

# 2019 Summer Nutrition Program Fact Sheet<sup>1</sup>

## Wake County, NC

### Overview of the Federal Summer Nutrition Programs for Children

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

### 2019 County Highlights

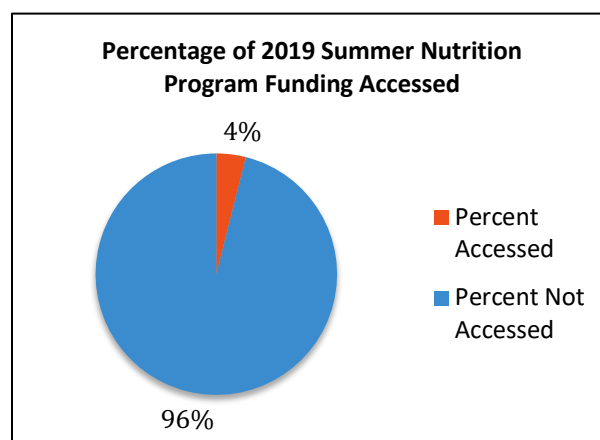
- **Number of Sponsors:** 14 sponsors administered the program.
- **Number of Sites:** 164 sites served free summer meals.
- **Days of Service:** Sites served meals between 1 and 60 days, with an average of 20 days.
- **Meals Served:** 250,712 total meals were served during the Summer of 2019.
- **Need:** During the 2018-19 school year, 54,706 children (33% of students in the county) were eligible for free **Average Daily Attendance (ADA):** ADA in the summer nutrition program was 6,430 children<sup>2</sup>.

### Estimated Percent Need Met Through the 2019 Summer Nutrition Program<sup>3</sup>

Wake County	Statewide Average	NC County Rank (out of 100 counties)
11.75%	11.53%	36

### Summer Nutrition Program Builds the Local Economy<sup>4</sup>

- 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 (55 days) during the summer, \$18,722,445 would have been brought into the county.
- In the summer of 2019, \$738,018 was brought into the county, with \$17,984,426 not accessed.



<sup>1</sup> Data Source: NC Department of Public Instruction Summer 2019 Meal Claims Data (obtained October 2019).

<sup>2</sup> ADA was calculated using the instructions provided by USDA. It is based on July 2019 data and was calculated by dividing the number of meals served during each site's primary meal service by the number of operating days. ADA for all sites in the county were added together.

<sup>3</sup> Percent need met was calculated using the sum of the ADA in July 2019 for all sites in a county divided by the number of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals during March 2019.

<sup>4</sup> Potential reimbursements are conservative estimates based on the lower Summer Food Service Program meal reimbursement rate (\$2.2550 for breakfast and \$3.9675 for lunch). Potential reimbursement is calculated as the number of eligible children x the rate x 55 serving days (based on weekdays. However, weekend meals can also be reimbursed).