

What is the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)?



The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) combats hunger and brings healthy foods to tables across the country for children in child care centers, homes, emergency shelters and afterschool programs as well as adults in day care. This federal USDA program provides reimbursement to child care operators for serving nutritious meals and snacks to children in their care. CACFP contributes to the wellness, healthy growth and development of young children and adults across the country.

Benefits of CACFP

- Ensures that children and adults receive balanced, nutritious meals and snacks that meet the nutrition standards set by USDA.
- Children in CACFP receive meals that are nutritionally superior to those served to children in non-CACFP child care settings.
- Reduces food insecurity -- helping families protect their children against hunger.
- CACFP is an indicator of quality care, assuring good nutrition and affordable care.
- Provides early nutrition education that helps establish positive eating habits.
- Increases nutrition security, to ensure children's proper development.

CACFP: Average Daily Attendance and Meals Served in FY 2022 by State

State/Territory	# Participants Served	Total Meals Served
Alabama	59,594	29,960,569
Alaska	5,837	2,531,143
Arkansas	45,080	26,609,781
California	669,415	240,218,631
Colorado	62,009	23,397,489
Connecticut	20,832	8,642,388
Delaware	36,134	8,129,358
District of Columbia	37,000	13,313,603
Florida	318,515	151,484,834
Georgia	111,722	67,751,447
Guam	908	308,675
Hawaii	8,253	4,168,979
Idaho	10,165	4,375,666
Illinois	150,218	70,643,229
Indiana	74,856	27,675,076
Iowa	35,586	19,594,340
Kansas	36,692	18,675,059
Kentucky	65,007	23,327,960
Louisiana	90,296	52,329,207
Maine	9,659	4,800,304
Maryland	210,071	61,416,185
Massachusetts	69,440	28,534,185
Michigan	52,497	29,923,028
Minnesota	148,380	97,434,928
Mississippi	40,402	21,942,556
Missouri	112,093	50,780,802
Montana	10,349	5,755,416
Nebraska	29,537	17,231,617
Nevada	16,246	5,206,171
New Hampshire	7,727	3,011,652
New Jersey	75,300	34,085,526
New Mexico	27,441	14,789,960
New York	192,888	86,557,125
North Carolina	97,936	53,158,412
North Dakota	13,851	7,480,228
Ohio	97,190	46,967,475
Oklahoma	59,609	31,765,654
Oregon	30,936	10,510,068
Pennsylvania	98,513	52,345,683
Puerto Rico	11,798	6,238,975
Rhode Island	11,590	3,867,659
South Carolina	37,930	15,211,048
South Dakota	11,036	5,046,293
Tennessee	72,297	33,047,988
Texas	883,293	207,183,865
Utah	29,095	15,704,812
Vermont	8,236	2,459,553
Virginia	95,102	30,911,575
Virgin Islands	361	189,074
Washington	52,075	22,526,167
West Virginia	22,322	9,195,21
Wisconsin	45,754	20,913,948
Wyoming	5,803	2,907,019
Total	4,583,508	1,864,661,480

Nationwide Reach of CACFP



4.5 million children and adults served daily
1.8 billion meals and snacks served annually



64k Child Care Centers



90k Family Day Care Homes



800 Sponsoring Organizations



Learn more at cacfp.org.
CACFP is an indicator of quality care. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.