,306.9	0.5	1,307.4	16,905.5
2016	12,259.2	4,212.2	9.1	16,480.4	1,310.6		1,310.6	17,791.0
2017	12,250.7	4,252.4	8.4	16,511.5	1,393.3	0.1	1,393.3	17,904.8
2018	12,580.1	4,397.3	7.9	16,985.3	1,243.7		1,243.7	18,228.9
2019	12,870.5	4,546.1	7.3	17,423.9	1,325.1	5.7	1,330.7	18,754.6
2020	9,020.2	3,547.8	3.7	12,571.8	1,279.9	16.6	1,296.5	13,868.3
2021	8,354.8	3,127.6	3.0	11,485.4	951.1	13.1	964.2	12,449.6
2022	21,991.6	6,693.0	4.4	28,689.0	1,488.6	26.8	1,515.3	30,204.3
2023	15,806.2	5,279.0	5.1	21,090.3	1,510.2	1.2	1,511.4	22,601.7
2024	16,280.1	5,755.2	4.7	22,039.9	1,554.5	8.8	1,563.3	23,603.2
2025	17,236.1	6,069.4	4.2	23,309.8	1,659.7		1,659.7	24,969.5

All data are subject to revision.

1] Does not include payments for the Federal share of State administrative expenses.

2] Food distribution costs represent the value of food distributed during the fiscal year.

3] Excludes start-up costs.

4] Includes cash-in-lieu of commodities and Commodity Schools.

** 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. All meals served through the SSO are eligible for reimbursement as free meals.

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