

School Meals: Federal Per Meal Reimbursement Rates¹ July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022²

School Breakfast Program			
	Non-Severe Need	Severe Need ³	Price of Meals to Children
Free	\$1.97	\$2.35	\$0
Reduced Price	\$1.67	\$2.05	\$0.30 (maximum school can charge)
Paid	\$0.33	\$0.33	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	\$3.66	\$3.73	\$3.68	\$3.75	\$0
Reduced Price	\$3.26	\$3.33	\$3.28	\$3.35	\$0.40 (maximum school can charge)
Paid	\$0.35	\$0.42	\$0.37	\$0.44	varies ⁸

Afterschool Snacks ⁹	
Free	\$1.00
Reduced Price	\$0.50
Paid	\$0.09

Summer Food Service Program: Federal Per Meal Reimbursement Rates¹ January 1, 2022–December 31, 2022¹⁰

	Breakfasts	Lunches / Suppers	Supplements / Snacks
Rural or Self Prep ¹¹	\$2.6050	\$4.5625	\$1.0775
Other Sites ¹²	\$2.5550	\$4.4875	\$1.0525

Child and Adult Care Food Program: Federal Reimbursement Rates¹ July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022¹³

Meals Served in Child Care Centers (Per Meal Rates)			
	Supplements / Snacks	Lunches / Suppers ⁵	Breakfasts
Free	\$1.00	\$3.66	\$1.97
Reduced Price	\$0.50	\$3.26	\$1.67
Paid	\$0.09	\$0.35	\$0.33

Meals Served in Day Care Homes (Per Meal Rates)			
	Supplements	Lunches / Suppers ⁵	Breakfasts
Tier I	\$0.78	\$2.63	\$1.40
Tier II	\$0.21	\$1.59	\$0.51

Administrative Payment Rates for Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes (Per Home Per Month Rates)	
First 50 day care homes	\$126
Next 150 day care homes	\$96
Next 800 day care homes	\$75
Additional day care homes	\$66

Income Guidelines for the Child Nutrition Programs¹⁴ Effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

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	\$12,880	\$16,744	\$1,396	\$322	\$23,828	\$1,986	\$459
2	\$17,420	\$22,646	\$1,888	\$436	\$32,227	\$2,686	\$620
3	\$21,960	\$28,548	\$2,379	\$549	\$40,626	\$3,386	\$82
4	\$26,500	\$34,450	\$2,871	\$663	\$49,025	\$4,086	\$943
5	\$31,040	\$40,352	\$3,363	\$776	\$57,424	\$4,786	\$1,105
6	\$35,580	\$46,254	\$3,855	\$890	\$65,823	\$5,486	\$1,266
7	\$40,120	\$52,156	\$4,347	\$1,003	\$74,222	\$6,186	\$1,428
8	\$44,660	\$58,058	\$4,839	\$1,117	\$82,621	\$6,886	\$1,589
Add for each additional	\$4,540	\$5,902	\$492	\$114	\$8,399	\$700	\$162

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. 86, No. 135, 07/16/21, pp. 37733-37737 [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), \$0.26 for the period 7/1/21 through 6/30/2022, which institutions receive as additional assistance for each lunch or supper served. *Federal Register*, Vol. 86, No. 143, 7/29/21, pp. 40803. [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 87, No. 6, 1/10/22, pp. 1107-1109

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. 86, No. 127, 7/7/2021, pp. 35731-35733. [Adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.]

¹⁴ *Federal Register*, Vol. 86, No. 41, 3/4/21, pp. 12594-12597. [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.