

SUN BUCKS

North Carolina



SUN Bucks is a program that provides \$120 in grocery-buying benefits to qualifying families with school-aged children during the summer months when schools are out. Families receive a one-time payment in food assistance benefits per eligible child that can be used to buy nutritious food at grocery stores, farmers markets, and some online retailers.

**2026 is the THIRD
year NC is offering
SUN Bucks**

SUN Bucks is a proven game-changer in the fight against child hunger

SUN Bucks is an evidence-based program. Research shows that providing families with summer grocery benefits reduces child hunger and supports healthier diets.¹

Supports Healthier Diets and Reduces Childhood Hunger

↑ Whole grain
& dairy
consumption



↓ Sugar-sweetened
beverage
consumption



↑ Fruit &
vegetable
consumption



↓ Child food
insecurity



Decreased the number of
kids with **very low food
security by one-third!**



\$126.6 M SUN Bucks benefits issued in **2025**

1.1 M Children in NC received benefits in **2025**

¹ Summer EBT - A Tested and Effective Strategy for Ending Summer Hunger | Food and Nutrition Service (usda.gov)