

SCHOOL PROGRAMS					
MEAL, SNACK AND MILK PAYMENTS TO STATES AND SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITIES					
Expressed in Dollars or Fractions Thereof					
Effective from: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026					
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	0.44	0.53	0.46	0.55
	REDUCED	4.20	4.29	4.22	4.31
	PRICE FREE	4.60	4.69	4.62	4.71
SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM			NON-SEVERE	SEVERE NEED	
CONTIGUOUS STATES	PAID	0.40		0.40	
	REDUCED PRICE	2.16		2.64	
	FREE	2.46		2.94	
SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM ³		ALL MILK	PAID MILK	FREE MILK	
PRICING PROGRAMS WITHOUT FREE OPTION		0.27	N/A	N/A	
PRICING PROGRAMS WITH FREE OPTION		N/A	0.2700	Average Cost Per 1/2 Pint of Milk	
NONPRICING PROGRAMS		0.27	N/A	N/A	
AFTERSCHOOL SNACKS SERVED IN AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS					
CONTIGUOUS STATES	PAID	0.11			
	REDUCED PRICE	0.63			
	FREE	1.26			

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 remains at **\$0.45 for SY2025-26.**

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/07/24/2025-13879/national-school-lunch-special-milk-and-school-breakfast-programs-national-average-paymentsmaximum>