

School Nutrition Unit

Fact Sheet



Overview

The School Nutrition Unit (School Nutrition) is committed to ensuring all school aged children have equal access to healthy meals by supporting, training and connecting Colorado’s child nutrition community. The School Nutrition Unit administers the following programs:

Federal Child Nutrition Programs:

- [National School Lunch Program](#)
- [School Breakfast Program](#)
- [Summer Food Service Program](#)
- [Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program](#)
- [Afterschool Snack Program](#)
- [Special Milk Program](#)
- [Provisional Programs](#)

State Child Nutrition Programs:

- [Start Smart Nutrition](#)
- [Lunch Protection Act](#)
- [Breakfast After the Bell](#)

Sponsor and Site Data

School Nutrition welcomed child nutrition program administration for non-public sponsors in School Year (SY) 18-19. Below is the number of sites and sponsors operating school nutrition programs during SY18-19.

Sponsor and Site Program Participation 2018-19 School Year					
	Breakfast	Lunch	Snack	Four-day Week	
Sites	1,524	1,770	282	Sites	647
Sponsors	84	207	49	Sponsors	84
Sponsor Size – 2018-19 School Year					
Student Enrollment		Number of Public and Nonpublic Sponsors			
≤ 50		11			
51 – 500		98			
501 – 1,000		21			
1,001 – 5,000		43			
5,001 – 10,000		13			
≥ 10,001		21			

Definitions

Site: Entities that serve meals under child nutrition programs.

School Food Authority: An entity approved by [USDA FNS](#) that is responsible for administering child nutrition programs in one or more schools.

Non-public Sponsor: Non-public educational institutions that administer federal child nutrition programs.

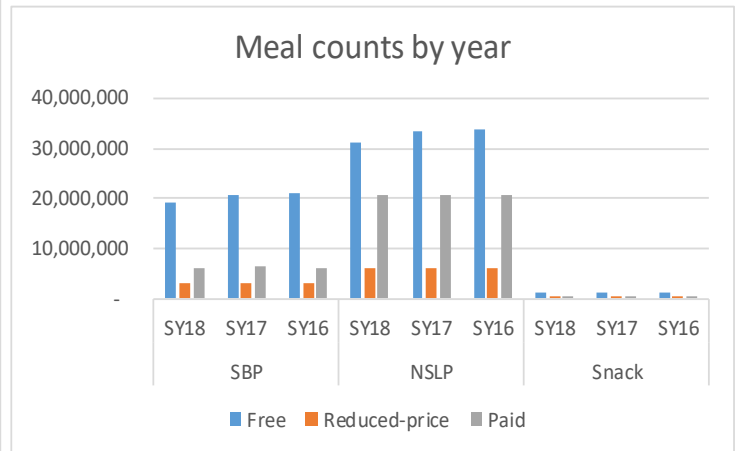
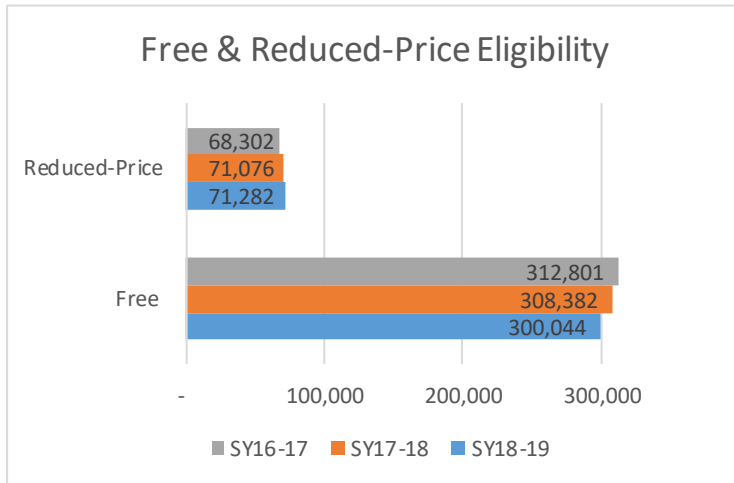
Public Sponsor: Public educational institutions that administer federal child nutrition programs.

Local Educational Agency: A public administrative agency which serves public elementary schools or secondary schools in a city, county, township, or school district.

Program Data

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) improves access to free school meals in eligible high poverty LEAs and schools. In SY18-19, CEP reached over 39,000 students in 21 SFAs throughout Colorado.

The Summer Food Service Program in Colorado has seen a significant growth in the number of sites and sponsors participating in the SFSP. Over the past five years, the number of sponsors increased by 12 percent and the number of sites increased by 28 percent. The number of meals served in 2018 totaled 1,501,046.



Financial Data

Below is the state and federal reimbursement for SY17-18. Current per meal reimbursement rates can be viewed on School Nutrition’s Financial webpage.

	Federal	State	Total Reimbursement
Breakfast (SBP)	\$47,191,271.42	\$956,872.20	\$ 48,148,143.62
Lunch (NSLP)	\$129,271,501.96	\$1,509,623.60	\$ 130,781,125.56
Milk (SMP)	\$144,283.12		\$ 144,283.12
Afterschool Snack (ASP)	\$1,120,629.24		\$ 1,120,629.24
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)	\$2,862,851.34		\$ 2,862,851.34
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	\$4,874,818.72		\$ 4,874,818.72
State Revenue Matching Funds		\$2,472,644.00	\$ 2,472,644.00

Where can I learn more?

- [CDE School Nutrition Website](#)
- [CDE School Nutrition: Frequently Requested Data](#)
- [View all CDE fact sheets](#)