

2023 SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM



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Wake County



Thanks to all the
dedicated
summer
nutrition staff!

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.
- Federal 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.

County Program Highlights



8 sponsors
administered the
program

Sites served meals
between **1 and 47**
days with an
average of **14 days**.



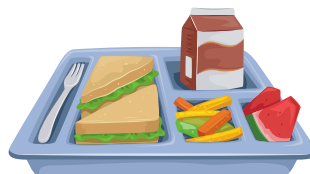
Meals Served

Breakfast: 36,996

Lunch: 99,786

Supper: 3,451

Snack: 33,439



221 sites served
free summer
meals.

173,672 total
meals were
served during the
Summer of 2023.



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



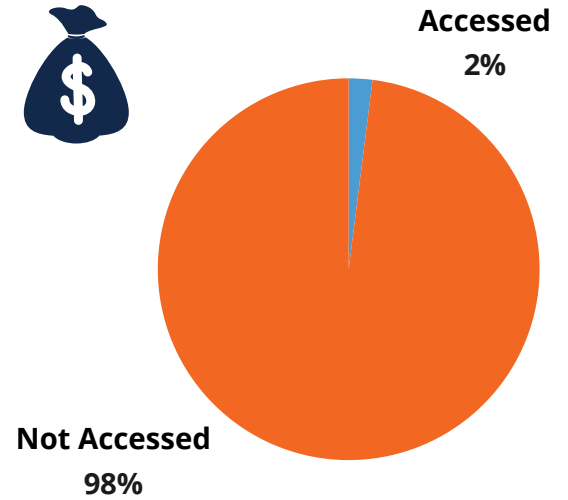
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Summer Nutrition Builds the Economy!

- 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 (55 days) during the summer, **\$26,260,165** would have been brought into the county.
- In the summer of 2023, **\$654,194** was brought into the county with **\$25,605,971** not accessed.

2023 Summer Nutrition Program Funding



NEED

- In September 2023, **62,474** children (**39%** of public school students in the county) were eligible for free and reduced-price school meals
- **31,152** students participated in free and reduced-price school lunch in September 2023

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@NCSchoolMeals
@Ray4NCKids
#SummerMeals4NCKids

County Need Met Through the 2023 NC Summer Nutrition Program

Month	Average Daily Attendance	Ratio of Summer Nutrition to FRP students*	Ratio of Summer Nutrition to NSLP**
June	5,026	8.04	16.13
July	4,059	6.50	13.03
August	2,253	3.61	7.23

*Ratio of the number of children participating in the Summer Nutrition Program based on the average daily attendance in 2023 per 100 students eligible for free and reduced-price school meals in September 2023.

**Ratio of the number of children participating in the Summer Nutrition Program based on the average daily attendance in 2023 per 100 participating in free and reduced-price lunch through the National School Lunch Program in September 2023.

Data Sources: NC Department of Public Instruction Summer 2022 and September 2022 Meal Claims Data. Additional information on data and calculations used in this profile can be found here: CarolinaHungerInitiative.org/Profiles

Learn more about the NC Summer Nutrition Program: summermeals4nckids.org/