

2020 SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM



4 NC Kids!

North Carolina



Thanks to all the dedicated frontline workers!

Overview of the Program

- Many children receiving free and reduced-price meals through the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Program are at greater risk of hunger during the summer.
- Lack of nutrition during the summer makes students more likely to fall behind during the school year and experience health issues.
- Federally-funded Summer Nutrition Programs reimburse meal sponsors for serving free, healthy meals to children and teens ages 18 and younger in low-income areas during the summer.

COVID-19 Update

- Summer nutrition programs have become even more critical in ensuring children have access to healthy meals during the COVID-19 pandemic due to the increased economic challenges faced by many families.
- Based on the federal emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic, food service sponsors throughout NC began operating the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in March 2020 when schools closed. USDA announced many waivers that allowed greater flexibilities.
- **This report covers the actual summer months, June-August 2020, while sponsors were still operating SFSP under the USDA emergency waivers.**

North Carolina Program Highlights



187 sponsors administered the program.

2020 INCREASE

Comparing meals served in the 2020 Summer Months to the 2019 Summer Months, North Carolina served **6X** more meals to our kids, a difference of **23,347,879** meals!



2,624 sites served free summer meals.



Sites served meals between **1 and 92 days**, with an average of **34 days**.

27,966,843 total meals were served during the Summer of 2020. 

For more information about who is sponsoring meals in the state, visit: CarolinaHungerInitiative.org/Profiles

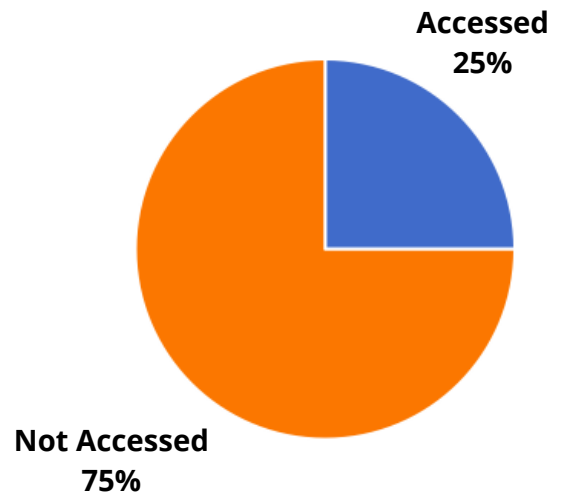
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Summer Nutrition Builds the Economy!

- Up to two meals or snacks are reimbursable at each site daily, and can be served seven days a week.
- If every student eligible for free and reduced-price meals received breakfast and lunch Monday-Friday (66 days) during the summer, **\$358,172,509** would have been brought into the state.
- In the summer of 2020, **\$91,111,415** was brought into the state, with **\$267,061,094** not accessed.

2020 Summer Nutrition Program Funding



NEED

- In February 2020, **845,634** children (**58%** of public school students in the state) were eligible for free and reduced-price school meals
- **598,628** students participated in free and reduced-price school lunch in February 2020

Check us out on social media!

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State Need Met Through the 2020 NC Summer Nutrition Program

Month	Average Daily Attendance	Ratio of Summer Nutrition to FRP students*	Ratio of Summer Nutrition to NSLP**
June	337,111	39.86	56.31
July	255,368	30.20	42.66
August	290,696	34.38	48.56

*Ratio of the number of children participating in the Summer Nutrition Program based on the average daily attendance in July 2020 per 100 students eligible for free and reduced-price school meals in February 2020.

**Ratio of the number of children participating in the Summer Nutrition Program based on the average daily attendance in July 2020 per 100 participating in free and reduced-price lunch through the National School Lunch Program in February 2020.