

Summer Nutrition Calculator Data Request

The Food Research and Action Center has created The Summer Nutrition Calculator to allow you to analyze your own data for a report on the participation of your local communities in the Summer Nutrition Programs. The Calculator will automatically:

- Calculate the number of low-income children receiving Summer Nutrition for every 100 receiving regular school-year lunch in each county or community;
- Rank the county or community based on the Summer Nutrition ratio;
- Calculate the dollars being lost by county or community due to low participation;
- Create easy to read tables that you can use in a report.

While we've tried to make the Calculator easy to use, it is important to know what data you need in order to begin. Each state is different, so working with state officials to get the data in a simple to use format may be a challenge.

What You Need:

- An Excel or Similar File – you must be able to open the file and copy the data into the Calculator which is an Excel spreadsheet.
- Total SFSP Lunches - total number of SFSP lunches served in July for each county or community.
- NSLP Average Daily Attendance – the Free and Reduced-Price NSLP average daily attendance for July for each county or community. If your state is only able to give you the data on the number of free and reduced-price meals served in July, then you will have to divide that number by the 22 serving days in July to make it consistent with the SFSP data.
- Free Lunches Served - the total number of Free lunches served for the school year (September - May) for each county or community. If your state is only able to give you the data broken out by month, you will have to add the months together to get a total.
- Reduced-Price Lunches Served - the total number of Reduced-Price lunches served for the school year (September -May) for each county or community. If your state is only able to give you the data broken out by month, you will have to add the months together to get a total.
- Days of Service for Lunch – the total number of days during the school year (September -May) lunch was served for each county or community.

While the Calculator is designed to be simple to use, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rachel Cooper at 202-986-2200 x 3014, rcooper@frac.org, or Crystal FitzSimons at 202-986-2200 x 3006, cfitzsimons@frac.org.