

SCHOOL PROGRAMS					
MEAL, SNACK AND MILK PAYMENTS TO STATES AND SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITIES					
Expressed in Dollars or Fractions Thereof					
Effective from: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027					
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM ^{1,3}		LESS THAN 60%	LESS THAN 60% + 9 cents ²	60% OR MORE	60% or MORE + 9 cents ²
CONTIGUOUS STATES	PAID	0.45	0.54	0.47	0.56
	REDUCED	4.36	4.45	4.38	4.47
	PRICE FREE	4.76	4.85	4.78	4.87
SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM			NON-SEVERE	SEVERE NEED	
CONTIGUOUS STATES	PAID	0.42		0.42	
	REDUCED PRICE	2.24		2.75	
	FREE	2.54		3.05	
SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM ³	ALL MILK	PAID MILK	FREE MILK		
PRICING PROGRAMS WITHOUT FREE OPTION	0.28	N/A	N/A		
PRICING PROGRAMS WITH FREE OPTION	N/A	0.2800	Average Cost Per 1/2 Pint of Milk		
NONPRICING PROGRAMS	0.28	N/A	N/A		
AFTERSCHOOL SNACKS SERVED IN AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS					
CONTIGUOUS STATES	PAID	0.12			
	REDUCED PRICE	0.65			
	FREE	1.30			

¹ Payment listed for Free and Reduced-Price Lunches include both section 4 and section 11 funds.

² Performance-based cash reimbursements for lunches that are certified as meeting meal pattern and nutrition standards in 7 CFR 210.10 and 220.8, as applicable (adjusted annually for inflation).

USDA Donated Foods Value: For the National School Lunch Program, the per meal rate used for entitlement calculation is **\$0.47 for SY2026-27.**

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/07/16/2026-14252/national-school-lunch-special-milk-and-school-breakfast-programs-national-average-paymentsmaximum>