

School Meals: Federal Per Meal Reimbursement Rates¹ July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019²

School Breakfast Program			
	Non-Severe Need	Severe Need ³	Price of Meals to Children
Free	\$1.79	\$2.14	\$0
Reduced Price	\$1.49	\$1.84	\$0.30 (maximum school can charge)
Paid	\$0.31	\$0.31	varies ⁴

National School Lunch Program ⁵					
	Less than 60%	Less than 60% + 6 cents	60% or More ⁶	60% or More + 6 cents ⁷	Price of Meals To Children
Free	\$3.31	\$3.37	\$3.33	\$3.39	\$0
Reduced Price	\$2.91	\$2.97	\$2.93	\$2.99	\$0.40 (maximum school can charge)
Paid	\$0.31	\$0.37	\$0.33	\$0.39	varies ⁸

Afterschool Snacks ⁹	
Free	\$0.91
Reduced Price	\$0.45
Paid	\$0.08

Summer Food Service Program: Federal Per Meal Reimbursement Rates¹ January 1, 2018–December 31, 2018¹⁰

	Breakfasts	Lunches / Suppers	Supplements / Snacks
Rural or Self Prep ¹¹	\$2.2325	\$3.9225	\$0.9300
Other Sites ¹²	\$2.1900	\$3.8575	\$0.9100

Child and Adult Care Food Program: Federal Reimbursement Rates¹ July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019¹³

Meals Served in Child Care Centers (Per Meal Rates)			
	Supplements / Snacks ³	Lunches / Suppers ⁵	Breakfasts
Free	\$0.91	\$3.31	\$1.79
Reduced Price	\$0.45	\$2.91	\$1.49
Paid	\$0.08	\$0.31	\$0.31

Meals Served in Day Care Homes (Per Meal Rates)			
	Supplements	Lunches / Suppers ⁵	Breakfasts
Tier I	\$0.73	\$2.46	\$1.31
Tier II	\$0.20	\$1.48	\$0.48

Administrative Payment Rates for Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes (Per Home Per Month Rates)	
First 50 day care homes	\$118
Next 150 day care homes	\$90
Next 800 day care homes	\$70
Additional day care homes	\$62

Income Guidelines for the Child Nutrition Programs¹⁴ Effective July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019

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	\$12,140	\$15,782	\$1,316	\$304	\$22,459	\$1,872	\$432
2	\$16,460	\$21,398	\$1,784	\$412	\$30,451	\$2,538	\$586
3	\$20,780	\$27,014	\$2,252	\$520	\$38,443	\$3,204	\$740
4	\$25,100	\$32,630	\$2,720	\$628	\$46,435	\$3,870	\$893
5	\$29,420	\$38,246	\$3,188	\$736	\$54,427	\$4,536	\$1,047
6	\$33,740	\$43,862	\$3,656	\$844	\$62,419	\$5,202	\$1,201
7	\$38,060	\$49,478	\$4,124	\$952	\$70,411	\$5,868	\$1,355
8	\$42,380	\$55,094	\$4,592	\$1,060	\$78,403	\$6,534	\$1,508
Add for each additional	+ \$4,320	+ \$5,616	+ \$468	+ \$108	+ \$7,992	+ \$666	+ \$154

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. 83, No. 139, 7/19/18, pp. 34105-34108. [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]

⁴ According to the School Nutrition Association, the national average price for a school breakfast is \$1.39 for elementary schools, \$1.47 for middle schools, and \$1.51 for high schools.

⁵ These reimbursement rates do not include the value of commodities (or cash in lieu of commodities), \$0.2350 for the period 7/1/18 through 6/30/19, which institutions receive as additional assistance for each lunch or supper served. *Federal Register*, Vol. 83, No. 145, 7/27/18, pp., 35607. [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 The 6 cents is available to schools that are certified to meet the updated meal pattern requirements beginning on October 1, 2012.

⁸ According to the School Nutrition Association, the national average price for a school lunch is \$2.34 for elementary schools, \$2.54 for middle schools, and \$2.60 for high schools.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ *Federal Register*, Vol. 83, No. 19, 1/29/18, pp. 4025-4026. [Adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.]

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

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

¹³ *Federal Register*, Vol. 83, No. 139, 7/19/18, pp. 34108-34110. [Adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.]

¹⁴ *Federal Register*, Vol. 83, No. 89, 5/8/18, pp. 20788-20789. [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.