

## School Meals: Federal Per Meal Reimbursement Rates<sup>1</sup> July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021<sup>2</sup>

School Breakfast Program			
	Non-Severe Need	Severe Need <sup>3</sup>	Price of Meals to Children
Free	\$1.89	\$2.26	\$0
Reduced Price	\$1.59	\$1.96	\$0.30 (maximum school can charge)
Paid	\$0.32	\$0.32	varies <sup>4</sup>

National School Lunch Program <sup>5</sup>					
	Less than 60%	Less than 60% + 7 cents	60% or More <sup>6</sup>	60% or More + 7 cents <sup>7</sup>	Price of Meals To Children
Free	\$3.51	\$3.58	\$3.53	\$3.60	\$0
Reduced Price	\$3.11	\$3.18	\$3.13	\$3.20	\$0.40 (maximum school can charge)
Paid	\$0.33	\$0.40	\$0.35	\$0.42	varies <sup>8</sup>

Afterschool Snacks <sup>9</sup>	
Free	\$0.96
Reduced Price	\$0.48
Paid	\$0.08

## Summer Food Service Program: Federal Per Meal Reimbursement Rates<sup>1</sup> January 1, 2020–December 31, 2020<sup>10</sup>

	Breakfasts	Lunches / Suppers	Supplements / Snacks
Rural or Self Prep <sup>11</sup>	\$2.3750	\$4.1525	\$0.9775
Other Sites <sup>12</sup>	\$2.3300	\$4.0875	\$0.9550

## Child and Adult Care Food Program: Federal Reimbursement Rates<sup>1</sup> July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021<sup>13</sup>

Meals Served in Child Care Centers (Per Meal Rates)			
	Supplements / Snacks <sup>3</sup>	Lunches / Suppers <sup>5</sup>	Breakfasts
Free	\$0.96	\$3.51	\$1.89
Reduced Price	\$0.48	\$3.11	\$1.59
Paid	\$0.08	\$0.33	\$0.32

Meals Served in Day Care Homes (Per Meal Rates)			
	Supplements	Lunches / Suppers <sup>5</sup>	Breakfasts
Tier I	\$0.78	\$2.61	\$1.39
Tier II	\$0.21	\$1.58	\$0.50

Administrative Payment Rates for Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes (Per Home Per Month Rates)	
First 50 day care homes	\$120
Next 150 day care homes	\$91
Next 800 day care homes	\$71
Additional day care homes	\$63

### Income Guidelines for the Child Nutrition Programs<sup>14</sup> Effective July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021

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	\$12,760	\$16,588	\$1,383	\$319	\$23,606	\$1,968	\$454
2	\$17,240	\$22,412	\$1,868	\$431	\$31,894	\$2,658	\$614
3	\$21,720	\$28,236	\$2,353	\$543	\$40,182	\$3,349	\$773
4	\$26,200	\$34,060	\$2,898	\$655	\$48,470	\$4,040	\$933
5	\$30,680	\$39,884	\$3,324	\$767	\$56,758	\$4,730	\$1,092
6	\$35,160	\$45,708	\$3,809	\$879	\$65,046	\$5,421	\$1,251
7	\$39,640	\$51,532	\$4,295	\$991	\$73,334	\$6,112	\$1,411
8	\$44,120	\$57,356	\$4,780	\$1,103	\$81,622	\$6,802	\$1,570
<b>Add for each additional</b>	\$4,480	\$5,824	\$486	\$112	\$8,288	\$691	\$160

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

<sup>2</sup> *Federal Register*, Vol. 85, No. 41, 07/22/20, pp. 44268-44269 [Adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.]

<sup>3</sup> 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]

<sup>4</sup> According to the School Nutrition Association, the national average price for a school breakfast is \$1.46 for elementary schools, \$1.53 for middle schools, and \$1.55 for high schools.

<sup>5</sup> These reimbursement rates do not include the value of commodities (or cash in lieu of commodities), \$0.2450 for the period 7/1/20 through 6/30/21, which institutions receive as additional assistance for each lunch or supper served. *Federal Register*, Vol. 85, No. 141, 7/22/20, pp. 44273. [Adjusted annually based on the Price Index for Foods Used in Schools and Institutions.]

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

<sup>7</sup> The 7 cents is available to schools that are certified to meet the updated meal pattern requirements beginning on October 1, 2012. This is the first year the Performance-based Reimbursement based on inflation has increased since it was created in 2012.

<sup>8</sup> According to the School Nutrition Association, the national average price for a school lunch is \$2.48 for elementary schools, \$2.68 for middle schools, and \$2.74 for high schools.

<sup>9</sup> 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](http://www.frac.org).

<sup>10</sup> *Federal Register*, Vol. 85, No. 20, 1/30/20, pp. 5369-5372. [Adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.]

<sup>11</sup> Sites that are located in rural areas or that prepare their own meals (“self prep”) receive a slightly higher reimbursement rate than other sites.

<sup>12</sup> Refers to urban or vended (where sponsors contract with vendors to prepare meals) Summer Food Service Program sites.

<sup>13</sup> *Federal Register*, Vol. 85, No. 41, 07/22/20, pp. 44268-44269. [Adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.]

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