

Afternoon Session



Here comes
the **SUN**



North Carolina
Summer Meals

SUMMER PALOOZA 2025





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10 Years of Musical Memories





Verse:

*It might seem crazy what I'm about to say
Sunshine she's here, you can take a break
I'm a hot air balloon that could go to space
With the air, like I don't care baby by the way*



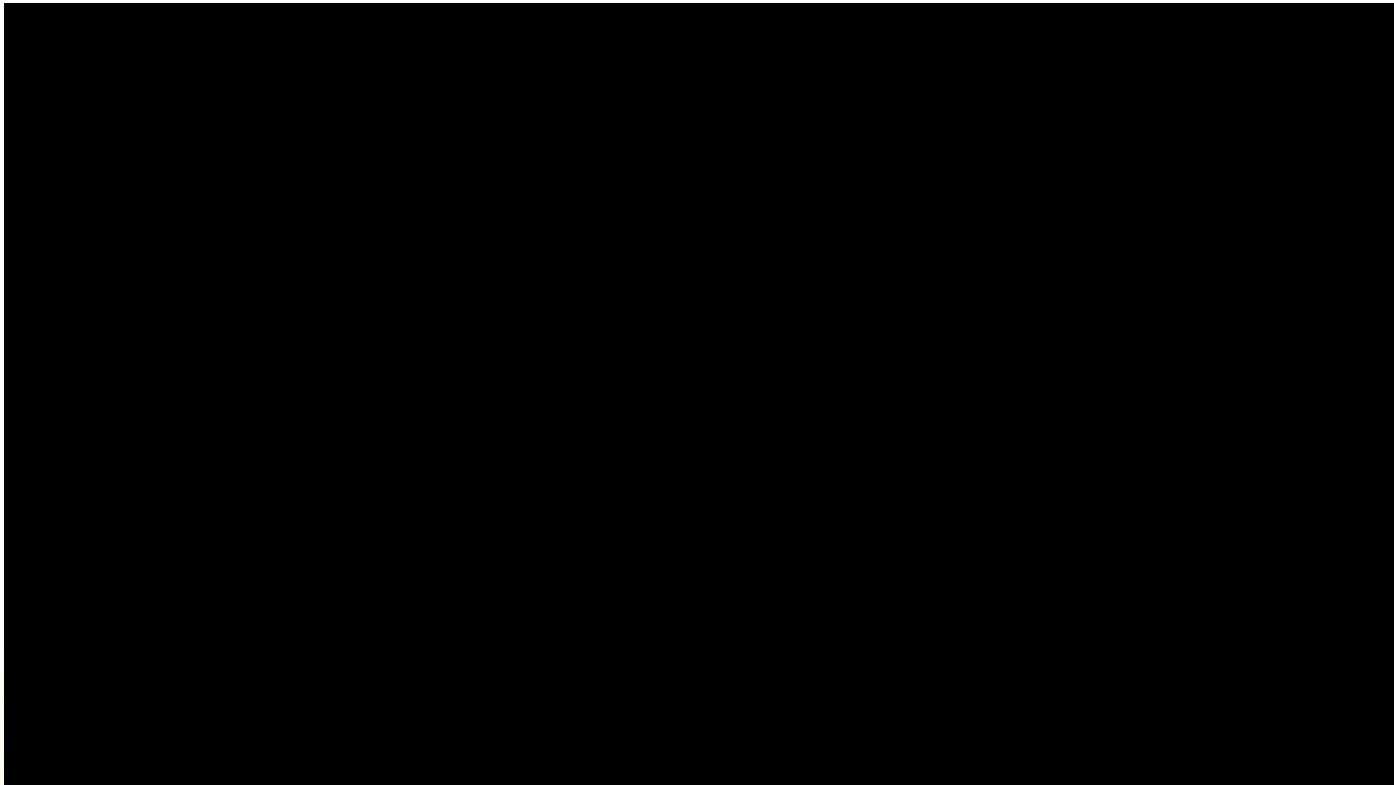
Chorus:

*Because I'm happy
Clap along if you feel like a room without a roof
Because I'm happy
Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth
Because I'm happy
Clap along if you know what happiness is to you
Because I'm happy
Clap along if you feel like that's what you wanna do*



Happy - Pharrell







9 to 5 – Dolly Parton



Verse:

*Tumble out of bed and I stumble to the kitchen
 Pour myself a cup of ambition
 And yawn and stretch and try to come to life
 Jump in the shower and the blood starts pumpin'
 Out on the street, the traffic starts jumpin'
 With folks like me on the job from nine to five*



Chorus:

*Workin' nine to five, what a way to make a livin'
 Barely gettin' by, it's all takin' and no givin'
 They just use your mind and they never give you credit
 It's enough to drive you crazy if you let it
 Nine to five, for service and devotion
 You would think that I would deserve a fair promotion
 Want to move ahead but the boss won't seem to let me
 I swear sometimes that man is out to get me
 Mmmm*







Old Town Road – Lil Nas X



Verse:

*Yeah, I'm gonna take my horse to
the old town road
I'm gonna ride 'til I can't no more
I'm gonna take my horse to the
old town road
I'm gonna ride (Kio, Kio) 'til I can't
no more*



Chorus:

I got the horses in the back
Horse tack is attached
Hat is matte black
Got the boots that's black to match
Riding on a horse, ha
You can whip your Porsche
I been in the valley
You ain't been up off the porch now
Can't nobody tell me nothing
You can't tell me nothing
Can't nobody tell me nothing
You can't tell me nothing





Sweet Caroline - Neil Diamond

Verse:

*Where it began
I can't begin to know when
But then I know it's growin' strong
Was in the spring
And spring became the summer
Who'd have believe you'd come along?*



Chorus:

*Hands
Touchin' hands
Reachin' out
Touching me, touchin' you
Sweet Caroline
Good times never seemed so good
I've been inclined
To believe they never would*





Here Comes the Sun – The Beatles



*Here comes the sun
Here comes the sun
And I say, it's all right*

*Little darling
It's been a long, cold, lonely winter
Little darling
It feels like years since it's been here*

*Here comes the sun
Here comes the sun
And I say, it's all right*



*Little darling
The smiles returning to their faces
Little darling
It seems like years since it's been here*

*Here comes the sun
Here comes the sun
And I say, it's all right*



THANK YOU for SINGING!





GREENSBORO TOWN HALL: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Tamara Baker

Carolina Hunger Initiative and No Kid Hungry NC

UNC Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention



Town Hall – Colfax/Greensboro

- Host:
 - Tamara Baker – Carolina Hunger Initiative
- Panelists:
 - Nicole Caudill – Director of Community Meals, TCK Providence, Second Harvest Food Bank of the Northwest
 - Patrice Baxter – Director, Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Reidsville
 - Kayla Brown – Youth Services Manager, YWCA of High Point

**SNAPSHOT:
TCK
Providence
2024
Summer
Nutrition
Program**

Method of Meal Service:
Non-Congregate and Congregate

Number of Meal Sites: 28 (including 1 NCM)

Number of Days Served: 53

Average Number of Days Served: 32

Average Daily Participation (July): 860

Type of Meals Served: Breakfasts and Lunches

Total Meals Served: 52,934





Awards Recognition and Presentation

Lynne Privette and Jada Brown, NCDPI



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Summer Nutrition Champion Awards



Farm to Summer



Going the Distance in Innovation



Rising Star



Rural Non-Congregate Innovation (NEW)



Superior Site

Farm To Summer Award



The Farm to Summer Award recognizes Summer Nutrition Programs that implemented Farm to Summer initiatives in their programs including serving locally grown, caught or raised foods and conducting agricultural and nutritional education activities.

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Going the Distance in Innovation Award



The Going the Distance in Innovation Award honors returning Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option sponsors who implement innovative concepts and marketing strategies in their Summer Nutrition Programs to increase participation.

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Going the Distance in Innovation

Please congratulate the winners that will be present at SummerPalooza summits in Hickory and Greenville!

Iredell-Statesville Schools

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Plain

Boys & Girls Clubs of Wake County



Rising Star Award



The Rising Star Award will be awarded to new Summer Nutrition Program sponsors who ran a superior first or second year of operation that included a menu with appealing, quality, nutritious meals, engaging, educational enrichment that promotes learning, fitness, and a healthy lifestyle, and strategies and/or partnerships to support participation.

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Rising Star

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Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Plain



Rural Non-Congregate Innovation Award



The Rural Non-Congregate Innovation Award honors returning Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option sponsors who implement innovative concepts and marketing strategies as part of one or more rural non-congregate meal sites.

Eligibility Requirements: Sponsors are required to be in good standing with all School and/or Summer Nutrition Programs. This means the sponsor has had no major findings or program violations, has completed and implemented all corrective actions from the last compliance review, was not found seriously deficient in the past two years, and has never been terminated from the Summer Nutrition Programs.

Rural Non-Congregate Innovation



Whiteville City Schools School Nutrition

27 Sites

9 non-congregate mobile

1 non-congregate hybrid

18 congregate

School Nutrition Non-congregate sites were predominantly low income apartments where children had limited transportation to access open sites. The sites were chosen because the location could provide meals to multiple children at a central location in a short amount of time, allowing us the opportunity to cover as many sites as possible.

This allowed school nutrition to maximize the number of children that could receive the meals.

School Nutrition Meals

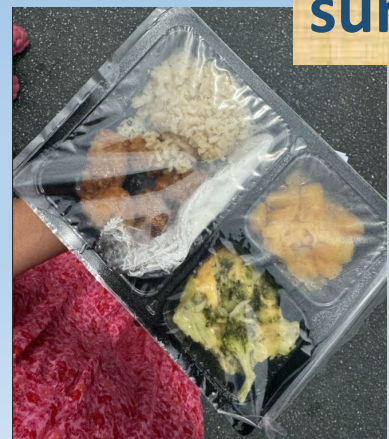
School Nutrition wanted to come up with an innovative way to reach our children in need. School Nutrition purchased a Food Truck with hot and cold holding, hand washing station, lights, service counter and service window and powered with a generator.



Meal Service

Non-congregate mobile sites were provided a hot meal and snack Monday-Thursday by our food truck, On Thursday the child also received a bundle with shelf stable meals (lunch and snack) for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

School Nutrition had a 3 week cycle menu for the summer.



The School Nutrition Food Truck was featured in an article in the local News paper.

A representative for the Carolina Hunger Initiative visited our program this summer. She went out on the non congregate route and took pictures and made several videos.

(Access the videos and pictures from the visit)

'Making a difference with every meal' City schools to use food truck for summer meals

By Joseph Williams
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"There's a lot of kids out there, especially during the summer, that do not have the opportunity to eat," says Whiteville City Schools School Nutrition Services (SNS) Director Janiece Gentry.

To combat this ongoing issue, the school district has pooled resources to purchase a food truck. The vehicle will be used to bring nutritious meals directly to school children, whenever they may be over the summer.

The \$200 Ford Transit Caterway van cost \$200,000 and was funded by allocations from the School Nutrition Services and Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief funding. The bus portion was designed by Charlotte-based food truck manufacturing company Bio on Wheels.

Gentry expects that the vehicle will take only two people to operate, but more staff may accompany the team depending on how many people are to be served at a given site.

Even though SNS has been offering its Summer Food Service Program since 2016, the new vehicle "will make it easier" to get food to where it ought to go and will "ensure a better quality and proper temperatures for food," said Gentry.

Increasing access and ensuring quality while SNS had been considering purchasing such a vehicle for some time, the COVID-19 pandemic served as further motivation, explained Gentry.

Unlike previous vehicles that had been used, this model is outfit with specially designed storage facilities that can keep hot items hot and cold foods cold. This will not only make for better quality meals for school-age children, but will also cut back on food waste and environ-



From left to right, School Nutrition Services (SNS) Supervisor Patricia Slater, Whiteville City Schools Superintendent Marc Whichard and SNS Director Janiece Gentry stand beside the newly acquired School Nutrition Services food truck.

With concerns about how to safely distribute food to school children as well as avoid summer program attendance during quarantine, staff had to physically transport food into the communities themselves.

However, meals had to be transported over long distances in vehicles that were not designed for food storage. If cold foods got above a certain temperature or if hot foods got below a certain temperature, they would have to be thrown away.

"That won't be an issue with this vehicle," said Gentry.

"The new food truck is a 'great tool for us to not communitize,'" said Superintendent Marc Whichard.

"This will be an instrumental part of our summer learning program." And it's not just school officials who are excited about the food truck; other community leaders are enthused about the acquisition as well.

Julie Strickland, director of the Columbus County Parks and Rec-

reation Department, has partnered with the Summer Food Service Program since its inception and is an enthusiastic supporter of the program. "Having free, hot, nutritional meals with fresh vegetables and fruit or shelf-stable snacks for all children ages 5-18 is such a great asset for Columbus County," she says.

Child food insecurity in Columbus County

According to the recent Fooding America, 20.1% of children in North Carolina struggle with food insecurity, defined by the United States Department of Agriculture as "a household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food." That statewide average is higher than the nationwide average of 17%.

Columbus County children seem to be in an especially precarious position when it comes to access to adequate food. Based on a survey from the Public School Forum of North Carolina, Columbus County ranks 80th out of 100 counties in terms of child food insecurity, with a rank of 100 meaning least secure and a rank of 10 meaning least secure.

Child food insecurity is associated with increased risks of anemia, birth defects, worse oral health, poorer general health and behavioral problems such as aggression, anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts.

That's why says Gentry, "Every meal makes a difference."

How to participate

The food truck service will begin in June. Gentry says that for people 18 and younger, meals will not cost anything. Anyone 19 and older who would like to have a meal can purchase one for \$5.00.

The program offers a variety of options for breakfast, lunch, dinner and a snack.

Organizations can schedule up to two meals a day of any combination of the four mentioned above, with the exception of lunch and dinner because these are the same meals, Gentry explained.

In addition to the new food truck service, the Summer Food Service Program will be resuming its usual on-site services at each of the four campuses in the Whiteville City Schools system.

Examples of food offered by the program include banana bread, juice and milk for breakfast; salad, spaghetti, yellow corn, macaroni and milk for lunch and dinner; and peanut butter, granola crackers and fruit juice for a snack.

Individuals or organizations interested in scheduling these services are invited to call Gentry at 252.424.2424.

<https://adminliveunc.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/sites/CarolinaHungerInitiative/Shared%20Documents/General/Summer%20Meals/Photos/Summer%202024%20Non-Congregate%20Sites/Whiteville%20City%20Schools%207.18.24?csf=1&web=1&e=l07U2g>

Whiteville City Schools Summer Food Service Program 2024

With summer right around the corner, it's time to think about keeping children eating healthy while school is out. Whiteville City Schools provides free meals to children during the summer. Each year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture partners with local organizations like Whiteville City Schools to provide free meals to children when school is out for the summer. Any child under the age 18 may come and eat.

AVAILABLE TO: All children between the ages of 1 year and 18 years of age who go to an approved open site during meal service times.

SUMMER LOCATIONS:

WALK-IN SITES: Meals will be served

EDGEWOOD ELEMENTARY -- Monday-Thursday-June 17-August 1, 2024 (Closed July 1-4, 2024)

TIMES: 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. (breakfast) -- 11:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m. (lunch)

MOBILE STOPS: GRAB AND GO!!!

MEALS WILL BE SERVED - MONDAY-THURSDAY - JUNE 17, 2024-AUGUST 1, 2024 (Not operating July 1-4, 2024)

HOLIDAY MOTEL - 10:15 am

WHITEVILLE HOUSING - 1:05 pm

COVEY RUN - 10:25 am

COPPERSTONE - 1:30 pm

KENT PLACE - 10:45 am

SAWMILL - 1:45 pm

BROOKBERRY APTS - 12:45 pm

School Nutrition will be offering mobile meals at locations near you. The locations will be posted on the Whiteville City Schools School Nutrition website with approximate arrival times.

BECOME AN OPEN FEEDING SITE: Your community building or place of faith could become a feeding site. Sites are the physical locations where food is served. Each site location must work with the Summer Food Service Program Sponsor, Whiteville City Schools.

POTENTIAL SUMMER FOOD SERVICE SITES:

1. Recreational Programs
2. Community summer programs and events
3. Bible schools

4. Whiteville City School Cafeterias
5. Enrichment programs

MEALS: Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and/or snack: nutritionally balanced meals are served at no cost to children.

PARTICIPANT TRAINING: One-hour training sessions offered on multiple dates, locations and ongoing throughout the SFSP operation dates TBD.

Contact: Whiteville City Schools Nutrition Services

School Nutrition Director: Jamesie Gentry - 910-641-6429

School Nutrition Supervisor: Patricia Slater - 910-641-6430

107 West Walter Street, Whiteville, NC 28472

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WCS-School Nutrition worked hard to spread the word. We ran advertisements in the local paper, distributed posters and flyers, and posted sites on School Nutrition Website



Rural Non-Congregate Innovation

Please congratulate the winners that will be present at all three SummerPalooza summits!

Beaufort County Schools

Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools

Transylvania County Schools

Whiteville City Schools

YMCA of Southeastern NC



Superior Site



The Superior Site Award honors an SFSP or SSO Sponsor and site representative that operated an open site that went above and beyond to gain and maintain participation from the children and local community.

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Turnip the Beet Award



Who is eligible and how do they apply?

- All Summer Meal Programs sponsors in good standing may be eligible
- The nomination must include a completed Nomination Form and a detailed one-month menu. The Nomination Form is available on the USDA-sponsored **Turnip the Beet** webpage <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/turnip-the-beet>.

How are nominations evaluated?

- Nominations must clearly illustrate how the meals are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious. The Nomination Form includes short-answer questions and menu criteria based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The criteria include serving local foods, a variety of vegetables and fruit, whole grains, and low-fat and fat-free milk.

What are the prizes?

- Three award levels are available: gold; silver; and bronze. All winners will receive a certificate and will be featured on the **Turnip the Beet** webpage.

Please congratulate all Turnip The Beet Nominees

Beaufort County Schools

Catawba County Schools

Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools

Halifax County Schools

Boys & Girls Clubs of Wake County

Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC

YMCA of Southeastern NC



Summer Nutrition Program County Profiles


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Overview of 2024 Summer Nutrition County Profiles

- Brief overview of SUN Programs
 - SUN Meals, SUN Meals To-Go, and SUN Bucks
- Highlights from previous summer
- Profile for each county and statewide
- Based on meal claims data submitted to NC DPI and SUN Bucks Statistics from NC DHHS
- Available at: <https://summermeals4nckids.org/county-profiles/>

New Profile Design for 2024!




2024 Summer Nutrition Programs
ALEXANDER COUNTY




NEED

3,772 or **82%**

of students in the county's K-12 public schools were eligible for FRP school meals



FUELING CHILDREN & THE ECONOMY
\$660.7K in funding to the county from all SUN Summer Nutrition Programs

	3,293 Children received benefits		2K Meals served
\$395.2K Funding distributed in county		\$9.3K NC Summer Meals Funding	
(\$120 per eligible child for the 2024 summer)			62.3K Meals served
		\$256.2K NC Summer Meals Funding	

USDA's three SUN SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAMS FOR KIDS offer families more ways to get their kids the nutrition they need when school is out. Lack of nutrition during the summer makes students more likely to fall behind in school and experience health issues.

Administered by the NC Department of Public Instruction, USDA reimburses meal sponsors for serving meals at no cost to youth ages 18 and younger in low-income areas during the summer.

SUN MEALS
Meals and snacks at in-person sites

SUN Meals are in-person **congregate meals** (eaten in a group setting), which is the traditional way of providing nutrition when school is out for the summer. Meals and snacks are served at locations such as libraries, faith-based organizations, parks, camps, and at schools that often provide summer learning. Many meal sites offer fun, engaging, and educational activities.

SUN MEALS TO-GO
Meals for delivery/pick up in some rural areas






SUN Meals To-Go are **non-congregate meals** offered in some rural communities that are often the most under-served areas. How meals are distributed vary by sponsor and may include options such as: meals picked up by designated adults, multiple meals provided at once, and meals delivered to neighborhoods or in some cases, directly to homes.

Administered by the NC Department of Health and Human Services, operating in 2024 for the first time.



SUNBUCKS
Grocery benefits per eligible child

SUN Bucks (Summer EBT or S-EBT) gives grocery-buying benefits on a debit-like card to families with eligible children. The one-time payment per eligible child was \$120 for the summer of 2024, but the amount may vary from year-to-year. Families receiving SUN Bucks also are encouraged to participate in the other Summer Nutrition Programs.

For more information visit: [SummerMeals4NCKids.org/County-Profiles](https://summermeals4nckids.org/County-Profiles)

Alexander County
2024 NC Summer Nutrition Programs


Summer meal sponsors: 2	Total congregate meals: 2,034
Congregate meal sites: 5	Total non-congregate meals: 62,333
Non-congregate meal sites: 6	TOTAL SUMMER MEALS SERVED: 64,367

of days meals served: **9-78**

Average # of days served: **47**

Average daily participation: **647**

Type of meals served:
Breakfast and Lunch



During the summer, families can text FOOD or COMIDA to 304-304 to find nearby summer meals!

THE OPPORTUNITY: Expanding Access

Up to 2 meals or snacks are reimbursable by USDA at each meal site daily - and can be served 7 days a week during the summer.

\$1.7M


potential funds if every FRP eligible student received 2 meals Monday-Friday (55 days) in the summer.

\$265.5K

funding accessed






\$1.4M

not accessed



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NCDHHS.gov/SUNBucks @NCDHHS, #SUNBucks
CarolinaHungerInitiative.org @CarolinaHungerInitiative

Data Sources: NC Department of Public Instruction October 2023 and Summer 2024 Meal Claims Data; NC Department of Health and Human Services SUN Bucks data based on payments to families through October 28, 2024. Hybrid meal sites serving both congregate and non-congregate meals were categorized as non-congregate meal sites for data purposes only. Average daily participation (ADP) based on July 2024. See data explainer at [SummerMeals4NCKids.org/County-Profiles](https://summermeals4nckids.org/County-Profiles)

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SUN SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

NC Summer 2024: Statewide Highlights



How many summer meals were served in NC during summer 2024?



4.2 Million!



Statewide Profile

2024 Summer Nutrition Programs

NORTH CAROLINA STATEWIDE PROFILE

Children receiving free and reduced-price (FRP) school meals are at greater risk of hunger during the summer.

NEED

Almost 1 Million or 70% of students in North Carolina's K-12 public schools were eligible for FRP school meals

FUELING CHILDREN & THE ECONOMY

\$147M in funding to NC from all SUN Summer Nutrition Programs

SUN BUCKS	1.1M Children received benefits	SUN MEALS	3.3M Meals served
\$129.7M Funding distributed in NC (\$120 per eligible child for the 2024 summer)		\$13.4M NC Summer Meal Funding	
		SUN MEALS TO-GO	956.4K Meals served
		\$3.8M NC Summer Meal Funding	

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NORTH CAROLINA

2024 Summer Nutrition Programs

Summer meal sponsors:	175
Congregate meal sites:	2,424
Sponsors approved for non-congregate meals:	33
Non-congregate meal sites:	194

Total congregate meals:	3,258,624
Total non-congregate meals:	956,355
TOTAL SUMMER MEALS SERVED:	4,214,979

# of days meals were served:	1-79
Average # of days served:	22
Average daily participation:	81,600

Type of meals served:
Breakfast, Lunch/Supper, and Snacks

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\$440.7M

potential funds for NC if every FRP eligible student received 2 meals Monday-Friday (55 days) in the summer.

\$17.2M

funding accessed

\$423.4M

not accessed

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SUN SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Sponsors and Sites

- **175 sponsors**
 - 139 SFA sponsors
 - 111 of the 115 traditional public school districts
 - 36 community sponsors
 - 33 served NCM meals
- **2,618 sites**
 - 2,424 congregate
 - 194 NCM/hybrid



Serving Days

- Congregate meal sites served meals an average of **21 days**
 - Ranged from 1 to 59 days
- NCM/Hybrid sites served meals an average of **39 days**
 - Ranged from 4 to 79 days
- Overall average number of serving days across all sites was **22**

Meals Served – 4.2 Million Total Meals!

Meal	Congregate	NCM/Hybrid	Total
Breakfast	1,157,923	436,493	1,594,416
Lunch	1,877,536	501,757	2,379,293
Snacks	188,860	18,105	206,965
Supper	34,305	0	34,305
Total	3,258,624	956,355	4,214,979

**23% of meals were served through
NCM/Hybrid sites, which made up 7% of
total sites**

Growth Compared with Summer 2023

- Overall growth
 - **5%** increase in number of sites
 - 2,618 in 2024 vs 2,492 in 2023
 - **8%** increase in number of meals served
 - 4.2M in 2024 vs 3.9M in 2023
- NCM growth
 - **288%** increase in number of NCM/hybrid sites
 - 194 in 2024 vs 50 in 2023
 - **662%** increase in number of meals served through NCM/hybrid sites
 - 956.4K in 2024 vs 125.4K in 2023

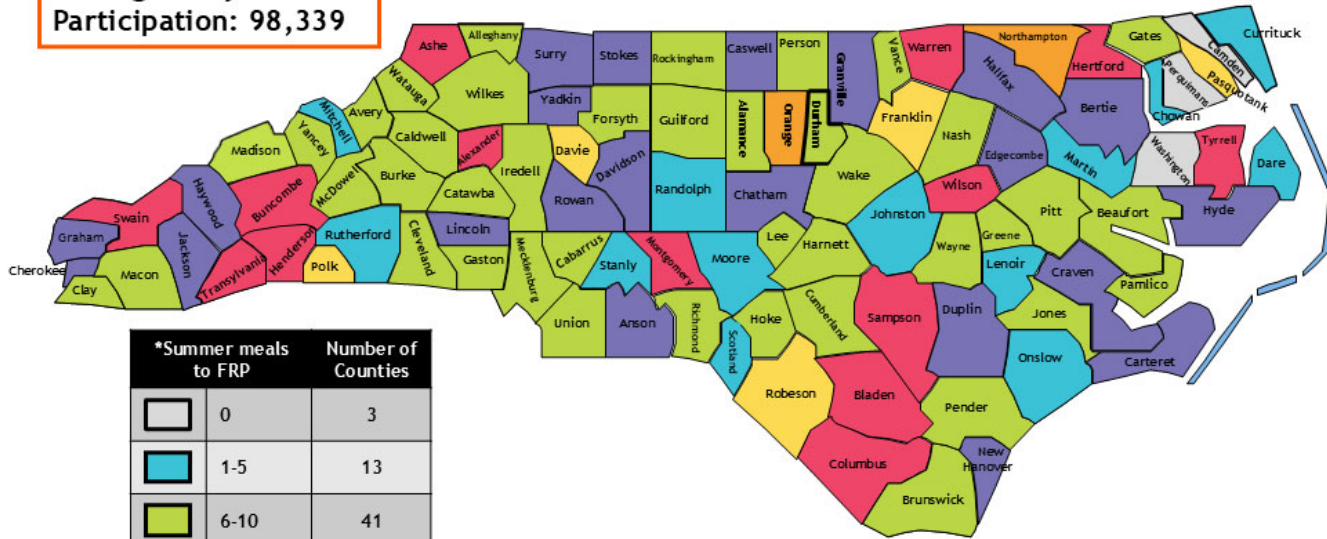


Average Daily Participation



June 2024 Participation in North Carolina SUN Meals and SUN Meals To-Go

Average Daily
Participation: 98,339



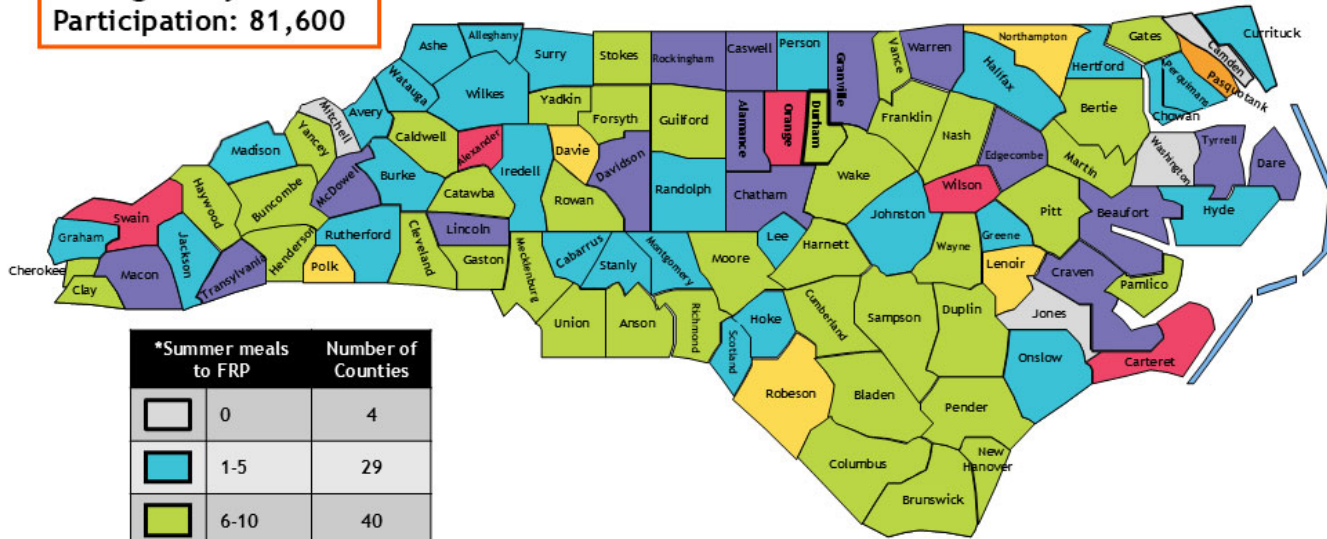
*Summer meals to FRP	Number of Counties
0	3
1-5	13
6-10	41
11-15	22
16-20	14
21-30	5
31-40	2

In NC, 10 children participated in summer meals for every 100 children eligible for free and reduced-price (FRP) meals

*Number of children participating in SUN Meals and SUN Meals To-Go for every 100 eligible for FRP Meals

July 2024 Participation in North Carolina SUN Meals and SUN Meals To-Go

Average Daily
Participation: 81,600



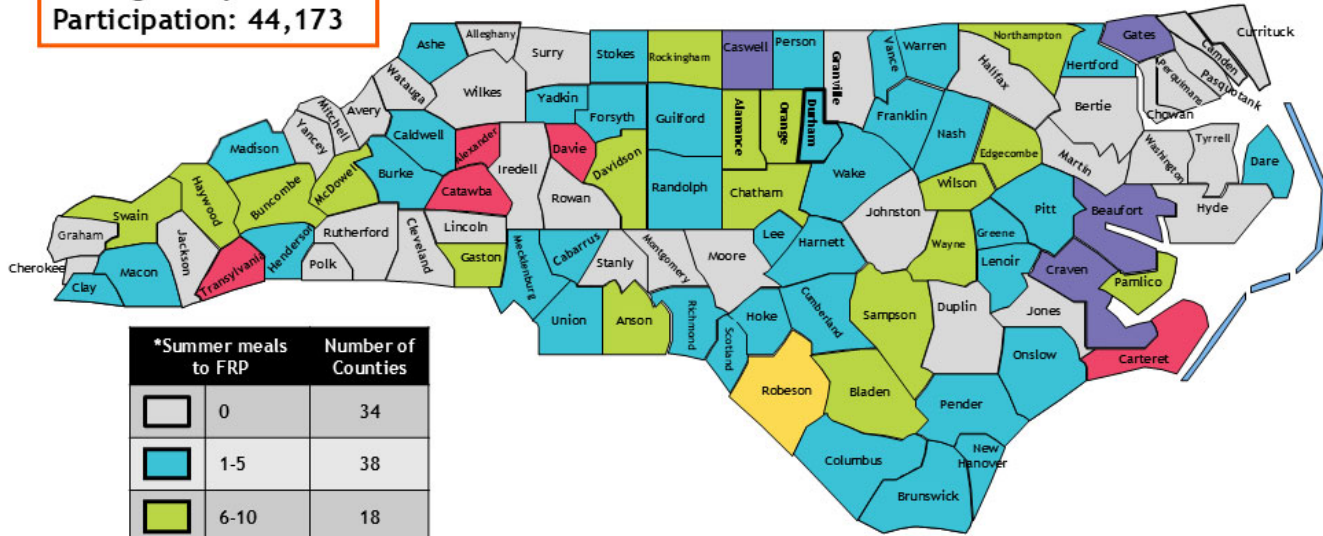
*Summer meals to FRP	Number of Counties
0	4
1-5	29
6-10	40
11-15	16
16-20	5
21-30	5
31-40	1

In NC, 8 children participated in summer meals for every 100 children eligible for free and reduced-price (FRP) meals

*Number of children participating in SUN Meals and SUN Meals To-Go for every 100 eligible for Free and Reduced-Price (FRP) Meals

August 2024 Participation in North Carolina SUN Meals and SUN Meals To-Go

Average Daily
Participation: 44,173



*Summer meals to FRP	Number of Counties
0	34
1-5	38
6-10	18
11-15	4
16-20	5
21-30	1
31-40	0

In NC, 4 children participated in summer meals for every 100 children eligible for free and reduced-price (FRP) meals

*Number of children participating in SUN Meals and SUN Meals To-Go for every 100 eligible for Free and Reduced-Price (FRP) Meals

Federal Reimbursement



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12% increase in federal funds accessed compared with 2022
In Summer 2023, \$15.3 million in federal funding was accessed.

- Congregate Meal Sites
 - \$13.4M
- NCM/Hybrid Sites
 - 3.8M

THE OPPORTUNITY: Expanding Access

Up to 2 meals or snacks are reimbursable by USDA at each meal site daily, and can be served 7 days a week during the summer.

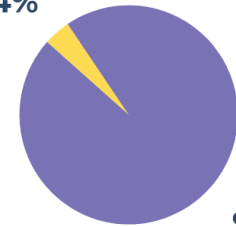
\$440.7M

potential funds for NC if every FRP eligible student received 2 meals Monday-Friday (55 days) in the summer.

\$17.2M

funding accessed
\$423.4M
not accessed

Funds Accessed
4%



96%

Funds Not Accessed

Examples of Ways to Use County Profiles



Highlight Program Successes

- Share on social media
- Post on school district or organization website
- Mention data in media articles, TV or radio interviews, etc.
- Include data in press releases or marketing materials
- Share at staff meetings
- Share with local leaders, VIPs, partners, and managers for meal sites

Grant Applications and Donors

- Include data in grant applications
- Provide to potential donors
- Share profile with funders/donors to highlight successes

Advocacy

- Share county profiles/use data as talking points when advocating for your program/SUN Programs
 - Number sponsors/sites/serving days
 - Number of meals served
 - Number of children reached
 - Federal funding available/accessed
 - Highlight successes and areas for growth

Coming Soon!

SUN Meals To-Go Meal Kits



SUN Meals To-Go Meal Kit Resources

- Sample menus
- Recipe cards
- Food safety instructions
- Menu template with packing list & quantity recipes for operators
- Sign templates

Logo Ideas





Procurement Reminders

Ivy Early, NCDPI





Participant Feedback and Questions





Summer Giveaways and Wrap-Up



End-of-Day Prizes

(To take home today)

1. Foldable 10'x10' Tent
2. Grommet banner & bungee cords (3)
3. Folding utility wagon
4. SUN branded 2'x2' vehicle magnets (3)
5. SUN branded pinnies (9)
6. SUN visor and SUN hat
7. Neck fans-pack of 2 (2)
8. Cooling towels-pack of 8
9. 64oz insulated water jug (2)
10. "Sunny" inflatable costume



Evaluation

1. Open camera app on phone or device
2. Point camera at QR code to the right → (and hold still!)
3. Tap on URL that appears on screen
4. Complete survey that opens in your device's web browser
5. Make sure to hit "Submit" at the end!
6. Enter info carefully – the certificate will be sent to the email you specify



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