

2019 Summer Nutrition Program Fact Sheet¹

North Carolina

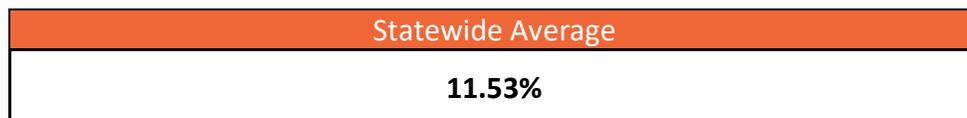
Overview of the Federal Summer Nutrition Programs for Children

- Many children receiving free and reduced-price meals through the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Program are at greater risk of hunger during the summer.
- Lack of nutrition during the summer makes students more likely to fall behind during the school year and experience health issues.
- Federally-funded Summer Nutrition Programs reimburse providers for serving free, healthy meals to children and teens ages 18 and younger in low-income areas during the summer.

2019 State Highlights

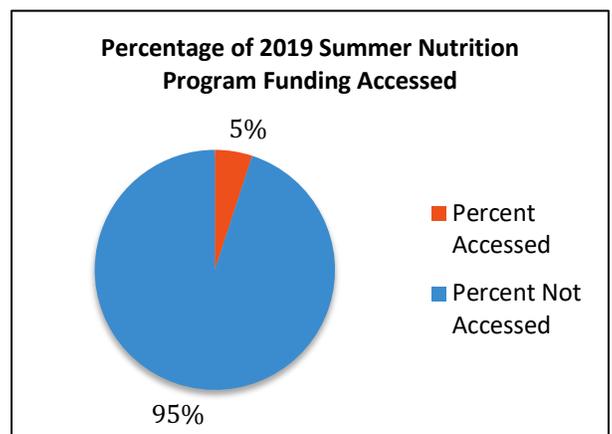
- **Number of Sponsors:** 169 sponsors administered the program.
- **Number of Sites:** 2,936 sites served free summer meals.
- **Days of Service:** Sites served meals between 1 and 66 days, with an average of 23 days.
- **Meals Served:** 4,618,964 total meals were served during the Summer of 2019.
- **Need:** During the 2018-19 school year, 859,569 children (58% of students in the state) were eligible for free **Average Daily Attendance (ADA):** ADA in the summer nutrition program was 99,078 children².

Estimated Percent Need Met Through the 2019 Summer Nutrition Program³



Summer Nutrition Program Builds the Local Economy⁴

- Up to two meals or snacks are reimbursable at each site daily, and can be served seven days a week.
- If every student eligible for free and reduced-price meals received breakfast and lunch Monday-Friday (55 days) during the summer, **\$294,176,746** would have been brought into the state.
- In the summer of 2019, **\$14,845,293** was brought into the state, with **\$279,331,452** not accessed.



¹ Data Source: NC Department of Public Instruction Summer 2019 Meal Claims Data (obtained October 2019).

² ADA was calculated using the instructions provided by USDA. It is based on July 2019 data and was calculated by dividing the number of meals served during each site's primary meal service by the number of operating days. ADA for all sites in the state were added together.

³ Percent need met was calculated using the sum of the ADA in July 2019 for all sites in the state divided by the number of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals during March 2019.

⁴ Potential reimbursements are conservative estimates based on the lower Summer Food Service Program meal reimbursement rate (\$2.2550 for breakfast and \$3.9675 for lunch). Potential reimbursement is calculated as the number of eligible children x the rate x 55 serving days (based on weekdays. However, weekend meals can also be reimbursed).