

**REIMBURSEMENT RATES & INCOME GUIDELINES
FOR THE FEDERAL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

**School Meals: Federal Per Meal Reimbursement Rates¹
July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012²**

School Breakfast Program			
	Non-Severe Need	Severe Need³	Price of Meals To Children
Free	\$1.51	\$1.80	\$0
Reduced Price	\$1.21	\$1.50	\$0.30 (maximum school can charge)
Paid	\$0.27	\$0.27	varies ⁴

National School Lunch Program⁵			
	Less than 60%	60% or More⁶	Price of Meals To Children
Free	\$2.77	\$2.79	\$0
Reduced Price	\$2.37	\$2.39	\$0.40 (maximum school can charge)
Paid	\$0.26	\$0.28	varies ⁵

Afterschool Snacks⁷	
Free	\$0.76
Reduced Price	\$0.38
Paid	\$0.07

**Summer Food Service Program: Federal Per Meal Reimbursement Rates¹
January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011⁸**

	Breakfasts	Lunches / Suppers	Supplements / Snacks
Rural or Self Prep⁹	\$1.8800	\$3.2925	\$0.7750
Other Sites¹⁰	\$1.8450	\$3.2375	\$0.7575

**Child and Adult Care Food Program: Federal Reimbursement Rates¹,
July 1, 2011- June 30, 2012¹¹**

Meals Served in Child Care Centers (Per Meal Rates)			
	Supplements / Snacks⁸	Lunches / Suppers⁶	Breakfasts
Free	\$0.76	\$2.77	\$1.51
Reduced-Price	\$0.38	\$2.37	\$1.21
Paid	\$0.07	\$0.26	\$0.27

Meals Served in Day Care Homes (Per Meal Rates)			
	Supplements	Lunches & Suppers⁶	Breakfasts
Tier I	\$0.69	\$2.32	\$1.24
Tier II	\$0.19	\$1.40	\$0.45

Administrative Payment Rates for Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes (Per Home Per Month Rates)	
First 50 day care homes	\$106
Next 150 day care homes	\$81
Next 800 day care homes	\$63
Additional day care homes	\$55

**INCOME GUIDELINES AND REIMBURSEMENT RATES
FOR THE FEDERAL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

**Income Guidelines for the Child Nutrition Programs¹²
Effective July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012**

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines	Free Meals Maximum Household Income (130% of Poverty)			Reduced Price Meals Maximum Household Income (185% of Poverty)		
	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$ 10,890	\$ 14,157	\$ 1,180	\$ 273	\$ 20,147	\$ 1,679	\$ 388
2	14,710	19,123	1,594	368	27,214	2,268	524
3	18,530	24,089	2,008	464	34,281	2,857	660
4	22,350	29,055	2,422	559	41,348	3,446	796
5	26,170	34,021	2,836	655	48,415	4,035	932
6	29,990	38,987	3,249	750	55,482	4,624	1,067
7	33,810	43,953	3,663	846	62,549	5,213	1,203
8	37,630	48,919	4,077	941	69,616	5,802	1,339
Add for each additional	+ 3,820	+ 4,966	+ 414	+ 96	+ 7,067	+ 589	+ 136

¹ These reimbursement rates apply to the 48 contiguous United States, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Territories. Alaska and Hawaii receive higher rates.

² Federal Register, Vol. 76, No. 139, 7/20/11, pp. 43256-43259. [Adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.]

³ Schools where at least 40 percent of the lunches served during the second preceding school year were free or reduced price qualify for extra "severe need" school breakfast reimbursements. New schools may qualify if it is determined that the 40 percent free or reduced price requirement would have been met in the second preceding year [7 C.F.R. 220.9 (d)].

⁴ According to the School Nutrition Association, the 2008-09 national average for a school lunch was \$1.87 for elementary schools; \$2.07 for middle schools and \$2.19 for high schools.

⁵ These reimbursement rates do not include the value of commodities (or cash in lieu of commodities), \$0.2225 for the period 7/1/11 through 6/30/12, which institutions receive as additional assistance for each lunch or supper served. Federal Register, Vol. 76, No.139, 7/20/11, p. 43256. [Adjusted annually based on the Price Index for Foods Used in Schools and Institutions.]

⁶ Applies to schools where 60 percent or more lunches served during the second preceding school year were free or reduced price.

⁷ These reimbursement rates apply to afterschool snacks served in school age afterschool programs, whether claimed through the Child and Adult Care Food Program or the National School Lunch Program. For more information, see www.frac.org.

⁸ Federal Register, Vol. 76, No. 20, 1/ 31/11, pp. 5328-5330 [Adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.]

⁹ Sites that are located in rural areas or that prepare their own meals ("self prep") receive a slightly higher reimbursement rate than other sites.

¹⁰ Refers to urban or vended (where sponsors contract with vendors to prepare meals) Summer Food Service Program sites.

¹¹ Federal Register, Vol. 76, No. 139, 7/20/11, pp. 43254-43256. [Adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.]

¹² Federal Register, Vol. 76, No. 58 / Friday, March 25, 2011, pp. 16724-16725. [Adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.] These guidelines apply to the 48 contiguous United States, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Territories. Alaska and Hawaii have higher maximum income limits.