

**REIMBURSEMENT RATES & INCOME GUIDELINES  
FOR THE FEDERAL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

**School Meals: Federal Per Meal Reimbursement Rates<sup>1</sup>  
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016<sup>2</sup>**

<b>School Breakfast Program</b>			
	<b>Non-Severe Need</b>	<b>Severe Need<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Price of Meals To Children</b>
<b>Free</b>	\$1.66	\$1.99	\$0
<b>Reduced Price</b>	\$1.36	\$1.69	\$0.30 (maximum school can charge)
<b>Paid</b>	\$0.29	\$0.29	varies <sup>4</sup>

<b>National School Lunch Program<sup>5</sup></b>					
	<b>Less than 60%</b>	<b>Less than 60% + 6 cents</b>	<b>60% or More<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>60% or More + 6 cents<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Price of Meals To Children</b>
<b>Free</b>	\$3.07	\$3.13	\$3.09	\$3.15	\$0
<b>Reduced Price</b>	\$2.67	\$2.73	\$2.69	\$2.75	\$0.40 (maximum school can charge)
<b>Paid</b>	\$0.29	\$0.35	\$0.31	\$0.37	Varies <sup>8</sup>

<b>Afterschool Snacks<sup>9</sup></b>	
<b>Free</b>	\$0.84
<b>Reduced Price</b>	\$0.42
<b>Paid</b>	\$0.07

**Summer Food Service Program: Federal Per Meal Reimbursement Rates<sup>1</sup>  
January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015<sup>10</sup>**

	<b>Breakfasts</b>	<b>Lunches / Suppers</b>	<b>Supplements / Snacks</b>
<b>Rural or Self Prep<sup>11</sup></b>	\$2.0775	\$3.6450	\$0.8650
<b>Other Sites<sup>12</sup></b>	\$2.0375	\$3.5875	\$0.8450

**Child and Adult Care Food Program: Federal Reimbursement Rates<sup>1</sup>,  
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016<sup>13</sup>**

<b>Meals Served in Child Care Centers (Per Meal Rates)</b>			
	<b>Supplements / Snacks<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>Lunches / Suppers<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Breakfasts</b>
<b>Free</b>	\$0.84	\$3.07	\$1.66
<b>Reduced-Price</b>	\$0.42	\$2.67	\$1.36
<b>Paid</b>	\$0.07	\$0.29	\$0.29

<b>Meals Served in Day Care Homes (Per Meal Rates)</b>			
	<b>Supplements</b>	<b>Lunches / Suppers<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Breakfasts</b>
<b>Tier I</b>	\$0.74	\$2.48	\$1.32
<b>Tier II</b>	\$0.20	\$1.50	\$0.48

<b>Administrative Payment Rates for Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes (Per Home Per Month Rates)</b>	
<b>First 50 day care homes</b>	\$111
<b>Next 150 day care homes</b>	\$85
<b>Next 800 day care homes</b>	\$66
<b>Additional day care homes</b>	\$58

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**Income Guidelines for the Child Nutrition Programs<sup>14</sup>  
Effective July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016**

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines	Free Meals Maximum Household Income (130% of Poverty)			Reduced Price Meals Maximum Household Income (185% of Poverty)		
	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$11,770	\$15,301	\$ 1,276	\$ 295	\$ 21,775	\$ 1,815	\$ 419
2	15,930	20,709	1,726	399	29,471	2,456	567
3	20,090	26,117	2,177	503	37,167	3,098	715
4	24,250	31,525	2,628	607	44,863	3,739	863
5	28,410	36,933	3,078	711	52,559	4,380	1,011
6	32,570	42,341	3,529	815	60,255	5,022	1,159
7	36,730	47,749	3,980	919	67,951	5,663	1,307
8	40,890	53,157	4,430	1,023	75,647	6,304	1,455
Add for each additional	+ 4,160	+ 5,408	+ 451	+ 104	+ 7,696	+ 642	+ 148

<sup>1</sup> These reimbursement rates apply to the 48 contiguous United States, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Territories. Alaska and Hawaii receive higher rates.

<sup>2</sup> Federal Register, Vol. 80, No. 137, 7/17/15, pp. 42470-42473. [Adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.]

<sup>3</sup> Schools where at least 40 percent of the lunches served during the second preceding school year were free or reduced price qualify for extra "severe need" school breakfast reimbursements. New schools may qualify if it is determined that the 40 percent free or reduced price requirement would have been met in the second preceding year [7 C.F.R. 220.9 (d)].

<sup>4</sup> According to the School Nutrition Association, the national average price for a school breakfast is \$1.26 for elementary schools; \$1.33 for middle schools; and \$1.36 for high schools.

<sup>5</sup> These reimbursement rates do not include the value of commodities (or cash in lieu of commodities), \$0.2375 for the period 7/1/15 through 6/30/16, which institutions receive as additional assistance for each lunch or supper served. Federal Register, Vol. 80, No.137, 7/17/15, p. 42473-42474. [Adjusted annually based on the Price Index for Foods Used in Schools and Institutions.]

<sup>6</sup> Applies to schools where 60 percent or more lunches served during the second preceding school year were free or reduced price.

<sup>7</sup> The 6 cents is available to schools that are certified to meet the updated meal pattern requirements beginning on October 1, 2012.

<sup>8</sup> According to the School Nutrition Association, the national average price for a school lunch is \$2.18 for elementary schools; \$2.37 for middle schools and \$2.42 for high schools.

<sup>9</sup> These reimbursement rates apply to afterschool snacks served in school age afterschool programs, whether claimed through the Child and Adult Care Food Program or the National School Lunch Program. For more information, see [www.frac.org](http://www.frac.org).

<sup>10</sup> Federal Register, Vol. 80, No. 13, 1/21/15, pp. 2913-2914 [Adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.]

<sup>11</sup> Sites that are located in rural areas or that prepare their own meals ("self prep") receive a slightly higher reimbursement rate than other sites.

<sup>12</sup> Refers to urban or vended (where sponsors contract with vendors to prepare meals) Summer Food Service Program sites.

<sup>13</sup> Federal Register, Vol. 80, No. 137, 7/17/15, pp. 42474-42476. [Adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.]

<sup>14</sup> Federal Register, Vol. 80, No. 61, 3/31/15, pp. 17026-17027. [Adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.] These guidelines apply to the 48 contiguous United States, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Territories. Alaska and Hawaii have higher maximum income limits.