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The 2022–2023 school year marked the return to normal operations for school food service departments across the country. Despite ongoing operational challenges, schools could no longer use the nationwide waivers that were widely available during the COVID-19 pandemic. Most impactful was the loss of the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) waiver, which allowed schools to offer meals to all students at no charge while receiving a higher reimbursement rate. As a result, most districts had to return to a tiered eligibility system that requires them to collect, process, and verify school meal applications, and millions of children lost access to free school meals.

Offering school meals to all students at no charge supports parents and guardians, decreases child hunger, eliminates stigma, and streamlines food service operations. Concern over losing the opportunity to offer all students healthy school meals ignited action among states and school districts. Three states — California, Maine, and Vermont — enacted Healthy School Meals for All policies, and three states — Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Nevada — extended it through the 2022–2023 school year.¹ And nearly 7,000 more schools implemented the Community

Eligibility Provision (CEP), which allows high-need districts and schools to offer school breakfast and lunch at no charge to all students, bringing the total number of schools adopting community eligibility to 40,235.²

Despite efforts to sustain and expand students' access to school meals, districts continued to face a multitude of challenges that affected participation and program viability. Rising food costs, labor shortages, and supply chain disruptions, coupled with the return of charging for meals, have contributed to reports of declining participation in many school districts. Families have been confused about the change from pandemic operations; stigma surrounding school meal participation and school meal debt has returned; and schools are burdened with increased administrative work.

To ensure that children have access to healthy meals, and that districts have the support needed to operate robust programs, school meals must be available to all students at no charge. This report reveals that when school meals are offered free of charge, and when breakfast service is integrated into the school day, participation increases and children have access to the nutrition necessary for success.



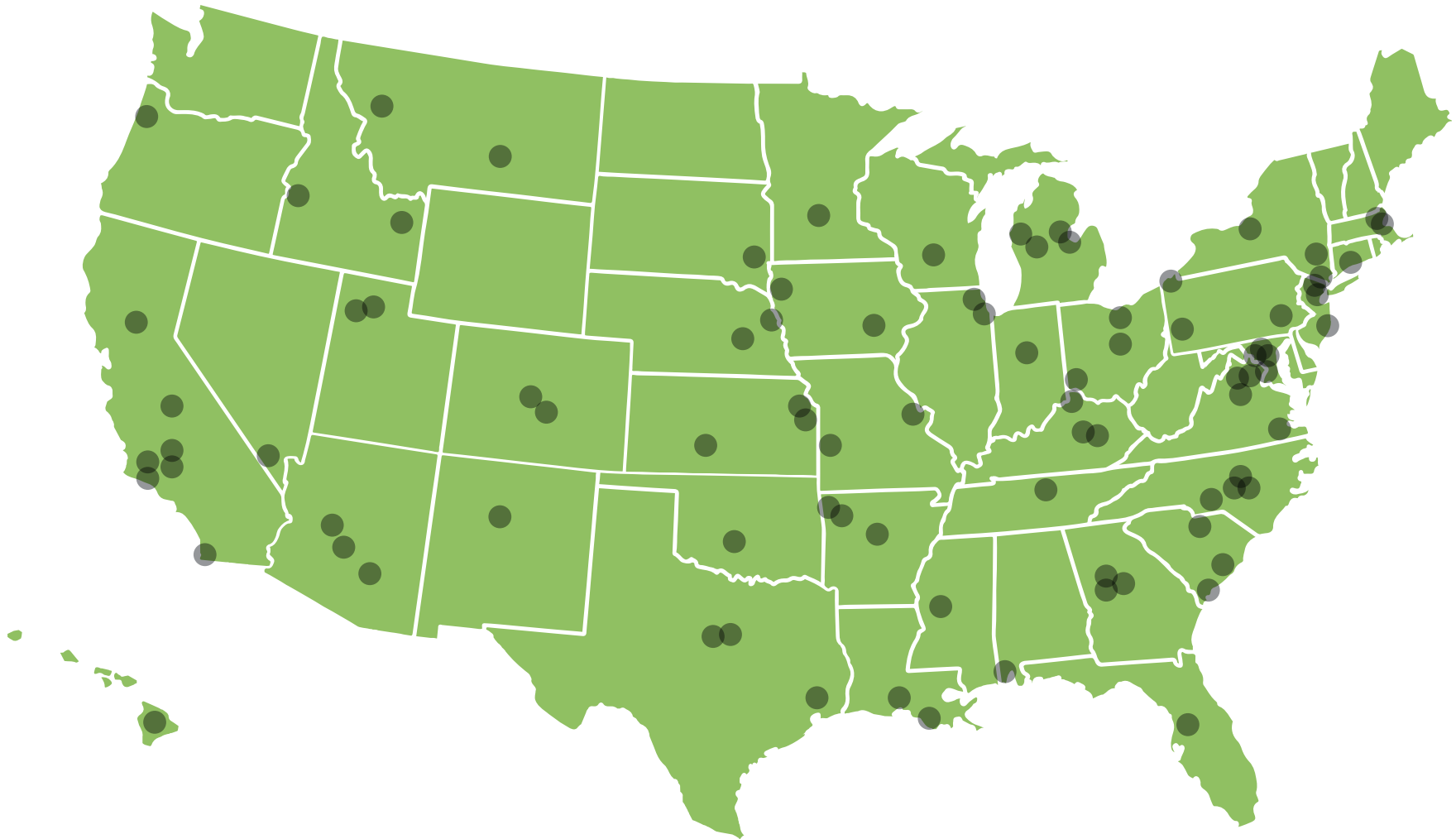
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² Perez, A. and FitzSimons, C. (2023). *Community Eligibility: The Key to Hunger-Free Schools, School Year 2022–2023*. Food Research & Action Center. <https://frac.org/cep-report-2023?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=ae684ece-7d1c-4cdd-9341-a12a5a303168>.

 **Survey Sample**

FRAC surveyed a select number of large school districts on their school meals participation and operations in April 2022 and October 2022, covering school years 2021–2022 and 2022–2023, respectively. For this report, a **large school district** was defined as having an enrollment greater than 7,000 students.

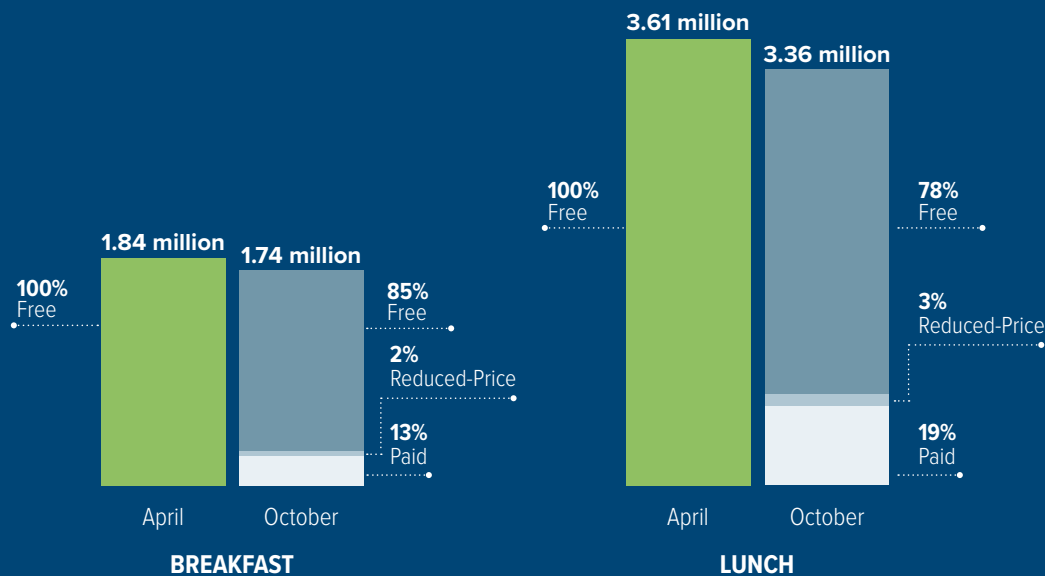
Ninety-one districts across 40 states and the District of Columbia completed an electronic survey between February and March 2023. **District size ranged from 7,353 students in Inglewood Unified School District (California) to 996,959 students in the New York City Department of Education (New York).**



KEY FINDINGS

- ▶ The **91 school districts** highlighted in this report included a total of **10,748 schools** representing **6,520,586 students**.
- ▶ **Average daily participation in breakfast decreased** by 100,747 students across all surveyed districts — **from 1.84 million children participating in breakfast each day in April 2022 to 1.74 million participating daily in October 2022**.
- ▶ **Average daily participation in lunch decreased** by 250,738 students — **from 3.61 million students participating in lunch each day in April 2022 to 3.36 million participating daily in October 2022**.
- ▶ Collectively, **most school districts served fewer children both school breakfast and lunch in October 2022 compared to April 2022**. Thirty-three districts saw an increase in breakfast participation from April 2022 to October 2022, and 28 districts saw an increase in lunch participation from April 2022 to October 2022.
- ▶ **The combined reach of breakfast among the 91 districts trailed lunch in both April 2022 and October 2022**. In October 2022, only 56 students from households with low incomes participated in school breakfast for every 100 that participated in school lunch.

TABLE A: Average Daily Participation in Breakfast and Lunch, April vs. October 2022



APRIL 2022

- ▶ In April 2022, 91 school districts (100 percent) offered school meals to all students at no charge through the SSO waiver. **All the meals served were reimbursed at the free rate.**
- ▶ In April 2022, a total of **30,740,765 breakfasts were served** over an average of 18 operating days in the 91 districts surveyed.
- ▶ In April 2022, a total of **60,223,706 lunches were served** over an average of 18 operating days in the 91 districts surveyed.

OCTOBER 2022

- ▶ In October 2022, **7,576 schools across 10,687 schools offered breakfast and lunch to all their students at no charge** through utilization of the Community Eligibility Provision, Provision 2, states' Healthy School Meals for All policies, or local non-pricing initiatives.
 - » 33 school districts (**36 percent**) offered breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge at every school in the district.
 - » 40 school districts (**44 percent**) offered breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge at some schools in the district.

- » 18 school districts (**20 percent**) did not offer all students meals at no charge in any of their schools.
- ▶ In October 2022, a total of **33,207,623 breakfasts were served** over an average of 19 operating days in the 91 districts surveyed.
 - » **28,119,914 breakfasts** (85 percent) were reimbursed at the **free rate**.
 - » **685,862 breakfasts** (2 percent) were reimbursed at the **reduced-price rate**.
 - » **4,401,847 breakfasts** (13 percent) were reimbursed at the **paid rate**.
- ▶ In October 2022, a total of **63,651,236 lunches were served** over an average of 19 operating days in the 91 districts surveyed.
 - » **50,018,721 lunches** (78 percent) were reimbursed at the **free rate**.
 - » **1,640,802 lunches** (3 percent) were reimbursed at the **reduced-price rate**.
 - » **11,991,713 lunches** (19 percent) were reimbursed at the **paid rate**.

Child Nutrition Programs and Nationwide Waivers

During the 2021–2022 school year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) extended nationwide pandemic-related waivers that gave districts the flexibility needed to operate child nutrition programs during volatile circumstances, such as labor shortages, supply chain disruptions, and school closures. Every school district included in this report utilized at least one waiver in April 2022, with all surveyed districts utilizing the SSO waiver.

The nationwide waivers available at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic were not widely available in the 2022–2023 school year. Instead, USDA issued operational waivers designed to help states and

districts respond to specific situations. Program operators were expected to use these waivers only when meal service was limited by the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, in October 2022, 75 percent (68) of districts reported not using any waivers. Of those that were used, the Fiscal Action Flexibility for Meal Pattern Violations waiver, which allowed state agencies to forego financial corrective action for districts unable to meet the nutrition standards, was the most utilized.

Below is a list of the waivers, followed by a table that describes the extent to which they were used by the surveyed districts.

“With rising food and labor costs, being reimbursed at the higher SFSP rate helped us break even. Additionally, reimbursing all students at the free rate eliminated meal debt, which is substantial in a large district such as ours.”
— MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Seamless Summer Option allowed schools to serve meals at no charge, while receiving the higher Summer Food Service Program reimbursement rate, instead of operating the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program under the normal rules for the regular school year. This waiver was only available during the 2021–2022 school year.

Meal Pattern and Fiscal Action Flexibility allowed flexibility in meeting the meal patterns, while also revoking the financial penalty associated with meal pattern violations. The Meal Pattern waiver was only available during the 2021–2022 school year, while the Fiscal Action Flexibility waiver was available during both the 2021–2022 and 2022–2023 school years.

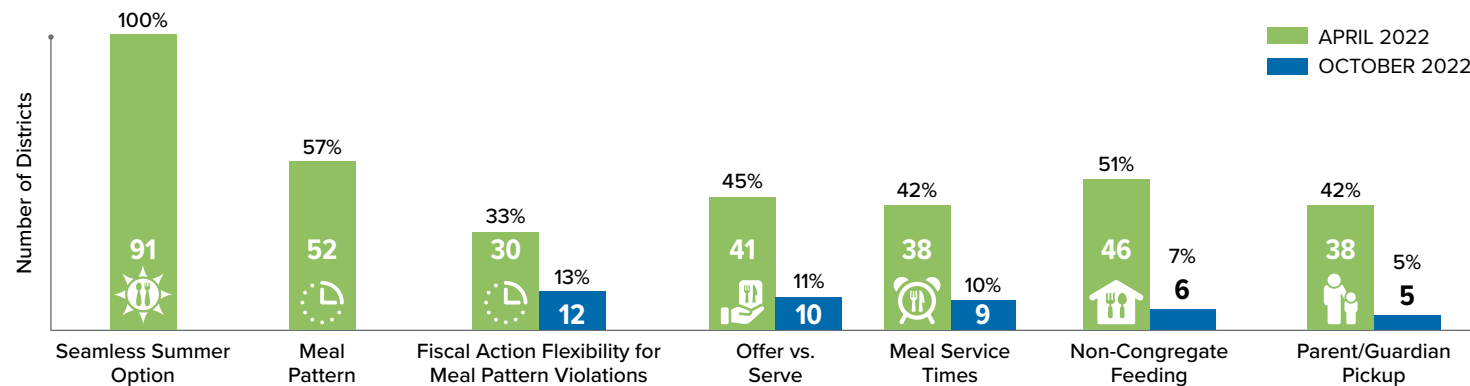
Offer Versus Serve rescinds the requirement that senior high schools use Offer Versus Serve at lunch. This waiver was available during both the 2021–2022 and 2022–2023 school years.

Meal Service Times allows sites to provide families multiple meals — up to breakfast, lunch, supper, and a snack for one day — and more than one day’s worth of meals at a time by waiving requirements for the timing of the meal service. This waiver was available during both the 2021–2022 and 2022–2023 school years.

Non-Congregate Feeding allows families to take meals home to eat by waiving the requirement that children eat the meal at the site. This waiver was available during both the 2021–2022 and 2022–2023 school years.

Parent/Guardian Pickup allows parents and guardians to pick up meals on behalf of children in the household by waiving the requirement that the child be present. This waiver was available during both the 2021–2022 and 2022–2023 school years.

TABLE B: Number of Districts Using Each Type of Waiver, April 2022 and October 2022



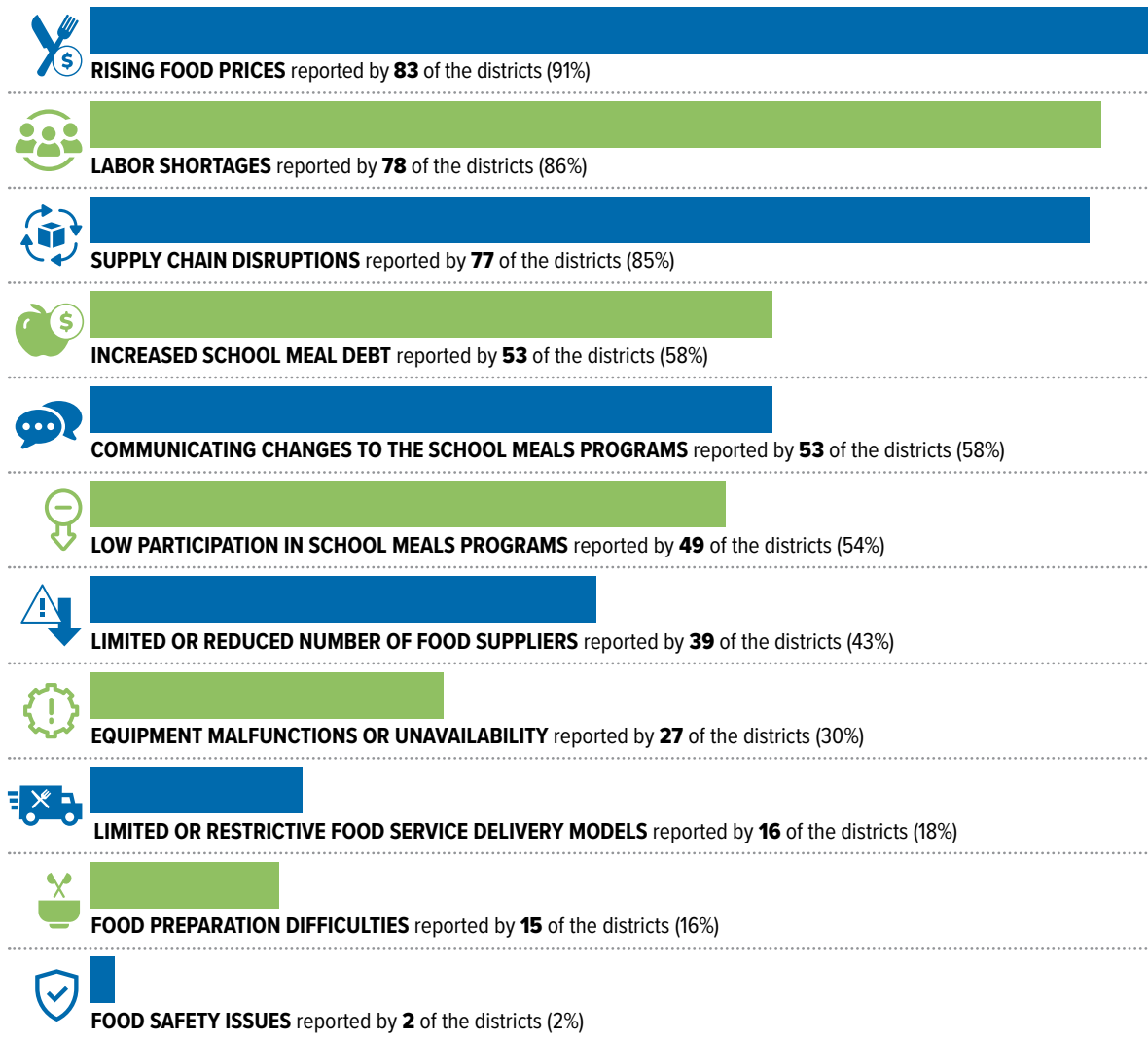
Challenges Faced by School Districts

With the loss of many federal waivers, along with ongoing pandemic-related issues in the 2022–2023 school year, districts continued to face a variety of operational challenges that decreased students’ access to healthy

school meals, such as increased costs and school meal debt, supply chain disruptions, and labor shortages. Forty-nine districts reported stagnant or decreased student enrollment from April 2022 to October 2022.

“
Many families, despite multiple forms of communication, did not know that meals were no longer free.”
— WEST ADA SCHOOL DISTRICT

TABLE C: Operational Challenges Identified by School Nutrition Staff During the 2022–2023 School Year



Of the 91 districts surveyed, 28 implemented the Community Eligibility Provision districtwide, and five additional districts were in states with Healthy School Meals for All policies. Fifty-eight districts returned to a tiered eligibility system in some capacity, meaning students qualified for either free, reduced-price, or paid meals. Forty of those districts utilized community eligibility, Provision 2, state legislation, or another non-pricing method to offer healthy school meals to all students in some schools, while 18 districts returned to a tiered eligibility system in all of their schools.

Sixty-three districts indicated challenges with school meal applications.³ Eighty-seven percent (55) of those districts reported difficulty getting families to complete applications, while 67 percent (42) struggled to get families to respond to verification requests. Additionally, 53 of the 58 (91 percent) districts that charged for meals during the 2022–2023 school year reported increased school meal debt.

Table C depicts the challenges districts reported for this school year.

³ These 63 districts include the 58 districts that returned to a tiered eligibility system in some capacity, as well as the five districts located in Healthy School Meals for All states that did not utilize the Community Eligibility Provision districtwide, and therefore, may have had to collect school meal applications in at least some schools. The five additional districts include: Elk Grove Unified School District, Fresno Unified School District, Los Angeles Unified School District, Newton Public Schools, and San Diego Unified School District.

Offering Free School Meals to All Students

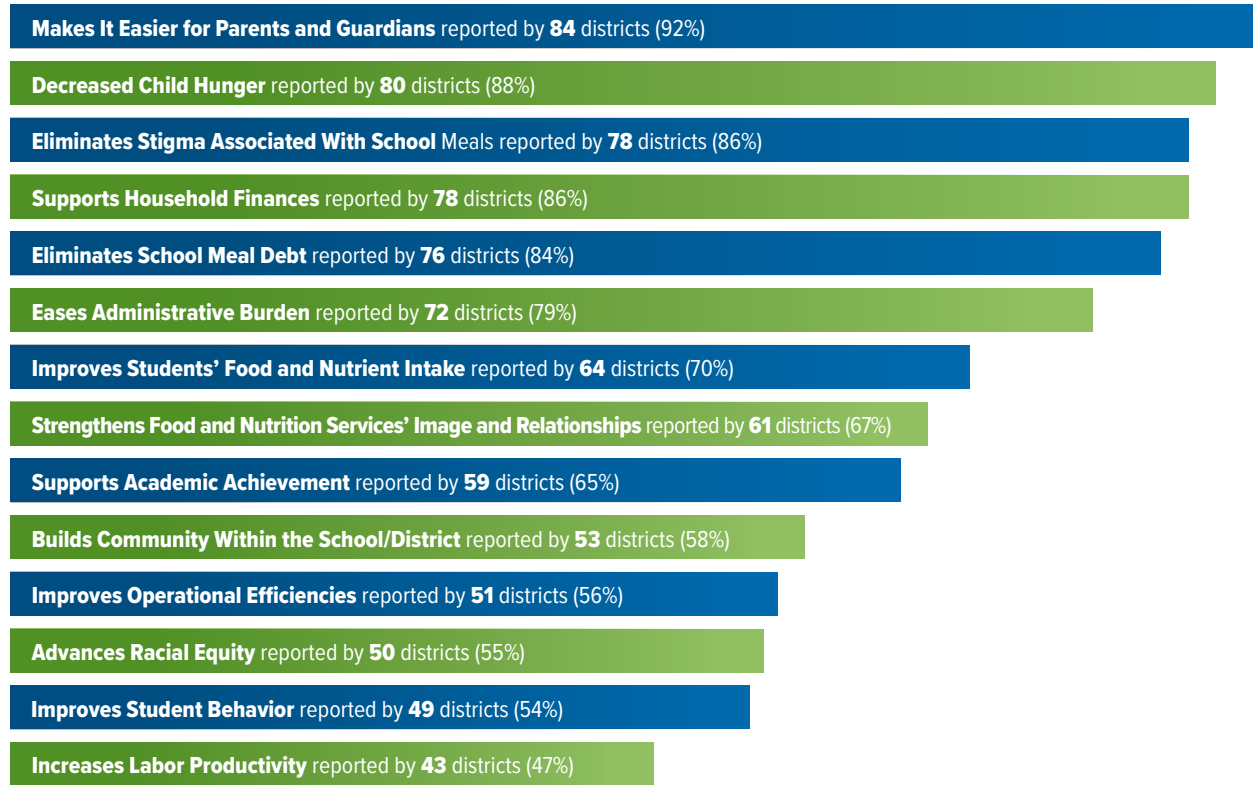
State and local Healthy School Meals for All initiatives surged as states, school districts, families, and students refused to return to pre-pandemic operations. California and Maine created permanent Healthy School Meals for All policies, and Connecticut, Massachusetts, Nevada, and Vermont passed state legislation allowing districts to serve free meals to all students during the 2022–2023 school year.⁴ Eleven of the surveyed districts operated in states with Healthy School Meals for All policies. Twenty-two additional districts offered free meals to all students

through the districtwide implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision.

Districts that were able to continue offering school meals to all their students at no charge did not experience the decrease in school meals participation that the districts who returned to tiered eligibility systems experienced from April 2022 to October 2022.

Nearly every surveyed school district reported benefits to offering free meals to all students. Below is a table depicting those benefits.

TABLE D: Reported Benefits of Offering Meals to All Students at No Charge



“ [Serving free meals to all students] improved employee morale in not having to tell a child that they owe money.”
— PEORIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

“ [Offering free meals to all students] increases meal participation that supports program viability.”
— NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Healthy School Meals for All Through State Legislation

In 2021, **California** and **Maine** became the first states to pass permanent Healthy School Meals for All policies. Vermont extended their Healthy School Meals for All policy through the 2022–2023 school year, and then passed a permanent policy effective in school year 2023–2024. Three additional states have extended free school meals through the 2022–2023 school year: Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Nevada.⁵ Over the last year, Colorado, Minnesota, and New Mexico have successfully enacted state policies that will start in school year 2023–2024.

Momentum for Healthy School Meals for All is growing. More than 20 additional states are working to adopt Healthy School Meals for All policies. The success of these state legislative efforts can be attributed to dedicated advocates and diverse coalitions. Students, parents and guardians, educators and education associations, anti-hunger and child advocates, and health organizations are working to ensure that all students have access to healthy school meals. For more information about FRAC’s work in support of healthy school meals for all students, visit FRAC’s [Healthy School Meals for All](#) webpage.



Beyond State Legislation: Options for Offering Healthy School Meals at No Charge

School districts surveyed are utilizing the following options to offer free meals to all students, with or without state legislation.

- ▶ **Community Eligibility Provision:** CEP allows eligible schools to serve breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge, thus, reducing stigma and increasing participation in the programs. Community eligibility schools do not have to collect, process, or verify school meal applications, resulting in significant administrative savings for food and nutrition departments. Discover which schools in your state are eligible and participating in FRAC’s [Community Eligibility Database](#).
- ▶ **Provision 2:** Schools using Provision 2 (a provision of the National School Lunch Act) do not need to collect, process, or verify school meal applications or keep track of meals by fee category for at least three out of every four years. Schools collect school meal applications and count and claim meals by fee category during

year one of the multiyear cycle, called the “base year.” Those data then determine the federal reimbursement and are used for future years in the cycle. Provision 2 schools have the option to serve only breakfast or lunch, or both breakfast and lunch, to all students at no charge, and use economies of scale from increased participation and significant administrative savings. There is no eligibility requirement to participate in Provision 2; therefore, all school districts and/or schools could utilize this option to serve healthy meals to all students at no charge.

- ▶ **Nonpricing:** No fees are collected from students while schools continue to receive federal reimbursements for the meals served under the three-tier federal fee categories (free, reduced-price, and paid).⁶

required to gradually increase its lunch fees each year until it reaches equity or must cover the difference using funds outside of the school nutrition account.

⁵ Nevada’s Healthy School Meals for All policy extends through the 2023–2024 school year.

⁶ School lunch equity requires the paid lunch fee that a school district charges to be equal to the free federal lunch reimbursement rate. If not, the district is

⁷ USDA has issued a proposed rule that would lower the CEP eligibility threshold from 40 percent to 25 percent.

How Community Eligibility Currently Works

Authorized by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, community eligibility allows high-poverty schools to offer breakfast and lunch free of charge to all students, and to realize significant administrative savings by eliminating school meal applications. Any district, group of schools in a district, or school with 40 percent or more “identified students” — children who are eligible for free school meals who already are identified by means other than an individual household application — can choose to participate.⁷

“Identified students” include those who are in two categories:

- ▶ children who are directly certified for free school meals through data matching because their households receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations benefits, or, in some states, Medicaid benefits; and
- ▶ children who are certified for free meals without an application because they are homeless, migrant, enrolled in Head Start, or in foster care.

Community eligibility schools are reimbursed for meals served based on a formula. Reimbursements to the school are calculated by multiplying the identified student percentage (ISP) by 1.6 to determine the percentage of meals that will be reimbursed at the federal free rate. For example, a school with 50 percent identified students would be reimbursed at the free rate for 80 percent of the meals eaten (50 multiplied by 1.6 = 80), and at the paid rate for 20 percent.

Because the multiplier allows schools, groups of schools, and school districts with higher ISPs (60 percent or higher) to be reimbursed at the free rate for all or nearly all meals, the take-up rate for those schools is much higher than for eligible schools with a lower ISP. The current multiplier limits community eligibility from fully supporting high-poverty schools. Find out which schools in your state or community are participating or eligible for the Community Eligibility Provision with FRAC’s [Community Eligibility Database](#).

Spotlight on Breakfast

Collectively, surveyed districts experienced a 5 percent decrease in average daily breakfast participation in October 2022 compared to April 2022, serving 100,747 fewer children each school day. Additionally, the ratio between students from households with low incomes participating in school breakfast compared to school lunch returned to pre-pandemic levels, with 56 students from households with low incomes participating in breakfast for every

100 that participated in lunch. With the return to normal operations, many of the barriers that kept students from participating in school breakfast before the pandemic, e.g., cost, stigma, and timing of breakfast service, may be reemerging. Implementing best practices, such as offering breakfast to all students at no charge and serving breakfast after the start of the school day, will ensure that students have the morning nutrition they need to learn, while

increasing the amount of federal reimbursement schools receive for serving breakfast.

Of the 91 surveyed districts, 18 reached FRAC’s goal of serving school breakfast to 70 students from households with low incomes for every 100 participating in lunch.

Table E depicts the number of children from households with low incomes who participate in school breakfast for every 100 that participate in school lunch.



Pennsylvania Healthy School Breakfast for All: 2022–2023 School Year

At the beginning of the 2022–2023 school year, Pennsylvania provided funding to allow schools to offer breakfast to all students at no charge. As of March 2023, more than 23 million breakfasts were served to students through the program, and budget proposals recommended continued funding for Pennsylvania’s Free School Breakfast Program.

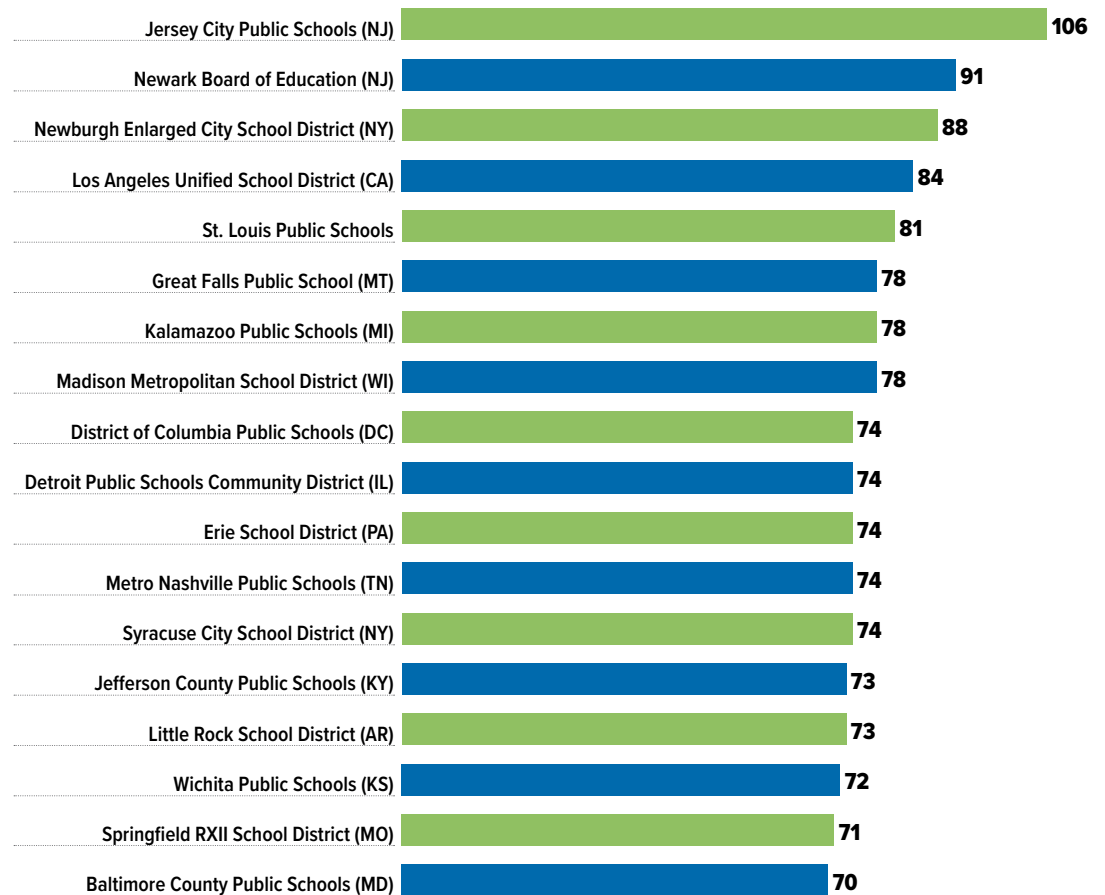


A Proven Strategy to Increase Participation: Breakfast After the Bell

Incorporating breakfast into the school day overcomes common barriers to participation and supports students’ access to this important morning meal. Combined with offering breakfast to all students at no charge, these innovative service models result in the highest level of school breakfast participation. There are three primary models schools use to serve breakfast after the bell:

- ▶ **Breakfast in the Classroom:** Meals are delivered to and eaten in the classroom at the start of the school day.
- ▶ **“Grab and Go”:** Children (particularly older students) can quickly grab their breakfast from carts or kiosks in the hallway or the cafeteria line to eat in their classroom or in common areas.
- ▶ **Second Chance Breakfast:** Students are offered a second chance to eat breakfast after the school day starts. Many middle and high school students are not hungry first thing in the morning, but they are ready to eat breakfast after their first class of the day, helping them to focus on their classes until lunchtime.

TABLE E: Number of Children From Low-Income Households in School Breakfast for Every 100 in School Lunch in October 2022



Innovative Strategies and Partnerships

School nutrition departments employed a variety of creative strategies and unique partnerships to ensure students had access to healthy meals despite the challenges presented by losing federal waivers. Multiple districts garnered student input on new menu items, purchased local products, served meals from food trucks, hosted contests and incentives, and partnered with local businesses, agriculture producers, dairy associations, and higher education institutes to strengthen their programs.



“A new concept that we implemented this year was the use of QR codes and online surveys for our student taste tests ... This has really helped us learn which items our students like or dislike, as well as giving us a better understanding of how these items could be improved, so that we’re able to share that information with manufacturers.”

— **Cincinnati Public Schools**

“School Nutrition Services has implemented a Student Taste-Testing Initiative, which empowers students to provide valuable feedback on menu items. Following the collection of tallies, the selected student-preferred items will be incorporated into the menu, accompanied by the ‘Student Voice, Student Choice’ logo, thus recognizing and honoring their input.”

— **DeKalb County School District**

“We have four schools that utilize vending machines at lunch for reimbursable meals.”

— **Livingston Parish Public Schools**

“We have incorporated district chefs conducting live cooking demo stations one day a week at a high school. We have also acquired two food trucks used to visit schools to help improve excitement around lunchtime.”

— **Detroit Public Schools Community District**

“We have worked to expand our menu offerings to students to be more inclusive of dietary and cultural needs. This includes offering more vegetarian options on the main menu each day, as well as beginning to offer more flavor profiles from the Asian, Latina and Italian cultures. For breakfast, we have worked to minimize the amount of pre-packaged items and go to a more speed scratch or made in house sort of menu. We also continue to expand our fresh produce offerings and focus on bringing in locally sourced items.”

— **Wake County Public School System**

“[To increase participation] we are resurrecting and expanding second chance breakfast across high schools. [We are also] working with local nonprofits, elected representatives and [University of Wisconsin] to support student engagement/surveys, local procurement, culinary outreach events, and culinary development.”

— **Madison Metropolitan School District**

Policy Recommendations

To ensure children have access to healthy school meals, and districts have the support needed to operate viable programs, FRAC advocates for the following policy recommendations.

Make School Meals Available to All Students at No Charge

The federal waivers available during the COVID-19 pandemic served as a pilot for nationwide Healthy School Meals for All. Offering meals to all students at no cost provides the nutritional foundation that children need to grow, learn, and thrive. It also reduces stigma, supports academic achievement, and reduces families' household food costs. For districts, offering free school meals to all students supports program viability by increasing participation, streamlining operations, reducing administrative burden, and eliminating school meal debt.

Bold, permanent legislative action is needed to ensure that all students have access to healthy school meals at no charge. Federal legislation, such as the [Universal Free School Meals Program Act of 2023](#), would help

ensure that every student in every state has access to school meals, as well as to the nutrition they need after school, during the summer, and at child care.

Community eligibility offers an important opportunity to increase the number of schools offering free meals to all students. Recently, USDA proposed a lower threshold for CEP eligibility, making approximately 20,000 more schools eligible to participate. While this proposed rule is an important step, most newly eligible schools and school districts will not be able to implement community eligibility without additional federal or state funding.

To fully leverage community eligibility as a tool to expand Healthy School Meals for All, Congress must increase the amount of federal funding community eligibility provides. The [School Meals Expansion Act of 2023](#) (H.R. 2567) would increase the community eligibility multiplier from 1.6 to 2.5, which would increase the amount of federal funding a community eligibility school receives, and would lower the eligibility threshold to 25 percent, which is consistent

with USDA's Proposed Rule. Furthermore, USDA can explore a statewide community eligibility option using its waiver or demonstration authority to support states' efforts to create Healthy School Meals for All policies.

Likewise, expanding direct certification would ensure that more eligible children automatically qualify for free school meals without an individual application. For example, Medicaid direct certification offers an important opportunity to certify children for both free and reduced-price school meals, and states that are not currently participating in the Medicaid Direct Certification Demonstration Pilots should apply when USDA issues the next Request for Proposals. Doing so would eliminate application barriers for eligible families, reduce administrative burden on districts, and support community eligibility.

Increase School Meal Reimbursements

Districts across the nation have reported challenges with rising food costs, supply chain disruptions, and labor shortages. Federal administrative and legislative action must support the financial viability of the school nutrition programs so that operators can continue serving students the most nutritious and appealing meals possible. The [Healthy Meals Help Kids Learn Act of 2023](#) (H.R. 1269) would permanently increase the federal reimbursement rates for school breakfast by \$0.28 and school lunch by \$0.45, with a yearly adjustment for inflation.

Support Breakfast After the Bell Models

Making breakfast a part of the school day overcomes common school breakfast participation barriers and increases participation, helping to ensure that students can start the school day ready to learn. Local, state, and national initiatives that support breakfast after the bell models, such as additional school breakfast funding and supportive policies, will increase participation and ensure students have access to the nutrition needed for academic achievement. [Learn more about breakfast after the bell.](#)



Technical Notes

From February 2023 to March 2023, FRAC distributed an electronic survey to 179 large public school districts nationwide. Ninety-one districts completed the survey, and the findings in this report are based on the information provided. For this report, a large district was defined as one with an enrollment greater than 7,000 students. The survey was composed primarily of multiple-choice questions and asked each school district about their breakfast and lunch participation and practices. The survey collected SBP, NSLP, and SSO data for April 2022; and SBP and NSLP data for October 2022. School districts were given an opportunity to review the tables included in this report and provide updated information prior to publication. The goals of this report include:

- ▶ Collect information on large district school nutrition operations during the 2021–2022 and 2022–2023 school years to understand the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on operations and participation.
- ▶ Understand the extent to which the surveyed districts used the USDA’s nationwide child nutrition waivers, and how the loss of those waivers affected school nutrition programs.
- ▶ Discover the extent to which the surveyed districts are implementing promising practices to maintain and increase participation, such as breakfast after the bell and offering meals at no charge to all students.
- ▶ Identify the benefits of offering school meals to all children at no charge as reported by the districts surveyed.

Participation in the school meals program was determined by self-reported numbers provided by each district as part of the survey. Due to rounding, totals in the tables may not precisely match.

Table 2: For school districts and schools that participate in the Community Eligibility Provision, the percentage of students certified for free and reduced-price school meals is based upon the free-claiming percentage (ISP multiplied by 1.6).

Table 3: Bentonville Schools and the School District of Philadelphia reported using the SSO waiver in April 2022; however, they also reported meals in the reduced-price and paid categories. The reduced-price and paid meals were totaled into the free category as the SSO waiver allowed districts to claim all meals as free.

Table 4: To determine the average daily participation (ADP) in breakfast and lunch for April 2022 and October 2022, the total number of the meal type reported for each month was divided by the total number of serving days for each meal type and rounded to the nearest whole number for each district. Total ADP was calculated by adding together the ADP by meal type for each district. Inglewood Unified School District, Lynn Public Schools, Madison Metropolitan School District, Prince George’s County Public Schools, St. Louis Public Schools, and Syracuse City School District did not report a separate number of operating days for lunch in either April 2022 or October 2022, so the number of operating days for breakfast was applied to the number of lunches served.

Table 7: Eleven districts, comprised of 1,676 schools, are in states with Healthy School Meals for All policies for the 2022–2023 school year. Of these, 168 schools are not utilizing the Community Eligibility Provision or Provision 2, but they are offering all students school meals at no charge. These schools are indicated in the column titled “Total Schools Offering Both Breakfast and Lunch to All Students at No Charge”.

Table 9: Twenty-eight districts operated the Community Eligibility Provision districtwide; therefore, they did not have to collect school meal applications this year. As such, the following districts were removed from the table: Baltimore City Public Schools, Chicago Public Schools, Clark County Public Schools, Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Dallas Independent School District, Detroit Public Schools Community Schools, Erie School District, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Inglewood Unified School District, Jefferson Parish

School District, Kalamazoo Public Schools, Livingston Parish School District, Lynn Public Schools, Mobile County Public Schools, New York City Department of Education, Newburgh Enlarged School District, Norfolk Public Schools, Omaha Public Schools, Perry Township Schools, Pittsburgh School District, Polk County Public Schools, Riverside Unified School District, San Bernardino City Unified School District, School District of Philadelphia, School District U-46, St. Louis Public Schools, Syracuse City School District, and Waterbury Public Schools.



Table 1: Student Enrollment and Breakfast and Lunch Service, April 2022¹

School District	State	Total Student Enrollment	Number of Schools in District	Number of Schools in District Serving Breakfast	Percentage of Schools in District Serving Breakfast	Number of Schools in District Serving Lunch	Percentage of Schools in District Serving Lunch
Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	73,346	143	142	99%	143	100%
Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	74,888	154	154	100%	154	100%
Baltimore County Public Schools	MD	112,342	169	169	100%	169	100%
Bentonville Schools	AR	18,980	21	21	100%	21	100%
Billings Public Schools	MT	16,995	32	31	97%	32	100%
Bonneville Joint School District 93	ID	13,300	22	21	95%	22	100%
Boone County Schools	KY	19,419	26	26	100%	26	100%
Charleston County School District	SC	50,250	88	88	100%	88	100%
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	140,385	173	169	98%	173	100%
Cherry Creek School District No. 5	CO	51,189	64	64	100%	64	100%
Chicago Public Schools	IL	293,119	574	574	100%	574	100%
Cincinnati Public Schools	OH	35,038	64	64	100%	64	100%
Clark County School District	NV	301,456	354	354	100%	354	100%
Cleveland Metropolitan School District	OH	34,923	86	86	100%	86	100%
Cobb County School District	GA	107,344	112	112	100%	112	100%
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District	TX	118,077	91	91	100%	91	100%
Dallas Independent School District	TX	141,181	224	224	100%	224	100%
DeKalb County School District	GA	94,227	123	123	100%	123	100%
Detroit Public Schools Community District	MI	48,757	107	107	100%	107	100%
District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	50,138	117	117	100%	117	100%
Douglas County School District	CO	65,000	80	67	84%	80	100%
Durham Public Schools	NC	31,981	52	52	100%	52	100%
Elk Grove Unified School District	CA	63,451	64	64	100%	64	100%
Erie School District	PA	10,035	22	22	100%	22	100%
Fairfax County Public Schools	VA	181,000	190	190	100%	190	100%
Fayette County Public Schools ²	KY	40,971	70	67	96%	67	96%
Fresno Unified School District	CA	72,371	107	106	99%	107	100%
Fulton County Schools	GA	83,980	95	95	100%	95	100%
Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	14,765	44	44	100%	44	100%
Great Falls Public School	MT	10,350	21	18	86%	21	100%
Greenville County Schools ³	SC	77,325	94	94	100%	94	100%
Hawaii Department of Education	HI	159,489	256	256	100%	256	100%
Hillsboro School District	OR	18,347	37	36	97%	36	97%
Horry County Schools	SC	46,348	53	53	100%	53	100%
Inglewood Unified School District	CA	7,381	19	18	95%	19	100%
Iowa City Community School District	IA	15,123	28	28	100%	28	100%
Irving Independent School District	TX	32,308	36	36	100%	36	100%
Jefferson County Public Schools	KY	92,493	146	146	100%	146	100%
Jefferson Parish Schools	LA	41,877	72	72	100%	72	100%
Jersey City Public Schools	NJ	25,461	48	48	100%	47	98%
Jordan School District	UT	57,739	64	64	100%	64	100%
Kalamazoo Public Schools	MI	12,472	27	27	100%	27	100%
Lincoln Public Schools	NE	42,000	59	59	100%	59	100%
Little Rock School District	AR	21,546	41	41	100%	41	100%
Livingston Parish Public Schools	LA	26,250	43	43	100%	43	100%
Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	438,926	732	732	100%	732	100%
Loudoun County Public Schools	VA	84,364	94	94	100%	94	100%

1 All school districts provided free meals to all of their students during the 2021–2022 school year through the Seamless Summer Option waiver; therefore, this table does not include the percentage of students certified for free and reduced-price school meals in each district.

2 Fayette County Public Schools total school count includes three technical schools where students access meals from their home school.

3 Greenville County Schools reported serving meals at 94 school sites, as well as special centers.

Table 1: Student Enrollment and Breakfast and Lunch Service, April 2022¹ (continued)

School District	State	Total Student Enrollment	Number of Schools in District	Number of Schools in District Serving Breakfast	Percentage of Schools in District Serving Breakfast	Number of Schools in District Serving Lunch	Percentage of Schools in District Serving Lunch
Lynn Public Schools	MA	16,000	26	26	100%	26	100%
Madison Metropolitan School District	WI	25,583	52	52	100%	52	100%
Mesa Public Schools	AZ	57,885	79	77	97%	79	100%
Metro Nashville Public Schools	TN	73,743	140	140	100%	140	100%
Minneapolis Public Schools	MN	27,835	70	63	90%	63	90%
Mobile County Public Schools	AL	52,597	85	85	100%	85	100%
Montgomery County Public Schools	MD	159,337	209	206	99%	209	100%
Moore Public Schools	OK	23,450	35	35	100%	35	100%
New York City Department of Education	NY	996,959	2,276	2,138	94%	2,164	95%
Newark Board of Education	NJ	37,327	69	69	100%	69	100%
Newburgh Enlarged City School District	NY	10,989	14	14	100%	14	100%
Newton Public Schools	MA	12,048	22	15	68%	22	100%
Norfolk Public Schools	VA	26,889	50	50	100%	50	100%
Olathe Public Schools	KS	29,746	54	54	100%	54	100%
Olentangy Local Schools	OH	22,465	25	25	100%	25	100%
Omaha Public Schools	NE	51,228	96	95	99%	95	99%
Peoria Unified School District	AZ	37,000	40	40	100%	40	100%
Perry Township Schools	IN	16,926	24	24	100%	24	100%
Pittsburgh School District	PA	20,204	56	56	100%	56	100%
Polk County Public Schools	FL	94,352	129	129	100%	129	100%
Prince George's County Public Schools	MD	134,854	206	206	100%	206	100%
Prince William County Public Schools	VA	91,000	97	97	100%	97	100%
Rankin County Schools	MS	18,642	28	20	71%	28	100%
Riverside Unified School District	CA	41,000	48	48	100%	48	100%
Rogers Public Schools	AR	15,978	23	23	100%	23	100%
Salt Lake City School District	UT	20,147	37	37	100%	37	100%
San Bernardino City Unified School District	CA	47,474	75	75	100%	75	100%
San Diego Unified School District	CA	108,079	201	201	100%	201	100%
School District of Philadelphia	PA	116,975	236	236	100%	236	100%
School District U-46	IL	36,078	58	58	100%	58	100%
Shawnee Mission School District	KS	26,499	47	47	100%	47	100%
Sioux City Community School District	IA	14,896	21	21	100%	21	100%
Sioux Falls School District	SD	24,980	34	34	100%	34	100%
Springfield RXII School District	MO	23,352	50	50	100%	50	100%
St. Louis Public Schools	MO	18,907	62	62	100%	62	100%
Syracuse City School District	NY	20,272	43	43	100%	43	100%
Toms River Regional Schools	NJ	14,604	18	18	100%	18	100%
Tucson Unified School District	AZ	41,689	87	86	99%	87	100%
Utica Community Schools	MI	25,600	38	38	100%	38	100%
Wake County Public School System	NC	162,173	194	194	100%	194	100%
Waterbury Public Schools	CT	19,175	31	31	100%	31	100%
West Ada School District	ID	39,887	57	57	100%	57	100%
Wichita Public Schools	KS	45,287	87	87	100%	87	100%
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools	NC	51,768	81	79	98%	79	98%
Total		6,520,586	10,748	10,550	98%	10,621	99%

¹ All school districts provided free meals to all of their students during the 2021–2022 school year through the Seamless Summer Option waiver; therefore, this table does not include the percentage of students certified for free and reduced-price school meals in each district.

Table 2: Student Enrollment and Breakfast and Lunch Service, October 2022

School District	State	Total Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment Qualifying for Free or Reduced-Price Meals ¹	Number of Schools in District, October 2022	Number of Schools Serving Breakfast, October 2022	Percentage of Schools Serving Breakfast, October 2022	Number of Schools Serving Lunch, October 2022	Percentage of Schools Serving Lunch, October 2022
Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	71,119	44%	143	143	100%	143	100%
Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	76,344	100%	160	160	100%	160	100%
Baltimore County Public Schools	MD	111,000	66%	169	169	100%	169	100%
Bentonville Schools	AR	18,642	21%	21	21	100%	21	100%
Billings Public Schools	MT	16,167	39%	32	31	97%	32	100%
Bonneville Joint School District 93	ID	13,852	33%	22	21	95%	22	100%
Boone County Schools	KY	19,659	42%	26	26	100%	26	100%
Charleston County School District	SC	51,084	33%	88	88	100%	88	100%
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	141,609	60%	175	171	98%	175	100%
Cherry Creek School District No. 5	CO	51,019	28%	65	65	100%	65	100%
Chicago Public Schools	IL	284,650	100%	573	573	100%	573	100%
Cincinnati Public Schools	OH	35,011	84%	64	64	100%	64	100%
Clark County School District	NV	301,223	74%	354	354	100%	354	100%
Cleveland Metropolitan School District	OH	34,923	100%	86	86	100%	86	100%
Cobb County School District	GA	107,389	41%	112	112	100%	112	100%
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District	TX	118,286	52%	92	92	100%	92	100%
Dallas Independent School District	TX	139,932	51%	229	229	100%	229	100%
DeKalb County School District	GA	93,360	77%	123	123	100%	123	100%
Detroit Public Schools Community District	MI	54,129	100%	107	107	100%	107	100%
District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	50,255	69%	117	117	100%	117	100%
Douglas County School District	CO	65,065	9%	80	46	58%	80	100%
Durham Public Schools	NC	31,667	61%	53	53	100%	53	100%
Elk Grove Unified School District	CA	63,362	38%	65	65	100%	65	100%
Erie School District	PA	11,234	100%	23	23	100%	23	100%
Fairfax County Public Schools	VA	181,000	33%	190	190	100%	190	100%
Fayette County Public Schools ²	KY	41,674	52%	70	67	96%	67	96%
Fresno Unified School District	CA	72,107	99%	108	108	100%	108	100%
Fulton County Schools	GA	76,236	49%	95	95	100%	95	100%
Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	14,594	62%	44	44	100%	44	100%
Great Falls Public School	MT	10,371	42%	21	18	86%	21	100%
Greenville County Schools ³	SC	77,850	60%	94	94	100%	94	100%
Hawaii Department of Education	HI	158,952	27%	256	256	100%	256	100%
Hillsboro School District	OR	18,104	42%	37	36	97%	36	97%
Horry County Schools	SC	47,278	61%	53	53	100%	53	100%
Inglewood Unified School District	CA	7,353	100%	16	16	100%	16	100%
Iowa City Community School District	IA	14,926	42%	28	28	100%	28	100%
Irving Independent School District	TX	31,755	90%	38	38	100%	38	100%
Jefferson County Public Schools	KY	94,573	66%	146	146	100%	146	100%
Jefferson Parish Schools	LA	41,451	94%	72	72	100%	72	100%
Jersey City Public Schools	NJ	25,403	75%	48	48	100%	47	98%
Jordan School District	UT	57,829	19%	64	64	100%	64	100%
Kalamazoo Public Schools	MI	12,327	100%	27	27	100%	27	100%
Lincoln Public Schools	NE	42,211	48%	60	60	100%	60	100%
Little Rock School District	AR	21,456	71%	40	40	100%	40	100%
Livingston Parish Public Schools	LA	27,002	68%	43	43	100%	43	100%
Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	431,158	89%	732	732	100%	732	100%
Loudoun County Public Schools	VA	82,629	26%	94	94	100%	94	100%

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Table 2: Student Enrollment and Breakfast and Lunch Service, October 2022 (continued)

School District	State	Total Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment Qualifying for Free or Reduced-Price Meals ¹	Number of Schools in District, October 2022	Number of Schools Serving Breakfast, October 2022	Percentage of Schools Serving Breakfast, October 2022	Number of Schools Serving Lunch, October 2022	Percentage of Schools Serving Lunch, October 2022
Lynn Public Schools	MA	16,100	100%	26	26	100%	26	100%
Madison Metropolitan School District	WI	25,189	52%	52	52	100%	52	100%
Mesa Public Schools	AZ	58,584	51%	78	76	97%	78	100%
Metro Nashville Public Schools	TN	73,737	35%	140	140	100%	140	100%
Minneapolis Public Schools	MN	25,119	80%	70	65	93%	65	93%
Mobile County Public Schools	AL	52,431	100%	88	88	100%	88	100%
Montgomery County Public Schools	MD	161,503	44%	210	210	100%	210	100%
Moore Public Schools	OK	23,500	48%	35	35	100%	35	100%
New York City Department of Education	NY	978,772	100%	2,203	2,094	95%	2,110	96%
Newark Board of Education	NJ	37,786	70%	70	70	100%	70	100%
Newburgh Enlarged City School District	NY	11,128	93%	14	14	100%	14	100%
Newton Public Schools	MA	11,951	15%	22	17	77%	22	100%
Norfolk Public Schools	VA	27,330	98%	50	50	100%	50	100%
Olathe Public Schools	KS	29,074	29%	54	54	100%	54	100%
Olentangy Local Schools	OH	22,738	7%	25	25	100%	25	100%
Omaha Public Schools	NE	50,810	3%	100	100	100%	100	100%
Peoria Unified School District	AZ	36,927	38%	40	40	100%	40	100%
Perry Township Schools	IN	16,784	100%	24	24	100%	24	100%
Pittsburgh School District	PA	20,277	63%	56	56	100%	56	100%
Polk County Public Schools	FL	96,751	98%	124	124	100%	124	100%
Prince George's County Public Schools	MD	131,145	70%	196	196	100%	196	100%
Prince William County Public Schools	VA	92,187	52%	97	97	100%	97	100%
Rankin County Schools	MS	18,854	44%	28	21	75%	28	100%
Riverside Unified School District	CA	39,919	66%	48	48	100%	48	100%
Rogers Public Schools	AR	15,964	52%	23	23	100%	23	100%
Salt Lake City School District	UT	20,223	34%	37	37	100%	37	100%
San Bernardino City Unified School District	CA	46,817	83%	75	75	100%	75	100%
San Diego Unified School District	CA	106,882	65%	199	199	100%	199	100%
School District of Philadelphia	PA	117,209	100%	238	238	100%	238	100%
School District U-46	IL	34,787	50%	55	55	100%	55	100%
Shawnee Mission School District	KS	26,732	36%	47	47	100%	47	100%
Sioux City Community School District	IA	14,791	70%	21	21	100%	21	100%
Sioux Falls School District	SD	25,134	41%	34	34	100%	34	100%
Springfield RXII School District	MO	24,242	52%	50	50	100%	50	100%
St. Louis Public Schools	MO	18,647	61%	62	62	100%	62	100%
Syracuse City School District	NY	20,272	100%	43	43	100%	43	100%
Toms River Regional Schools	NJ	14,637	30%	18	18	100%	18	100%
Tucson Unified School District	AZ	41,423	74%	87	86	99%	87	100%
Utica Community Schools	MI	26,050	39%	38	38	100%	38	100%
Wake County Public School System	NC	162,307	35%	198	198	100%	198	100%
Waterbury Public Schools	CT	18,761	67%	31	31	100%	31	100%
West Ada School District	ID	40,758	20%	57	57	100%	57	100%
Wichita Public Schools	KS	45,418	62%	88	88	100%	88	100%
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools	NC	52,291	59%	81	78	96%	78	96%
Total		6,481,161		10,687	10,508	98%	10,581	99%

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Table 3: Changes in Average Daily Participation (ADP) for All Meals Served, April vs. October 2022

School District	State	April 2022		October 2022		Breakfast Changes		Lunch Changes	
		Total Breakfast ADP	Total Lunch ADP	Total Breakfast ADP	Total Lunch ADP	Change in Breakfast ADP	Percent Change	Change in Lunch ADP	Percent Change
Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	22,028	39,321	18,851	33,479	-3,177	-14%	-5,843	-15%
Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	19,380	39,896	18,256	43,817	-1,124	-6%	3,922	10%
Baltimore County Public Schools	MD	37,534	54,603	30,765	45,832	-6,769	-18%	-8,771	-16%
Bentonville Schools	AR	3,896	10,481	2,390	8,068	-1,506	-39%	-2,413	-23%
Billings Public Schools	MT	2,459	6,711	2,199	6,278	-260	-11%	-433	-6%
Bonneville Joint School District 93 ¹	ID	2,267	6,110	1,274	4,881	-993	-44%	-1,229	-20%
Boone County Schools	KY	6,382	13,229	4,505	11,202	-1,876	-29%	-2,027	-15%
Charleston County School District	SC	16,104	29,890	13,155	24,192	-2,949	-18%	-5,697	-19%
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	38,557	75,303	35,814	65,947	-2,742	-7%	-9,357	-12%
Cherry Creek School District No. 5	CO	11,046	23,998	5,091	18,137	-5,956	-54%	-5,861	-24%
Chicago Public Schools	IL	85,817	158,433	94,540	159,045	8,724	10%	612	0%
Cincinnati Public Schools	OH	12,848	20,001	14,007	20,979	1,159	9%	978	5%
Clark County School District	NV	83,558	148,062	78,470	151,441	-5,088	-6%	3,379	2%
Cleveland Metropolitan School District	OH	13,287	20,586	13,974	21,243	688	5%	657	3%
Cobb County School District	GA	28,199	68,503	19,531	54,435	-8,668	-31%	-14,067	-21%
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District	TX	36,513	78,714	32,247	72,319	-4,265	-12%	-6,394	-8%
Dallas Independent School District	TX	51,596	91,982	52,111	91,846	515	1%	-136	0%
DeKalb County School District	GA	26,742	49,352	24,639	47,556	-2,103	-8%	-1,796	-4%
Detroit Public Schools Community District	MI	22,142	28,558	24,612	33,062	2,470	11%	4,504	16%
District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	16,997	25,568	17,267	24,332	271	2%	-1,236	-5%
Douglas County School District	CO	7,743	29,646	1,279	17,417	-6,465	-83%	-12,229	-41%
Durham Public Schools	NC	8,650	14,652	7,512	11,719	-1,138	-13%	-2,934	-20%
Elk Grove Unified School District	CA	8,355	32,759	9,312	32,485	957	11%	-273	-1%
Erie School District	PA	4,417	6,501	5,940	8,063	1,523	34%	1,562	24%
Fairfax County Public Schools	VA	49,676	108,618	20,615	59,807	-29,062	-59%	-48,811	-45%
Fayette County Public Schools	KY	13,725	26,019	13,000	25,400	-725	-5%	-619	-2%
Fresno Unified School District	CA	12,625	42,922	15,203	46,227	2,578	20%	3,305	8%
Fulton County Schools	GA	21,015	48,020	18,266	40,009	-2,749	-13%	-8,011	-17%
Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	5,159	10,017	4,933	9,495	-226	-4%	-522	-5%
Great Falls Public School	MT	3,770	5,618	3,181	4,925	-589	-16%	-693	-12%
Greenville County Schools	SC	23,012	47,469	23,277	42,843	265	1%	-4,626	-10%
Hawaii Department of Education	HI	30,484	99,517	24,408	82,540	-6,076	-20%	-16,977	-17%
Hillsboro School District	OR	3,965	9,809	3,402	8,662	-563	-14%	-1,147	-12%
Horry County Schools	SC	18,096	28,585	11,824	23,574	-6,272	-35%	-5,012	-18%
Inglewood Unified School District	CA	1,194	4,788	1,249	4,854	56	5%	66	1%
Iowa City Community School District	IA	3,712	9,284	2,708	8,488	-1,004	-27%	-796	-9%
Irving Independent School District	TX	14,931	22,898	15,371	22,174	440	3%	-724	-3%
Jefferson County Public Schools	KY	35,602	54,554	41,528	58,096	5,926	17%	3,542	6%
Jefferson Parish Schools	LA	12,818	22,531	14,002	24,056	1,184	9%	1,526	7%
Jersey City Public Schools	NJ	11,568	10,899	11,550	10,092	-18	0%	-807	-7%
Jordan School District	UT	5,982	32,661	4,246	28,765	-1,736	-29%	-3,895	-12%
Kalamazoo Public Schools	MI	5,697	7,568	5,935	7,624	238	4%	56	1%
Lincoln Public Schools	NE	8,012	24,495	5,768	21,463	-2,244	-28%	-3,032	-12%
Little Rock School District	AR	7,523	11,371	7,744	11,178	220	3%	-193	-2%
Livingston Parish Public Schools	LA	10,746	18,669	11,023	19,233	277	3%	564	3%
Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	138,748	241,713	213,522	252,552	74,774	54%	10,839	4%

¹ Bonneville Joint School District 93 had different operating days for elementary and secondary schools. The elementary figure was used for district-wide ADP calculations.

Table 3: Changes in Average Daily Participation (ADP) for All Meals Served, April vs. October 2022 (continued)

School District	State	April 2022		October 2022		Breakfast Changes		Lunch Changes	
		Total Breakfast ADP	Total Lunch ADP	Total Breakfast ADP	Total Lunch ADP	Change in Breakfast ADP	Percent Change	Change in Lunch ADP	Percent Change
Loudoun County Public Schools	VA	18,121	46,286	8,597	31,561	-9,524	-53%	-14,725	-32%
Lynn Public Schools	MA	4,431	8,523	4,307	7,680	-124	-3%	-843	-10%
Madison Metropolitan School District	WI	7,220	9,373	11,102	8,120	3,882	54%	-1,253	-13%
Mesa Public Schools	AZ	15,278	33,554	12,485	27,265	-2,793	-18%	-6,289	-19%
Metro Nashville Public Schools	TN	30,196	41,938	31,189	43,703	994	3%	1,765	4%
Minneapolis Public Schools	MN	9,043	15,787	8,370	14,345	-673	-7%	-1,442	-9%
Mobile County Public Schools	AL	23,136	36,404	21,146	33,925	-1,991	-9%	-2,479	-7%
Montgomery County Public Schools	MD	39,113	78,923	27,397	55,390	-11,717	-30%	-23,532	-30%
Moore Public Schools	OK	5,495	12,436	4,275	11,477	-1,220	-22%	-959	-8%
New York City Department of Education	NY	253,991	515,383	227,212	532,892	-26,779	-11%	17,510	3%
Newark Board of Education	NJ	20,434	23,158	16,643	18,644	-3,791	-19%	-4,513	-19%
Newburgh Enlarged City School District	NY	5,833	6,788	6,066	6,953	233	4%	165	2%
Newton Public Schools	MA	594	5,900	494	4,641	-100	-17%	-1,259	-21%
Norfolk Public Schools	VA	11,903	16,905	11,190	16,275	-713	-6%	-629	-4%
Olathe Public Schools	KS	5,085	17,461	3,164	14,216	-1,921	-38%	-3,245	-19%
Olentangy Local Schools	OH	4,337	13,771	1,635	10,843	-2,702	-62%	-2,928	-21%
Omaha Public Schools	NE	21,418	35,506	22,193	36,861	775	4%	1,355	4%
Peoria Unified School District	AZ	7,338	23,273	4,144	15,613	-3,195	-44%	-7,661	-33%
Perry Township Schools	IN	7,721	12,855	7,567	12,951	-154	-2%	96	1%
Pittsburgh School District	PA	8,336	12,443	8,185	12,286	-151	-2%	-157	-1%
Polk County Public Schools	FL	32,105	61,023	31,065	62,909	-1,040	-3%	1,886	3%
Prince George's County Public Schools	MD	51,375	90,070	38,997	63,857	-12,379	-24%	-26,213	-29%
Prince William County Public Schools	VA	30,006	60,099	21,589	51,455	-8,417	-28%	-8,644	-14%
Rankin County Schools	MS	4,698	12,305	3,816	10,760	-882	-19%	-1,544	-13%
Riverside Unified School District	CA	7,399	22,193	8,219	24,954	820	11%	2,761	12%
Rogers Public Schools	AR	6,267	10,225	6,504	9,521	237	4%	-704	-7%
Salt Lake City School District	UT	4,234	10,135	4,385	9,884	151	4%	-251	-2%
San Bernardino City Unified School District	CA	8,590	28,150	9,967	29,589	1,376	16%	1,440	5%
San Diego Unified School District	CA	29,858	46,881	32,219	50,999	2,361	8%	4,118	9%
School District of Philadelphia	PA	34,698	49,884	35,715	57,282	1,017	3%	7,398	15%
School District U-46	IL	12,334	21,050	7,648	21,181	-4,686	-38%	131	1%
Shawnee Mission School District	KS	4,855	17,002	3,190	14,612	-1,664	-34%	-2,390	-14%
Sioux City Community School District	IA	3,615	8,888	3,782	9,430	167	5%	542	6%
Sioux Falls School District	SD	6,689	15,812	4,593	14,396	-2,096	-31%	-1,416	-9%
Springfield RXII School District	MO	9,649	14,743	8,278	12,143	-1,371	-14%	-2,600	-18%
St. Louis Public Schools	MO	10,397	12,712	10,355	12,863	-42	0%	151	1%
Syracuse City School District	NY	8,219	10,866	8,340	11,284	121	1%	418	4%
Toms River Regional Schools	NJ	2,882	7,051	805	3,447	-2,078	-72%	-3,604	-51%
Tucson Unified School District	AZ	5,460	21,997	5,278	18,932	-182	-3%	-3,065	-14%
Utica Community Schools	MI	1,409	9,664	3,832	9,155	2,423	172%	-509	-5%
Wake County Public School System	NC	22,586	70,450	14,307	44,504	-8,278	-37%	-25,946	-37%
Waterbury Public Schools	CT	4,027	10,518	4,183	10,570	156	4%	52	0%
West Ada School District	ID	6,364	16,904	3,395	12,867	-2,970	-47%	-4,037	-24%
Wichita Public Schools	KS	20,190	28,141	20,250	27,693	60	0%	-448	-2%
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools	NC	11,778	22,123	13,971	25,930	2,192	19%	3,807	17%
Total		1,843,283	3,606,427	1,742,536	3,355,689	-100,747	-5%	-250,738	-7%

Table 4: Average Daily Participation (ADP) by Eligibility for Breakfast and Lunch, October 2022

School District	State	Free Breakfast ADP	Reduced Breakfast ADP	Paid Breakfast ADP	Total Breakfast ADP	Free Lunch ADP	Reduced Lunch ADP	Paid Lunch ADP	Total Lunch ADP
Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	16,773	110	1,967	18,851	26,596	578	6,305	33,479
Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	18,256	0	0	18,256	43,817	0	0	43,817
Baltimore County Public Schools	MD	22,425	727	7,613	30,765	31,499	1,439	12,894	45,832
Bentonville Schools	AR	829	325	1,236	2,390	1,831	814	5,423	8,068
Billings Public Schools	MT	1,438	86	675	2,199	3,333	222	2,724	6,278
Bonneville Joint School District 93 ¹	ID	667	207	400	1,274	1,714	771	2,397	4,881
Boone County Schools	KY	3,390	93	1,022	4,505	6,618	292	4,292	11,202
Charleston County School District	SC	10,100	39	3,016	13,155	15,346	100	8,746	24,192
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	24,448	941	10,425	35,814	44,909	1,992	19,046	65,947
Cherry Creek School District No. 5	CO	2,475	656	1,959	5,091	5,765	1,757	10,615	18,137
Chicago Public Schools	IL	94,540	0	0	94,540	159,045	0	0	159,045
Cincinnati Public Schools	OH	13,087	89	831	14,007	19,449	202	1,328	20,979
Clark County School District	NV	63,237	0	15,234	78,470	121,804	0	29,637	151,441
Cleveland Metropolitan School District	OH	13,974	0	0	13,974	21,243	0	0	21,243
Cobb County School District	GA	12,369	2,044	5,118	19,531	25,300	5,119	24,017	54,435
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District	TX	24,357	1,422	6,468	32,247	45,910	3,997	22,412	72,319
Dallas Independent School District	TX	42,716	0	9,396	52,111	75,286	0	16,560	91,846
DeKalb County School District	GA	23,576	304	759	24,639	42,586	863	4,107	47,556
Detroit Public Schools Community District	MI	24,612	0	0	24,612	33,062	0	0	33,062
District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	14,749	58	2,461	17,267	19,932	115	4,285	24,332
Douglas County School District	CO	436	134	709	1,279	2,284	866	14,267	17,417
Durham Public Schools	NC	5,481	202	1,829	7,512	8,922	366	2,431	11,719
Elk Grove Unified School District	CA	4,829	241	4,242	9,312	15,776	773	15,937	32,485
Erie School District	PA	5,940	0	0	5,940	8,063	0	0	8,063
Fairfax County Public Schools	VA	14,914	1,015	4,686	20,615	25,944	3,548	30,315	59,807
Fayette County Public Schools	KY	11,752	166	1,082	13,000	20,663	378	4,358	25,400
Fresno Unified School District	CA	15,108	2	93	15,203	45,896	2	330	46,227
Fulton County Schools	GA	13,706	661	3,898	18,266	23,077	1,401	15,531	40,009
Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	4,933	0	0	4,933	9,495	0	0	9,495
Great Falls Public School	MT	2,458	174	549	3,181	3,002	384	1,539	4,925
Greenville County Schools	SC	15,434	1,107	6,736	23,277	27,414	2,170	13,259	42,843
Hawaii Department of Education	HI	16,367	1,666	6,375	24,408	44,238	6,358	31,944	82,540
Hillsboro School District	OR	2,001	168	1,232	3,402	4,647	420	3,595	8,662
Horry County Schools	SC	8,944	445	2,434	11,824	16,418	1,120	6,036	23,574
Inglewood Unified School District	CA	1,249	0	0	1,249	4,854	0	0	4,854
Iowa City Community School District	IA	1,972	159	577	2,708	431	3,901	4,156	8,488
Irving Independent School District	TX	13,783	269	1,319	15,371	20,081	368	1,725	22,174
Jefferson County Public Schools	KY	40,513	75	940	41,528	55,733	152	2,211	58,096
Jefferson Parish Schools	LA	13,219	0	783	14,002	22,719	0	1,337	24,056
Jersey City Public Schools	NJ	9,210	187	2,153	11,550	8,727	165	1,199	10,092
Jordan School District	UT	1,005	257	2,984	4,246	4,860	1,680	22,225	28,765
Kalamazoo Public Schools	MI	5,935	0	0	5,935	7,624	0	0	7,624
Lincoln Public Schools	NE	3,641	629	1,497	5,768	9,268	2,076	10,119	21,463
Little Rock School District	AR	5,887	952	904	7,744	7,975	1,411	1,791	11,178
Livingston Parish Public Schools	LA	7,454	0	3,569	11,023	13,006	0	6,228	19,233
Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	197,832	1,506	14,184	213,522	234,747	1,744	16,061	252,552

¹ Bonneville Joint School District 93 had different operating days for elementary and secondary schools. The elementary figure was used for district-wide ADP calculations.

Table 4: Average Daily Participation (ADP) by Eligibility for Breakfast and Lunch, October 2022 (continued)

School District	State	Free Breakfast ADP	Reduced Breakfast ADP	Paid Breakfast ADP	Total Breakfast ADP	Free Lunch ADP	Reduced Lunch ADP	Paid Lunch ADP	Total Lunch ADP
Loudoun County Public Schools	VA	4,775	360	3,463	8,597	10,901	1,034	19,626	31,561
Lynn Public Schools	MA	4,307	0	0	4,307	7,680	0	0	7,680
Madison Metropolitan School District	WI	4,736	168	6,199	11,102	5,985	278	1,856	8,120
Mesa Public Schools	AZ	8,170	1,548	2,767	12,485	15,762	3,381	8,122	27,265
Metro Nashville Public Schools	TN	24,780	197	6,212	31,189	33,255	326	10,122	43,703
Minneapolis Public Schools	MN	6,072	192	2,106	8,370	9,879	409	4,057	14,345
Mobile County Public Schools	AL	21,146	0	0	21,146	33,925	0	0	33,925
Montgomery County Public Schools	MD	15,849	3,231	8,316	27,397	28,837	6,194	20,360	55,390
Moore Public Schools	OK	2,502	493	1,280	4,275	5,450	1,279	4,748	11,477
New York City Department of Education	NY	227,212	0	0	227,212	532,892	0	0	532,892
Newark Board of Education	NJ	11,825	1,346	3,472	16,643	12,969	1,512	4,164	18,644
Newburgh Enlarged City School District	NY	5,784	0	282	6,066	6,538	0	415	6,953
Newton Public Schools	MA	159	15	321	494	987	89	3,565	4,641
Norfolk Public Schools	VA	10,966	0	224	11,190	15,950	0	326	16,275
Olathe Public Schools	KS	1,872	271	1,022	3,164	4,457	825	8,934	14,216
Olentangy Local Schools	OH	307	60	1,267	1,635	791	222	9,830	10,843
Omaha Public Schools	NE	22,193	0	0	22,193	36,861	0	0	36,861
Peoria Unified School District	AZ	2,347	402	1,395	4,144	7,082	1,383	7,149	15,613
Perry Township Schools	IN	7,567	0	0	7,567	12,951	0	0	12,951
Pittsburgh School District	PA	8,185	0	0	8,185	12,286	0	0	12,286
Polk County Public Schools	FL	30,566	0	499	31,065	61,588	0	1,321	62,909
Prince George's County Public Schools	MD	28,594	3,195	7,207	38,997	46,215	5,775	11,867	63,857
Prince William County Public Schools	VA	13,261	1,004	7,323	21,589	26,550	2,444	22,461	51,455
Rankin County Schools	MS	2,245	467	1,104	3,816	4,844	1,241	4,676	10,760
Riverside Unified School District	CA	5,435	0	2,784	8,219	16,502	0	8,452	24,954
Rogers Public Schools	AR	2,973	973	2,558	6,504	4,639	1,460	3,422	9,521
Salt Lake City School District	UT	3,360	181	844	4,385	6,097	388	3,399	9,884
San Bernardino City Unified School District	CA	9,967	0	0	9,967	29,589	0	0	29,589
San Diego Unified School District	CA	21,064	13	11,142	32,219	33,412	13	17,575	50,999
School District of Philadelphia	PA	35,715	0	0	35,715	57,282	0	0	57,282
School District U-46	IL	6,069	0	1,578	7,648	16,809	0	4,372	21,181
Shawnee Mission School District	KS	1,964	348	878	3,190	5,760	1,189	7,663	14,612
Sioux City Community School District	IA	3,175	158	449	3,782	7,194	490	1,746	9,430
Sioux Falls School District	SD	2,742	545	1,306	4,593	5,701	1,359	7,337	14,396
Springfield RXII School District	MO	4,888	1,105	2,285	8,278	6,868	1,591	3,684	12,143
St. Louis Public Schools	MO	10,355	0	0	10,355	12,863	0	0	12,863
Syracuse City School District	NY	8,340	0	0	8,340	11,284	0	0	11,284
Toms River Regional Schools	NJ	518	105	182	805	1,767	404	1,276	3,447
Tucson Unified School District	AZ	4,446	104	728	5,278	15,147	596	3,189	18,932
Utica Community Schools	MI	3,125	116	591	3,832	5,614	398	3,143	9,155
Wake County Public School System	NC	9,918	983	3,406	14,307	23,865	2,879	17,760	44,504
Waterbury Public Schools	CT	4,183	0	0	4,183	10,570	0	0	10,570
West Ada School District	ID	1,382	346	1,667	3,395	3,292	1,182	8,394	12,867
Wichita Public Schools	KS	15,393	1,564	3,293	20,250	21,386	2,224	4,083	27,693
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools	NC	681	261	13,030	13,971	3,048	688	22,194	25,930
Total		1,473,136	36,863	232,536	1,742,536	2,624,228	88,795	642,666	3,355,689

Table 5: Ratio of Free and Reduced-Price Breakfast Participation to Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Participation, October 2022

School District	State	Average Daily Free & Reduced-Price Participation in Breakfast, October 2022	Average Daily Free & Reduced-Price Participation in Lunch, October 2022	Ratio of Students Eating Breakfast for Every 100 Eating Lunch, October 2022
Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	16,883	27,174	62%
Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	18,256	43,817	42%
Baltimore County Public Schools	MD	23,151	32,938	70%
Bentonville Schools	AR	1,154	2,645	44%
Billings Public Schools	MT	1,524	3,554	43%
Bonneville Joint School District 93	ID	874	2,484	35%
Boone County Schools	KY	3,483	6,910	50%
Charleston County School District	SC	10,139	15,446	66%
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	25,389	46,901	54%
Cherry Creek School District No. 5	CO	3,131	7,522	42%
Chicago Public Schools	IL	94,540	159,045	59%
Cincinnati Public Schools	OH	13,176	19,652	67%
Clark County School District	NV	63,237	121,804	52%
Cleveland Metropolitan School District	OH	13,974	21,243	66%
Cobb County School District	GA	14,413	30,418	47%
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District	TX	25,779	49,907	52%
Dallas Independent School District	TX	42,716	75,286	57%
DeKalb County School District	GA	23,879	43,449	55%
Detroit Public Schools Community District	MI	24,612	33,062	74%
District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	14,806	20,047	74%
Douglas County School District	CO	570	3,150	18%
Durham Public Schools	NC	5,682	9,287	61%
Elk Grove Unified School District	CA	5,070	16,548	31%
Erie School District	PA	5,940	8,063	74%
Fairfax County Public Schools	VA	15,929	29,492	54%
Fayette County Public Schools	KY	11,918	21,041	57%
Fresno Unified School District	CA	15,110	45,898	33%
Fulton County Schools	GA	14,368	24,478	59%
Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	4,933	9,495	52%
Great Falls Public School	MT	2,632	3,385	78%
Greenville County Schools	SC	16,541	29,584	56%
Hawaii Department of Education	HI	18,033	50,596	36%
Hillsboro School District	OR	2,169	5,067	43%
Horry County Schools	SC	9,390	17,538	54%
Inglewood Unified School District	CA	1,249	4,854	26%
Iowa City Community School District	IA	2,131	4,332	49%
Irving Independent School District	TX	14,052	20,449	69%
Jefferson County Public Schools	KY	40,588	55,886	73%
Jefferson Parish Schools	LA	13,219	22,719	58%
Jersey City Public Schools	NJ	9,397	8,893	106%
Jordan School District	UT	1,262	6,540	19%
Kalamazoo Public Schools	MI	5,935	7,624	78%
Lincoln Public Schools	NE	4,270	11,343	38%
Little Rock School District	AR	6,839	9,386	73%
Livingston Parish Public Schools	LA	7,454	13,006	57%
Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	199,338	236,491	84%
Loudoun County Public Schools	VA	5,135	11,935	43%

Table 5: Ratio of Free and Reduced-Price Breakfast Participation to Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Participation, October 2022 (continued)

School District	State	Average Daily Free & Reduced-Price Participation in Breakfast, October 2022	Average Daily Free & Reduced-Price Participation in Lunch, October 2022	Ratio of Students Eating Breakfast for Every 100 Eating Lunch, October 2022
Lynn Public Schools	MA	4,307	7,680	56%
Madison Metropolitan School District	WI	4,903	6,264	78%
Mesa Public Schools	AZ	9,718	19,143	51%
Metro Nashville Public Schools	TN	24,978	33,581	74%
Minneapolis Public Schools	MN	6,264	10,288	61%
Mobile County Public Schools	AL	21,146	33,925	62%
Montgomery County Public Schools	MD	19,080	35,030	54%
Moore Public Schools	OK	2,995	6,729	45%
New York City Department of Education	NY	227,212	532,892	43%
Newark Board of Education	NJ	13,170	14,480	91%
Newburgh Enlarged City School District	NY	5,784	6,538	88%
Newton Public Schools	MA	174	1,076	16%
Norfolk Public Schools	VA	10,966	15,950	69%
Olathe Public Schools	KS	2,142	5,282	41%
Olentangy Local Schools	OH	368	1,013	36%
Omaha Public Schools	NE	22,193	36,861	60%
Peoria Unified School District	AZ	2,749	8,464	32%
Perry Township Schools	IN	7,567	12,951	58%
Pittsburgh School District	PA	8,185	12,286	67%
Polk County Public Schools	FL	30,566	61,588	50%
Prince George's County Public Schools	MD	31,790	51,990	61%
Prince William County Public Schools	VA	14,266	28,994	49%
Rankin County Schools	MS	2,712	6,085	45%
Riverside Unified School District	CA	5,435	16,502	33%
Rogers Public Schools	AR	3,946	6,099	65%
Salt Lake City School District	UT	3,541	6,485	55%
San Bernardino City Unified School District	CA	9,967	29,589	34%
San Diego Unified School District	CA	21,077	33,425	63%
School District of Philadelphia	PA	35,715	57,282	62%
School District U-46	IL	6,069	16,809	36%
Shawnee Mission School District	KS	2,312	6,949	33%
Sioux City Community School District	IA	3,333	7,684	43%
Sioux Falls School District	SD	3,287	7,060	47%
Springfield RXII School District	MO	5,993	8,459	71%
St. Louis Public Schools	MO	10,355	12,863	81%
Syracuse City School District	NY	8,340	11,284	74%
Toms River Regional Schools	NJ	622	2,171	29%
Tucson Unified School District	AZ	4,550	15,743	29%
Utica Community Schools	MI	3,241	6,012	54%
Wake County Public School System	NC	10,901	26,744	41%
Waterbury Public Schools	CT	4,183	10,570	40%
West Ada School District	ID	1,728	4,473	39%
Wichita Public Schools	KS	16,958	23,610	72%
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools	NC	941	3,736	25%
Total		1,510,000	2,713,023	56%

Table 6: Meals Claimed at the Free, Reduced-Price, or Paid Rate by District

School District	State	April 2022		October 2022							
		Total Number of Breakfasts Claimed by Eligibility Category	Total Number of Lunches Claimed by Eligibility Category	Total Number of Breakfasts Claimed by Eligibility Category				Total Number of Lunches Claimed by Eligibility Category			
				Free	Reduced-Price	Paid	Total	Free	Reduced-Price	Paid	Total
Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	418,526	747,108	301,919	1,983	35,414	339,316	478,727	10,400	113,487	602,614
Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	290,700	598,435	346,860	0	0	346,860	832,527	0	0	832,527
Baltimore County Public Schools	MD	563,012	819,049	403,646	13,079	137,042	553,767	566,988	25,897	232,089	824,974
Bentonville Schools	AR	81,809	220,093	14,916	5,853	22,249	43,018	32,965	14,651	97,607	145,223
Billings Public Schools	MT	49,179	134,224	27,327	1,626	12,831	41,784	63,322	4,213	51,756	119,291
Bonneville Joint School District 93	ID	43,070	116,091	11,342	3,523	6,796	21,661	29,131	13,104	40,748	82,983
Boone County Schools	KY	102,108	211,665	64,417	1,760	19,423	85,600	125,748	5,547	81,541	212,836
Charleston County School District	SC	257,657	478,236	212,105	809	63,331	276,245	322,258	2,104	183,676	508,038
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	578,349	1,129,550	464,520	17,873	198,075	680,468	853,272	37,844	361,873	1,252,989
Cherry Creek School District No. 5	CO	231,975	503,960	39,602	10,501	31,346	81,449	92,247	28,108	169,836	290,191
Chicago Public Schools	IL	1,201,434	2,218,062	1,796,268	0	0	1,796,268	3,021,849	0	0	3,021,849
Cincinnati Public Schools	OH	256,958	400,024	274,818	1,877	17,442	294,137	408,438	4,246	27,882	440,566
Clark County School District	NV	1,253,368	2,220,932	1,264,730	0	304,670	1,569,400	2,436,078	0	592,742	3,028,820
Cleveland Metropolitan School District	OH	265,738	411,714	279,488	0	0	279,488	424,854	0	0	424,854
Cobb County School District	GA	422,991	1,027,538	259,745	42,923	107,487	410,155	531,291	107,492	504,359	1,143,142
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District	TX	693,741	1,495,557	487,148	28,432	129,364	644,944	918,203	79,940	448,242	1,446,385
Dallas Independent School District	TX	928,735	1,655,674	811,599	0	178,519	990,118	1,430,436	0	314,638	1,745,074
DeKalb County School District	GA	427,871	789,630	471,512	6,070	15,188	492,770	851,716	17,269	82,130	951,115
Detroit Public Schools Community District	MI	420,705	542,594	516,853	0	0	516,853	694,294	0	0	694,294
District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	254,948	383,515	265,481	1,035	44,291	310,807	358,769	2,078	77,131	437,978
Douglas County School District	CO	147,126	563,272	6,541	2,006	10,632	19,179	34,254	12,995	214,003	261,252
Durham Public Schools	NC	164,349	278,394	104,133	3,833	34,756	142,722	169,509	6,951	46,194	222,654
Elk Grove Unified School District	CA	175,452	687,935	101,411	5,067	89,075	195,553	331,287	16,228	334,678	682,193
Erie School District	PA	66,260	97,513	118,806	0	0	118,806	161,257	0	0	161,257
Fairfax County Public Schools	VA	745,143	1,629,263	313,191	21,311	98,406	432,908	544,822	74,506	636,614	1,255,942
Fayette County Public Schools	KY	274,500	520,370	188,028	2,652	17,315	207,995	330,615	6,048	69,735	406,398
Fresno Unified School District	CA	189,376	643,836	302,164	31	1,857	304,052	917,924	31	6,593	924,548
Fulton County Schools	GA	336,241	768,315	246,712	11,904	70,167	328,783	415,388	25,214	279,562	720,164
Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	77,384	150,251	103,590	0	0	103,590	199,386	0	0	199,386
Great Falls Public School	MT	67,862	101,118	44,250	3,127	9,889	57,266	54,033	6,904	27,704	88,641
Greenville County Schools	SC	437,223	901,917	308,674	22,145	134,722	465,541	548,286	43,396	265,175	856,857
Hawaii Department of Education	HI	518,226	1,691,785	245,512	24,988	95,620	366,120	663,569	95,374	479,155	1,238,098
Hillsboro School District	OR	79,292	196,170	40,027	3,360	24,643	68,030	92,946	8,402	71,890	173,238
Horry County Schools	SC	289,535	457,365	169,944	8,464	46,252	224,660	311,943	21,273	114,685	447,901
Inglewood Unified School District	CA	17,906	71,823	26,238	0	0	26,238	101,933	0	0	101,933
Iowa City Community School District	IA	70,526	176,404	35,494	2,862	10,388	48,744	7,760	70,213	74,811	152,784
Irving Independent School District	TX	298,613	457,954	248,098	4,835	23,746	276,679	361,452	6,627	31,052	399,131
Jefferson County Public Schools	KY	498,429	763,759	769,740	1,424	17,869	789,033	1,058,935	2,896	42,002	1,103,833
Jefferson Parish Schools	LA	230,721	405,554	251,161	0	14,872	266,033	431,667	0	25,404	457,071
Jersey City Public Schools	NJ	173,517	163,485	165,771	3,367	38,758	207,896	157,092	2,976	21,590	181,658
Jordan School District	UT	83,743	457,251	15,080	3,854	44,753	63,687	72,893	25,207	333,382	431,482
Kalamazoo Public Schools	MI	113,931	146,664	124,628	0	0	124,628	160,101	0	0	160,101
Lincoln Public Schools	NE	152,231	465,410	69,182	11,955	28,452	109,589	176,084	39,439	192,270	407,793
Little Rock School District	AR	157,992	238,784	117,745	19,043	18,085	154,873	159,505	28,219	35,827	223,551
Livingston Parish Public Schools	LA	171,933	298,701	149,075	0	71,384	220,459	260,111	0	124,552	384,663
Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	2,219,966	3,867,404	3,956,645	30,116	283,683	4,270,444	4,694,943	34,878	321,220	5,051,041
Loudoun County Public Schools	VA	271,816	694,292	81,175	6,116	58,864	146,155	185,310	17,581	333,648	536,539

Table 6: Meals Claimed at the Free, Reduced-Price, or Paid Rate by District (continued)

School District	State	April 2022		October 2022							
		Total Number of Breakfasts Claimed by Eligibility Category	Total Number of Lunches Claimed by Eligibility Category	Total Number of Breakfasts Claimed by Eligibility Category				Total Number of Lunches Claimed by Eligibility Category			
				Free	Reduced-Price	Paid	Total	Free	Reduced-Price	Paid	Total
Lynn Public Schools	MA	66,466	127,845	86,147	0	0	86,147	153,601	0	0	153,601
Madison Metropolitan School District	WI	158,835	206,208	94,714	3,350	123,974	222,038	119,704	5,569	37,128	162,401
Mesa Public Schools	AZ	305,562	671,070	122,549	23,217	41,507	187,273	236,429	50,720	121,824	408,973
Metro Nashville Public Schools	TN	573,717	796,814	346,926	2,761	86,964	436,651	465,570	4,563	141,703	611,836
Minneapolis Public Schools	MN	144,691	252,592	103,232	3,261	35,804	142,297	167,944	6,951	68,971	243,866
Mobile County Public Schools	AL	370,183	582,471	422,916	0	0	422,916	678,504	0	0	678,504
Montgomery County Public Schools	MD	547,585	1,104,915	301,131	61,398	158,008	520,537	547,896	117,680	386,843	1,052,419
Moore Public Schools	OK	115,388	261,157	45,030	8,876	23,039	76,945	98,092	23,030	85,471	206,593
New York City Department of Education	NY	3,809,859	7,730,739	4,317,024	0	0	4,317,024	10,124,950	0	0	10,124,950
Newark Board of Education	NJ	326,938	370,520	236,495	26,913	69,445	332,853	259,370	30,236	83,283	372,889
Newburgh Enlarged City School District	NY	93,335	108,611	109,889	0	5,367	115,256	124,219	0	7,890	132,109
Newton Public Schools	MA	8,913	88,506	3,023	280	6,092	9,395	18,762	1,682	67,735	88,179
Norfolk Public Schools	VA	178,541	253,569	208,358	0	4,252	212,610	318,999	0	6,510	325,509
Olathe Public Schools	KS	101,697	331,752	33,689	4,874	18,389	56,952	84,676	15,676	169,745	270,097
Olentangy Local Schools	OH	82,404	261,647	5,840	1,143	24,080	31,063	15,038	4,215	186,766	206,019
Omaha Public Schools	NE	385,527	639,103	399,476	0	0	399,476	663,489	0	0	663,489
Peoria Unified School District	AZ	146,769	465,464	46,944	8,037	27,890	82,871	141,630	27,651	142,972	312,253
Perry Township Schools	IN	115,815	192,829	83,236	0	0	83,236	142,466	0	0	142,466
Pittsburgh School District	PA	133,382	199,093	163,700	0	0	163,700	245,718	0	0	245,718
Polk County Public Schools	FL	642,107	1,220,457	580,757	0	9,483	590,240	1,170,168	0	25,102	1,195,270
Prince George's County Public Schools	MD	719,253	1,260,976	486,105	54,317	122,522	662,944	831,874	103,942	213,611	1,149,427
Prince William County Public Schools	VA	660,132	1,322,186	225,440	17,076	124,491	367,007	451,346	41,555	381,836	874,737
Rankin County Schools	MS	89,259	233,790	42,658	8,871	20,971	72,500	92,037	23,577	88,835	204,449
Riverside Unified School District	CA	155,376	466,045	114,139	0	58,461	172,600	346,536	0	177,492	524,028
Rogers Public Schools	AR	131,607	214,718	56,480	18,494	48,596	123,570	88,136	27,742	65,015	180,893
Salt Lake City School District	UT	80,444	192,559	63,849	3,436	16,031	83,316	115,852	7,363	64,575	187,790
San Bernardino City Unified School District	CA	180,397	591,145	189,369	0	0	189,369	562,199	0	0	562,199
San Diego Unified School District	CA	627,017	984,508	442,336	283	233,973	676,592	701,644	273	369,067	1,070,984
School District of Philadelphia	PA	624,557	897,911	678,586	0	0	678,586	1,088,354	0	0	1,088,354
School District U-46	IL	234,347	399,941	115,317	0	29,991	145,308	319,370	0	83,062	402,432
Shawnee Mission School District	KS	97,093	340,031	37,316	6,612	16,686	60,614	109,438	22,587	145,594	277,619
Sioux City Community School District	IA	61,457	151,090	63,500	3,154	8,987	75,641	143,871	9,803	34,922	188,596
Sioux Falls School District	SD	127,096	300,435	52,103	10,347	24,816	87,266	108,310	25,821	139,395	273,526
Springfield RXII School District	MO	192,970	294,861	92,865	21,000	43,416	157,281	130,484	30,231	70,001	230,716
St. Louis Public Schools	MO	218,345	266,950	196,753	0	0	196,753	244,395	0	0	244,395
Syracuse City School District	NY	131,499	173,850	166,795	0	0	166,795	225,680	0	0	225,680
Toms River Regional Schools	NJ	43,233	105,766	10,352	2,094	3,645	16,091	35,337	8,079	25,524	68,940
Tucson Unified School District	AZ	109,203	439,939	66,685	1,567	10,922	79,174	227,205	8,946	47,828	283,979
Utica Community Schools	MI	21,135	144,964	62,498	2,324	11,822	76,644	106,663	7,558	59,721	173,942
Wake County Public School System	NC	361,368	1,127,196	198,367	19,652	68,125	286,144	477,297	57,587	355,199	890,083
Waterbury Public Schools	CT	60,409	157,768	83,657	0	0	83,657	211,406	0	0	211,406
West Ada School District	ID	127,287	338,071	24,879	6,225	29,997	61,101	59,254	21,267	151,084	231,605
Wichita Public Schools	KS	383,609	534,676	307,867	31,284	65,852	405,003	427,729	44,479	81,653	553,861
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools	NC	223,791	420,328	13,611	5,212	260,593	279,416	60,961	13,768	443,873	518,602
Total meals served at each rate		30,740,765	60,223,706	28,119,914	685,862	4,401,847	33,207,623	50,018,721	1,640,802	11,991,713	63,651,236
Percent of meals served at each rate		100%	100%	85%	2%	13%		78%	3%	19%	

Table 7: Number of Schools Offering Meals to All Students at No Charge

School District	State	Number of Schools in District	Provision 2 for Breakfast	Provision 2 for Breakfast and Lunch	Community Eligibility Provision	Other Method for Breakfast (e.g., non-pricing)	Other Method for Breakfast and Lunch (e.g., non-pricing)	Total Schools Offering Both Breakfast and Lunch to All Students at No Charge ¹
Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	143			103			103
Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	160			160			160
Baltimore County Public Schools	MD	169			87	28		87
Bentonville Schools	AR	21						
Billings Public Schools	MT	32			8			8
Bonneville Joint School District 93	ID	22						
Boone County Schools	KY	26			11			11
Charleston County School District	SC	88			50			50
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	175			68	103		68
Cherry Creek School District No. 5	CO	65						
Chicago Public Schools	IL	573			573			573
Cincinnati Public Schools	OH	64	9		55			55
Clark County School District ¹	NV	354			354			354
Cleveland Metropolitan School District	OH	86			86			86
Cobb County School District	GA	112						
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District	TX	92			34			34
Dallas Independent School District	TX	229			229			229
DeKalb County School District	GA	123			75			75
Detroit Public Schools Community District	MI	107			107			107
District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	117			89	28		89
Douglas County School District	CO	80						
Durham Public Schools	NC	53			19			19
Elk Grove Unified School District ¹	CA	65			33			65
Erie School District	PA	23			23			23
Fairfax County Public Schools	VA	190			34			34
Fayette County Public Schools	KY	70			49			49
Fresno Unified School District ¹	CA	108		1	107			108
Fulton County Schools	GA	95			31			31
Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	44			44			44
Great Falls Public School	MT	21			7			7
Greenville County Schools	SC	94			21			21
Hawaii Department of Education	HI	256			92			92
Hillsboro School District	OR	37			14			14
Horry County Schools	SC	53			10			10
Inglewood Unified School District ¹	CA	16			16			16
Iowa City Community School District	IA	28			1		5	6
Irving Independent School District	TX	38			31	7		31
Jefferson County Public Schools	KY	146			137			137
Jefferson Parish Schools	LA	72			72			72
Jersey City Public Schools	NJ	48			29	19		29
Jordan School District	UT	64						0
Kalamazoo Public Schools	MI	27			27			27
Lincoln Public Schools	NE	60	1		8			8
Little Rock School District	AR	40		25		14		25
Livingston Parish Public Schools	LA	43			43			43
Los Angeles Unified School District ¹	CA	732			626			732
Loudoun County Public Schools	VA	94	3		10			10
Lynn Public Schools ¹	MA	26			26			26

¹ This includes the 11 districts comprised of 1,676 schools that are in states with Healthy School Meals for All policies for the 2022–2023 school year.

Table 7: Number of Schools Offering Meals to All Students at No Charge (continued)

School District	State	Number of Schools in District	Provision 2 for Breakfast	Provision 2 for Breakfast and Lunch	Community Eligibility Provision	Other Method for Breakfast (e.g., non-pricing)	Other Method for Breakfast and Lunch (e.g., non-pricing)	Total Schools Offering Both Breakfast and Lunch to All Students at No Charge ¹
Madison Metropolitan School District	WI	52			16			16
Mesa Public Schools	AZ	78						0
Metro Nashville Public Schools	TN	140	31		109			109
Minneapolis Public Schools	MN	70	32		33			33
Mobile County Public Schools	AL	88			88			88
Montgomery County Public Schools	MD	210				76	17	17
Moore Public Schools	OK	35						0
New York City Department of Education	NY	2,203			2,203			2,203
Newark Board of Education	NJ	70						0
Newburgh Enlarged City School District	NY	14			14			14
Newton Public Schools ¹	MA	22						22
Norfolk Public Schools	VA	50			50			50
Olathe Public Schools	KS	54						0
Olentangy Local Schools	OH	25						0
Omaha Public Schools	NE	100			100			100
Peoria Unified School District	AZ	40						0
Perry Township Schools	IN	24			24			24
Pittsburgh School District	PA	56			56			56
Polk County Public Schools	FL	124			124			124
Prince George's County Public Schools	MD	196			19	68		19
Prince William County Public Schools	VA	97			37			37
Rankin County Schools	MS	28						0
Riverside Unified School District ¹	CA	48			48			48
Rogers Public Schools	AR	23				23		0
Salt Lake City School District	UT	37			5			5
San Bernardino City Unified School District ¹	CA	75			75			75
San Diego Unified School District ¹	CA	199			191			199
School District of Philadelphia	PA	238			238			238
School District U-46	IL	55			55			55
Shawnee Mission School District	KS	47						0
Sioux City Community School District	IA	21			9			9
Sioux Falls School District	SD	34			1			1
Springfield RXII School District	MO	50						0
St. Louis Public Schools	MO	62			62			62
Syracuse City School District	NY	43			43			43
Toms River Regional Schools	NJ	18						0
Tucson Unified School District	AZ	87			60			60
Utica Community Schools	MI	38			12			12
Wake County Public School System	NC	198			7			7
Waterbury Public Schools ¹	CT	31			31			31
West Ada School District	ID	57			3			3
Wichita Public Schools	KS	88				88		0
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools	NC	81			48			48
Total		10,687	76	26	7,360	454	22	7,576

¹ This includes the 11 districts comprised of 1,676 schools that are in states with Healthy School Meals for All policies for the 2022–2023 school year.

Table 8: Waiver Utilization, April and October 2022

School District	State	April 2022								October 2022					
		Seamless Summer Option Waiver	Meal Times Waiver	Meal Pattern Waiver	Fiscal Action Flexibility for Meal Pattern Violations	Non-Congregate Feeding Waiver	Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup Waiver	Offer vs. Serve Waiver	None	Meal Times Waiver	Fiscal Action Flexibility for Meal Pattern Violations	Non-Congregate Feeding Waiver	Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup Waiver	Offer vs. Serve Waiver	None
Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	X									X				
Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	X		X				X		X		X	X		
Baltimore County Public Schools	MD	X	X					X		X		X	X		
Bentonville Schools	AR	X													X
Billings Public Schools	MT	X													X
Bonneville Joint School District 93	ID	X	X	X	X	X		X			X				
Boone County Schools	KY	X	X	X	X	X		X							X
Charleston County School District	SC	X													X
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	X													X
Cherry Creek School District No. 5	CO	X	X	X	X	X		X			X			X	
Chicago Public Schools	IL	X	X					X							X
Cincinnati Public Schools	OH	X													X
Clark County School District	NV	X	X	X	X	X		X		X					
Cleveland Metropolitan School District	OH	X	X	X	X						X				
Cobb County School District	GA	X	X	X	X	X		X							X
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District	TX	X		X											X
Dallas Independent School District	TX	X	X	X				X		X					X
DeKalb County School District	GA	X	X	X				X		X					X
Detroit Public Schools Community District	MI	X		X											X
District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	X	X	X				X		X					X
Douglas County School District	CO	X		X											X
Durham Public Schools	NC	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	
Elk Grove Unified School District	CA	X	X	X	X	X		X		X					X
Erie School District	PA	X								X					X
Fairfax County Public Schools	VA	X	X					X		X					X
Fayette County Public Schools	KY	X		X						X					X
Fresno Unified School District	CA	X	X	X				X		X					X
Fulton County Schools	GA	X		X						X					X
Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	X													X
Great Falls Public School	MT	X		X						X					X
Greenville County Schools	SC	X													X
Hawaii Department of Education	HI	X						X		X					X
Hillsboro School District	OR	X			X					X					X
Horry County Schools	SC	X													X
Inglewood Unified School District	CA	X		X				X		X				X	
Iowa City Community School District	IA	X													X
Irving Independent School District	TX	X	X	X						X					X
Jefferson County Public Schools	KY	X		X	X					X		X			
Jefferson Parish Schools	LA	X	X					X							X
Jersey City Public Schools	NJ	X													X
Jordan School District	UT	X	X	X				X							X
Kalamazoo Public Schools	MI	X	X	X	X	X		X		X					X
Lincoln Public Schools	NE	X			X										X
Little Rock School District	AR	X	X	X	X	X		X		X					X
Livingston Parish Public Schools	LA	X	X	X	X	X		X		X					X
Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	X	X	X	X	X		X		X					X
Loudoun County Public Schools	VA	X	X	X				X		X		X	X	X	

Table 8: Waiver Utilization, April and October 2022 (continued)

School District	State	April 2022								October 2022					
		Seamless Summer Option Waiver	Meal Times Waiver	Meal Pattern Waiver	Fiscal Action Flexibility for Meal Pattern Violations	Non-Congregate Feeding Waiver	Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup Waiver	Offer vs. Serve Waiver	None	Meal Times Waiver	Fiscal Action Flexibility for Meal Pattern Violations	Non-Congregate Feeding Waiver	Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup Waiver	Offer vs. Serve Waiver	None
Lynn Public Schools	MA	X	X			X									X
Madison Metropolitan School District	WI	X													X
Mesa Public Schools	AZ	X													X
Metro Nashville Public Schools	TN	X		X	X	X									X
Minneapolis Public Schools	MN	X													X
Mobile County Public Schools	AL	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
Montgomery County Public Schools	MD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X
Moore Public Schools	OK	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	
New York City Department of Education	NY	X				X	X								X
Newark Board of Education	NJ	X													X
Newburgh Enlarged City School District	NY	X		X											X
Newton Public Schools	MA	X				X	X	X							X
Norfolk Public Schools	VA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X
Olathe Public Schools	KS	X		X	X			X							X
Olentangy Local Schools	OH	X		X											X
Omaha Public Schools	NE	X													X
Peoria Unified School District	AZ	X	X			X									X
Perry Township Schools	IN	X		X		X					X				
Pittsburgh School District	PA	X	X	X	X			X			X			X	
Polk County Public Schools	FL	X		X										X	
Prince George's County Public Schools	MD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X				
Prince William County Public Schools	VA	X				X		X							X
Rankin County Schools	MS	X													X
Riverside Unified School District	CA	X	X	X		X	X	X							X
Rogers Public Schools	AR	X													X
Salt Lake City School District	UT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X
San Bernardino City Unified School District	CA	X	X	X		X	X				X				
San Diego Unified School District	CA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X
School District of Philadelphia	PA	X													X
School District U-46	IL	X		X	X			X							X
Shawnee Mission School District	KS	X		X	X			X							X
Sioux City Community School District	IA	X		X	X	X	X								X
Sioux Falls School District	SD	X			X						X				
Springfield RXII School District	MO	X		X		X	X								X
St. Louis Public Schools	MO	X				X	X	X							X
Syracuse City School District	NY	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
Toms River Regional Schools	NJ	X		X											X
Tucson Unified School District	AZ	X		X		X	X								X
Utica Community Schools	MI	X	X	X		X	X	X							X
Wake County Public School System	NC	X	X							X					
Waterbury Public Schools	CT	X	X			X	X	X							X
West Ada School District	ID	X			X										X
Wichita Public Schools	KS	X			X						X				
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools	NC	X						X						X	
Number of districts who utilized each waiver	91	91	38	52	30	46	38	41	0	9	12	6	5	10	68
Percent of districts who utilized each waiver		100%	42%	57%	33%	51%	42%	45%		10%	13%	7%	5%	11%	75%

Table 9: Reported Challenges With School Meal Applications, October 2022¹

School District	State	Difficulty Getting Families to Fill Out Forms	Difficulty Getting Families to Respond to Verification Requests	Higher Than Normal Number of Applications Denied for Benefits
Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	X		
Baltimore County Public Schools	MD	X	X	
Bentonville Schools	AR	X		
Billings Public Schools	MT	X	X	
Bonneville Joint School District 93	ID	X	X	X
Boone County Schools	KY	X	X	
Charleston County School District	SC			
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	X	X	X
Cherry Creek School District No. 5	CO	X	X	
Cincinnati Public Schools	OH	X	X	
Cobb County School District	GA	X	X	X
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District	TX	X	X	
DeKalb County School District	GA	X		
District of Columbia Public Schools	DC			
Douglas County School District	CO	X	X	
Durham Public Schools	NC	X	X	
Elk Grove Unified School District	CA	X	X	
Fairfax County Public Schools	VA	X		
Fayette County Public Schools	KY	X	X	X
Fresno Unified School District	CA			
Fulton County Schools	GA	X	X	
Great Falls Public School	MT	X		
Greenville County Schools	SC	X	X	
Hawaii Department of Education	HI			X
Hillsboro School District	OR	X		
Horry County Schools	SC	X	X	
Iowa City Community School District	IA	X		
Irving Independent School District	TX	X	X	
Jefferson County Public Schools	KY	X	X	
Jersey City Public Schools	NJ		X	
Jordan School District	UT	X	X	X
Lincoln Public Schools	NE	X	X	X
Little Rock School District	AR	X	X	X

¹ Twenty-eight districts operated the Community Eligibility Provision districtwide; therefore, they did not have to collect school meal applications this year.

Table 9: Reported Challenges With School Meal Applications, October 2022¹ (continued)

School District	State	Difficulty Getting Families to Fill Out Forms	Difficulty Getting Families to Respond to Verification Requests	Higher Than Normal Number of Applications Denied for Benefits
Los Angeles Unified School District	CA			
Loudoun County Public Schools	VA	X	X	
Madison Metropolitan School District	WI	X		
Mesa Public Schools	AZ	X	X	X
Metro Nashville Public Schools	TN	X		
Minneapolis Public Schools	MN	X	X	
Montgomery County Public Schools	MD	X		
Moore Public Schools	OK	X	X	
Newark Board of Education	NJ	X	X	
Newton Public Schools	MA	X	X	
Olathe Public Schools	KS	X	X	
Olentangy Local Schools	OH	X	X	X
Peoria Unified School District	AZ	X	X	
Prince George's County Public Schools	MD	X	X	
Prince William County Public Schools	VA		X	
Rankin County Schools	MS	X		
Rogers Public Schools	AR	X		
Salt Lake City School District	UT	X		
San Diego Unified School District	CA	X	X	
Shawnee Mission School District	KS		X	
Sioux City Community School District	IA	X	X	
Sioux Falls School District	SD	X	X	X
Springfield RXII School District	MO	X	X	
Toms River Regional Schools	NJ	X	X	
Tucson Unified School District	AZ	X	X	
Utica Community Schools	MI	X	X	
Wake County Public School System	NC	X		
West Ada School District	ID	X	X	X
Wichita Public Schools	KS	X		
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools	NC	X		
Total	63	55	42	12
Percent of applicable districts reporting challenges		87%	67%	19%

¹ Twenty-eight districts operated the Community Eligibility Provision districtwide; therefore, they did not have to collect school meal applications this year.

Table 10: Reported Benefits of Offering Healthy School Meals to All Students

School District	State	Improves Students' Food and Nutrient Intake	Supports Academic Achievement	Improves Student Behavior	Eliminates Stigma Associated With School Meals	Builds Community Within the School/District	Eliminates School Meal Debt	Eases Administrative Burden	Increases Labor Productivity	Improves Operational Efficiencies	Strengthens FNS Image and Relationship	Supports Household Finances	Makes It Easier for Parents/Guardians	Advances Racial Equity	Decreases Child Hunger
Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	X			X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X
Baltimore City Public Schools	MD														
Baltimore County Public Schools	MD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bentonville Schools	AR	X			X		X	X			X	X	X		X
Billings Public Schools	MT	X	X		X		X	X	X	X		X	X		X
Bonneville Joint School District 93	ID	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Boone County Schools	KY		X	X	X		X				X	X			X
Charleston County School District	SC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Cherry Creek School District No. 5	CO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Chicago Public Schools	IL	X	X		X			X					X		X
Cincinnati Public Schools	OH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Clark County School District	NV		X			X		X		X	X	X			
Cleveland Metropolitan School District	OH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cobb County School District	GA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District	TX		X		X		X			X	X	X	X		X
Dallas Independent School District	TX	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X	X
DeKalb County School District	GA	X	X				X	X	X			X	X		X
Detroit Public Schools Community District	MI			X	X	X	X					X	X	X	
District of Columbia Public Schools	DC											X	X		X
Douglas County School District	CO			X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X
Durham Public Schools	NC		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Elk Grove Unified School District	CA	X	X	X	X		X				X	X	X	X	X
Erie School District	PA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fairfax County Public Schools	VA						X	X		X			X		
Fayette County Public Schools	KY	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fresno Unified School District	CA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fulton County Schools	GA	X	X		X		X					X	X		X
Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	X	X	X	X	X		X			X		X		X
Great Falls Public School	MT		X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X		X
Greenville County Schools	SC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hawaii Department of Education	HI	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
Hillsboro School District	OR				X	X		X			X	X	X		X
Horry County Schools	SC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Inglewood Unified School District	CA	X			X		X	X		X	X		X	X	X
Iowa City Community School District	IA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Irving Independent School District	TX	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X
Jefferson County Public Schools	KY	X			X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
Jefferson Parish Schools	LA		X		X			X			X	X	X		X
Jersey City Public Schools	NJ						X	X					X		
Jordan School District	UT	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Kalamazoo Public Schools	MI	X	X		X	X	X					X	X	X	X
Lincoln Public Schools	NE	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Little Rock School District	AR	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Livingston Parish Public Schools	LA	X	X		X		X	X	X	X		X	X		X
Los Angeles Unified School District	CA				X		X				X		X		
Loudoun County Public Schools	VA				X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

Table 10: Reported Benefits of Offering Healthy School Meals to All Students (continued)

School District	State	Improves Students' Food and Nutrient Intake	Supports Academic Achievement	Improves Student Behavior	Eliminates Stigma Associated With School Meals	Builds Community Within the School/District	Eliminates School Meal Debt	Eases Administrative Burden	Increases Labor Productivity	Improves Operational Efficiencies	Strengthens FNS Image and Relationship	Supports Household Finances	Makes It Easier for Parents/Guardians	Advances Racial Equity	Decreases Child Hunger
Lynn Public Schools	MA	X			X		X	X		X			X		X
Madison Metropolitan School District	WI				X		X	X		X	X	X	X		X
Mesa Public Schools	AZ	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X
Metro Nashville Public Schools	TN				X	X	X	X					X		X
Minneapolis Public Schools	MN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
Mobile County Public Schools	AL	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Montgomery County Public Schools	MD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Moore Public Schools	OK	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New York City Department of Education	NY	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Newark Board of Education	NJ	X	X		X		X				X	X	X		X
Newburgh Enlarged City School District	NY	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Newton Public Schools	MA				X		X	X				X	X	X	X
Norfolk Public Schools	VA	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Olathe Public Schools	KS														
Olentangy Local Schools	OH				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Omaha Public Schools	NE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Peoria Unified School District	AZ	X					X	X		X		X	X		X
Perry Township Schools	IN				X		X					X	X		X
Pittsburgh School District	PA	X	X		X		X	X				X	X		X
Polk County Public Schools	FL	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Prince George's County Public Schools	MD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Prince William County Public Schools	VA		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X
Rankin County Schools	MS	X			X		X						X		X
Riverside Unified School District	CA	X	X		X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X
Rogers Public Schools	AR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Salt Lake City School District	UT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Bernardino City Unified School District	CA		X	X								X	X	X	X
San Diego Unified School District	CA				X		X	X		X	X	X	X		X
School District of Philadelphia	PA														
School District U-46	IL										X	X	X		
Shawnee Mission School District	KS	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X
Sioux City Community School District	IA	X		X	X		X	X		X		X	X		X
Sioux Falls School District	SD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Springfield RXII School District	MO	X					X		X	X		X	X		X
St. Louis Public Schools	MO	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X			X	X
Syracuse City School District	NY	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Toms River Regional Schools	NJ	X			X		X	X	X	X		X			X
Tucson Unified School District	AZ	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Utica Community Schools	MI	X			X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
Wake County Public School System	NC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Waterbury Public Schools	CT	X	X	X		X					X	X	X		X
West Ada School District	ID	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wichita Public Schools	KS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools	NC		X	X	X		X				X	X	X	X	X
Total number of districts reporting benefits	91	64	59	49	78	53	76	72	43	51	61	78	84	50	80
Percent of districts reporting benefits		70%	65%	54%	86%	58%	84%	79%	47%	56%	67%	86%	92%	55%	88%

Table 11: Reported Administrative and Operational Challenges, School Year 2022–2023

School District	State	Communicating Changes to School Meals Programs	Low Participation in School Meals Programs	Limited or Restrictive Food Service/ Delivery Models	Food Preparation Difficulties	Equipment Malfunctions or Unavailability	Limited or Reduced Number of Food Suppliers	Supply Chain Disruptions	Rising Food Prices	Food Safety	Labor Shortages	Increased School Meal Debt
Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	X							X		X	X
Baltimore City Public Schools	MD		X	X	X		X	X	X		X	
Baltimore County Public Schools	MD							X	X			X
Bentonville Schools	AR	X						X	X			X
Billings Public Schools	MT		X					X	X		X	X
Bonneville Joint School District 93	ID	X	X				X	X	X		X	X
Boone County Schools	KY		X								X	X
Charleston County School District	SC		X	X				X	X			X
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	X						X	X		X	X
Cherry Creek School District No. 5	CO	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
Chicago Public Schools	IL		X					X	X		X	
Cincinnati Public Schools	OH	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Clark County School District	NV						X	X	X		X	
Cleveland Metropolitan School District	OH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Cobb County School District	GA	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	X
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District	TX	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
Dallas Independent School District	TX						X	X	X		X	
DeKalb County School District	GA	X	X			X		X	X		X	X
Detroit Public Schools Community District	MI		X		X			X			X	
District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	X					X	X	X		X	X
Douglas County School District	CO	X	X					X	X		X	X
Durham Public Schools	NC	X	X				X	X	X			X
Elk Grove Unified School District	CA	X		X	X			X	X		X	
Erie School District	PA							X			X	
Fairfax County Public Schools	VA	X					X	X	X		X	X
Fayette County Public Schools	KY	X					X	X	X		X	X
Fresno Unified School District	CA	X	X			X		X	X		X	
Fulton County Schools	GA		X				X	X	X		X	X
Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	X				X		X	X		X	
Great Falls Public School	MT		X					X	X		X	X
Greenville County Schools	SC	X						X	X			
Hawaii Department of Education	HI								X		X	X
Hillsboro School District	OR					X		X	X		X	X
Horry County Schools	SC	X	X			X		X	X		X	X
Inglewood Unified School District	CA	X	X					X	X		X	
Iowa City Community School District	IA							X	X		X	X
Irving Independent School District	TX	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	X
Jefferson County Public Schools	KY	X	X	X				X	X		X	X
Jefferson Parish Schools	LA		X		X	X		X	X		X	
Jersey City Public Schools	NJ					X	X	X	X			X
Jordan School District	UT	X	X					X	X		X	X
Kalamazoo Public Schools	MI	X				X		X	X		X	
Lincoln Public Schools	NE	X							X		X	X
Little Rock School District	AR	X	X				X	X	X			X
Livingston Parish Public Schools	LA							X	X		X	
Los Angeles Unified School District	CA			X			X	X	X		X	

Table 11: Reported Administrative and Operational Challenges, School Year 2022–2023 (continued)

School District	State	Communicating Changes to School Meals Programs	Low Participation in School Meals Programs	Limited or Restrictive Food Service/Delivery Models	Food Preparation Difficulties	Equipment Malfunctions or Unavailability	Limited or Reduced Number of Food Suppliers	Supply Chain Disruptions	Rising Food Prices	Food Safety	Labor Shortages	Increased School Meal Debt
Loudoun County Public Schools	VA	X		X			X	X	X			X
Lynn Public Schools	MA							X			X	
Madison Metropolitan School District	WI		X	X					X		X	X
Mesa Public Schools	AZ	X		X		X		X	X		X	X
Metro Nashville Public Schools	TN		X					X	X			
Minneapolis Public Schools	MN	X	X						X			X
Mobile County Public Schools	AL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Montgomery County Public Schools	MD	X	X					X	X			X
Moore Public Schools	OK	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
New York City Department of Education	NY		X					X	X		X	
Newark Board of Education	NJ	X			X	X	X	X	X		X	
Newburgh Enlarged City School District	NY							X	X		X	
Newton Public Schools	MA	X			X	X	X	X	X		X	
Norfolk Public Schools	VA						X	X	X		X	
Olathe Public Schools	KS				X			X	X		X	X
Olentangy Local Schools	OH	X	X						X		X	X
Omaha Public Schools	NE							X	X		X	
Peoria Unified School District	AZ	X							X		X	X
Perry Township Schools	IN				X	X	X	X	X		X	
Pittsburgh School District	PA	X			X			X	X		X	
Polk County Public Schools	FL				X		X	X	X		X	
Prince George's County Public Schools	MD								X		X	X
Prince William County Public Schools	VA								X		X	
Rankin County Schools	MS	X					X	X	X		X	X
Riverside Unified School District	CA	X					X	X	X		X	
Rogers Public Schools	AR	X					X	X	X		X	X
Salt Lake City School District	UT		X				X	X	X		X	X
San Bernardino City Unified School District	CA		X					X	X		X	
San Diego Unified School District	CA	X	X			X					X	
School District of Philadelphia	PA		X			X	X	X	X		X	
School District U-46	IL	X				X	X	X	X		X	
Shawnee Mission School District	KS	X	X								X	
Sioux City Community School District	IA	X	X				X	X	X		X	X
Sioux Falls School District	SD	X	X			X	X	X	X			X
Springfield RXII School District	MO	X	X	X			X	X	X		X	X
St. Louis Public Schools	MO							X			X	
Syracuse City School District	NY	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	
Toms River Regional Schools	NJ	X	X					X	X		X	X
Tucson Unified School District	AZ	X	X	X					X		X	X
Utica Community Schools	MI	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Wake County Public School System	NC		X			X		X	X		X	X
Waterbury Public Schools	CT		X				X	X	X		X	
West Ada School District	ID	X	X					X	X		X	X
Wichita Public Schools	KS	X	X				X	X	X		X	X
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools	NC											X
Total number of districts reporting benefits	91	53	49	16	15	27	39	77	83	2	78	53
Percent of districts reporting benefits		58%	54%	18%	16%	30%	43%	85%	91%	2%	86%	58%



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