

2020 SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM



4 NC Kids!
Wake County



Thanks to all the
dedicated frontline
workers!

Overview of the Program

- 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 meal sponsors for serving free, healthy meals to children and teens ages 18 and younger in low-income areas during the summer.

COVID-19 Update

- Summer nutrition programs have become even more critical in ensuring children have access to healthy meals during the COVID-19 pandemic due to the increased economic challenges faced by many families.
- Based on the federal emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic, food service sponsors throughout NC began operating the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in March 2020 when schools closed. USDA announced many waivers that allowed greater flexibilities.
- **This report covers the actual summer months, June-August 2020, while sponsors were still operating SFSP under the USDA emergency waivers.**

County Program Highlights



14 sponsors

administered the
program.

2020 INCREASE



Comparing meals served
in the 2020 Summer
Months to the 2019
Summer Months, Wake
County served **6X** more
meals to our kids, a
difference of **1,169,601**
meals!

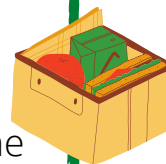


212 sites served
free summer
meals.



Sites served meals
between **1 and 85**
days, with an
average of **39 days**.

1,420,313 total
meals were
served during the
Summer of 2020.



For more information about who is sponsoring meals in this county, visit: CarolinaHungerInitiative.org/Profiles

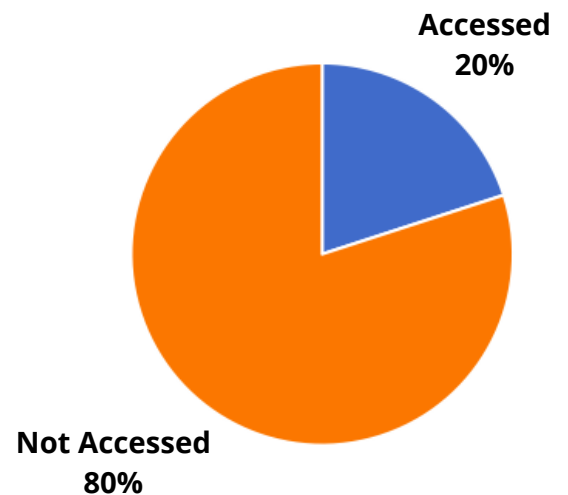
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Summer Nutrition Builds the Economy!

- 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 (66 days) during the summer, **\$22,902,042** would have been brought into the county.
- In the summer of 2020, **\$4,693,755** was brought into the county, with **\$18,208,287** not accessed.

2020 Summer Nutrition Program Funding



NEED

- In February 2020, **54,071** children (**33%** of public school students in the county) were eligible for free and reduced-price school meals
- **33,714** students participated in free and reduced-price school lunch in February 2020

Check us out on social media!

@CarolinaHungerInitiative
@Ray4NCKids
#SummerMeals4NCKids

County Need Met Through the 2020 NC Summer Nutrition Program

Month	Average Daily Attendance	Ratio of Summer Nutrition to FRP students*	Ratio of Summer Nutrition to NSLP**
June	14,462	26.75	42.90
July	12,566	23.24	37.27
August	13,953	25.80	41.39

*Ratio of the number of children participating in the Summer Nutrition Program based on the average daily attendance in July 2020 per 100 students eligible for free and reduced-price school meals in February 2020.

**Ratio of the number of children participating in the Summer Nutrition Program based on the average daily attendance in July 2020 per 100 participating in free and reduced-price lunch through the National School Lunch Program in February 2020.