

School Meals: Federal Per Meal Reimbursement Rates¹ July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020²

School Breakfast Program			
	Non-Severe Need	Severe Need ³	Price of Meals to Children
Free	\$1.84	\$2.20	\$0
Reduced Price	\$1.54	\$1.90	\$0.30 (maximum school can charge)
Paid	\$0.31	\$0.31	varies ⁴

National School Lunch Program ⁵					
	Less than 60%	Less than 60% + 7 cents	60% or More ⁶	60% or More + 7 cents ⁷	Price of Meals To Children
Free	\$3.41	\$3.48	\$3.43	\$3.50	\$0
Reduced Price	\$3.01	\$3.08	\$3.03	\$3.10	\$0.40 (maximum school can charge)
Paid	\$0.32	\$0.39	\$0.34	\$0.41	varies ⁸

Afterschool Snacks ⁹	
Free	\$0.94
Reduced Price	\$0.47
Paid	\$0.08

Summer Food Service Program: Federal Per Meal Reimbursement Rates¹ January 1, 2020–December 31, 2020¹⁰

	Breakfasts	Lunches / Suppers	Supplements / Snacks
Rural or Self Prep ¹¹	\$2.3750	\$4.1525	\$0.9775
Other Sites ¹²	\$2.3330	\$4.0875	\$0.9550

Child and Adult Care Food Program: Federal Reimbursement Rates¹ July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020¹³

Meals Served in Child Care Centers (Per Meal Rates)			
	Supplements / Snacks ³	Lunches / Suppers ⁵	Breakfasts
Free	\$0.94	\$3.41	\$1.84
Reduced Price	\$0.47	\$3.01	\$1.54
Paid	\$0.08	\$0.32	\$0.31

Meals Served in Day Care Homes (Per Meal Rates)			
	Supplements	Lunches / Suppers ⁵	Breakfasts
Tier I	\$0.74	\$2.49	\$1.33
Tier II	\$0.20	\$1.50	\$0.48

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 Programs¹⁴ Effective July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020

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	\$12,490	\$16,237	\$1,354	\$313	\$23,107	\$1,926	\$445
2	\$16,910	\$21,983	\$1,832	\$423	\$31,284	\$2,607	\$602
3	\$21,330	\$27,729	\$2,311	\$534	\$39,461	\$3,289	\$759
4	\$25,750	\$33,475	\$2,790	\$644	\$47,638	\$3,970	\$917
5	\$30,170	\$39,221	\$3,269	\$755	\$55,815	\$4,652	\$1,074
6	\$34,590	\$44,967	\$3,748	\$865	\$63,992	\$5,333	\$1,231
7	\$39,010	\$50,713	\$4,227	\$976	\$72,169	\$6,015	\$1,388
8	\$43,430	\$56,459	\$4,705	\$1,086	\$80,346	\$6,696	\$1,546
Add for each additional	\$4,420	\$5,746	\$479	\$111	\$8,177	\$682	\$158

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. 84, No. 152, 08/07/19, pp. 38590-38594. [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 \$1.46 for elementary schools, \$1.53 for middle schools, and \$1.55 for high schools.

⁵ These reimbursement rates do not include the value of commodities (or cash in lieu of commodities), \$0.2375 for the period 7/1/19 through 6/30/20, which institutions receive as additional assistance for each lunch or supper served. *Federal Register*, Vol. 84, No. 155, 8/12/19, pp., 39796. [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 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.

⁸ 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.

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. 85, No. 20, 1/30/2020, pp. 5369-5372. [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. 84, No. 152, 08/07/19, pp. 38594-38596. [Adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.]

¹⁴ *Federal Register*, Vol. 84, No. 54, 3/20/19, pp. 10295-10298. [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.