

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	60,447	29,904,473
Alaska	6,147	2,564,863
Arizona	63,327	32,278,692
Arkansas	50,770	27,109,002
California	671,222	232,185,668
Colorado	66,112	22,962,982
Connecticut	21,166	8,648,332
Delaware	36,385	8,130,963
District of Columbia	37,516	13,437,370
Florida	295,948	151,532,438
Georgia	129,048	68,129,195
Guam	908	310,875
Hawaii	8,259	4,178,050
Idaho	10,289	4,382,380
Illinois	116,555	70,866,636
Indiana	85,343	28,510,927
Iowa	35,212	19,542,342
Kansas	38,409	18,648,734
Kentucky	65,104	23,299,738
Louisiana	93,027	52,911,581
Maine	10,655	4,931,267
Maryland	176,057	54,440,499
Massachusetts	69,348	28,088,670
Michigan	57,542	30,446,959
Minnesota	152,818	97,859,152
Mississippi	41,493	22,144,956
Missouri	160,054	51,584,338
Montana	10,656	5,767,051
Nebraska	32,032	17,335,148
Nevada	16,808	5,230,815
New Hampshire	7,893	2,850,632
New Jersey	83,263	35,767,170
New Mexico	32,734	15,158,821
New York	213,329	90,411,141
North Carolina	107,399	53,645,160
North Dakota	13,878	7,480,185
Ohio	98,346	47,159,325
Oklahoma	63,454	31,503,266
Oregon	33,982	10,985,060
Pennsylvania	108,452	52,517,253
Puerto Rico	12,238	6,326,227
Rhode Island	11,556	3,850,255
South Carolina	37,312	15,373,116
South Dakota	11,020	5,045,947
Tennessee	88,440	34,078,542
Texas	968,887	208,898,580
Utah	30,259	15,784,866
Vermont	8,778	2,467,619
Virginia	108,092	31,158,478
Virgin Islands	361	189,074
Washington	51,703	22,478,707
West Virginia	23,311	9,110,368
Wisconsin	48,361	20,836,640
Wyoming	6,407	2,913,521

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.