



2025 North Carolina Summer Nutrition Program Profiles: Data Sources and Calculation Information

- Data for the profiles on SUN Meals and SUN Meals To-Go came from June-August 2025 Summer Food Service Program and National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option meal claims data from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NC DPI) received November 5, 2025.
- Data on SUN Bucks came from SUN Bucks Statistics from the NC Department of Health and Human Services as of November 21, 2025.
- Data on the number and percentage of children eligible for free and reduced-price school meals came from March 2025 meal claims data from the NC DPI as of June 24, 2025.
- The number of children receiving SUN Bucks was calculated by adding the number of children who were streamlined certified with the number of children approved via application. The amount of funding distributed in each county through SUN Bucks was calculated by multiplying the number of children receiving benefits by \$120.
- NC Summer Meals Funding for SUN Meals and SUN Meals To-Go refers to the amount of federal reimbursement received by program sponsors for serving meals through these programs.
- Hybrid meal sites serving both congregate and non-congregate meals were categorized as non-congregate meal sites for data purposes only.
- The amount of funding that would have been brought into the county/state if every student eligible for free and reduced-price meals received breakfast and lunch Monday-Friday (55 days) during the summer are conservative estimates calculated using the lower SFSP meal reimbursement rates (\$3.03 for breakfast and 5.315 for lunch). Potential reimbursement is calculated as the number of children eligible for free and reduced-price school meals in March 2025 x the rate x 55 serving days (based on weekdays, however, weekend meals can also be reimbursed). Information on 2025 reimbursement rates for the Summer Food Service Program can be found in the [Federal Register](#).

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