

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: CHILDREN PARTICIPATING

(Data as of March 8, 2019)

State / Territory	December 2017	November 2018	December 2018	Percent Change Dec 18 vs Dec 17
		<i>Preliminary</i>	<i>Initial</i>	
Alabama	469,059	518,366	484,299	3.2%
Alaska	54,025	51,426	51,823	-4.1%
Arizona	625,166	629,840	618,028	-1.1%
Arkansas	301,452	323,072	306,067	1.5%
California	3,085,180	3,178,634	3,210,614	4.1%
Colorado	368,211	370,248	365,959	-0.6%
Connecticut	278,155	285,626	285,926	2.8%
Delaware	99,225	96,078	97,589	-1.6%
District of Columbia	55,235	56,325	49,825	-9.8%
Florida	1,715,644	1,748,370	1,694,713	-1.2%
Georgia	1,184,313	1,202,964	1,167,389	-1.4%
Guam	14,523	20,018	15,889	9.4%
Hawaii	101,869	106,462	102,107	0.2%
Idaho	155,429	155,022	152,435	-1.9%
Illinois	1,067,732	1,027,371	1,004,018	-6.0%
Indiana	736,588	730,400	735,927	-0.1%
Iowa	377,505	379,286	379,136	0.4%
Kansas	338,135	337,859	337,658	-0.1%
Kentucky	520,780	519,223	519,004	-0.3%
Louisiana	542,215	563,076	517,490	-4.6%
Maine	97,372	97,148	98,278	0.9%
Maryland	449,396	445,604	448,409	-0.2%
Massachusetts	536,168	533,881	531,476	-0.9%
Michigan	801,561	817,684	816,294	1.8%
Minnesota	615,742	616,052	640,376	4.0%
Mississippi	348,874	366,307	344,374	-1.3%
Missouri	581,913	574,749	570,912	-1.9%
Montana	83,018	80,806	81,310	-2.1%
Nebraska	248,356	248,510	246,939	-0.6%
Nevada	220,864	219,466	222,368	0.7%
New Hampshire	81,277	80,416	83,532	2.8%
New Jersey	694,168	688,186	693,266	-0.1%
New Mexico	211,621	213,217	207,332	-2.0%
New York	1,704,271	1,737,367	1,740,214	2.1%
North Carolina	869,810	854,973	843,905	-3.0%
North Dakota	93,320	95,168	96,773	3.7%
Ohio	994,471	988,683	986,182	-0.8%
Oklahoma	445,364	241,317	424,483	-4.7%
Oregon	297,619	290,087	303,462	2.0%
Pennsylvania	1,034,333	1,016,325	1,030,669	-0.4%
Puerto Rico	192,321	200,118	179,196	-6.8%
Rhode Island	76,918	77,545	77,860	1.2%
South Carolina	467,676	482,180	472,170	1.0%
South Dakota	107,898	107,826	107,531	-0.3%
Tennessee	643,047	654,145	637,881	-0.8%
Texas	3,259,937	3,422,647	3,357,187	3.0%
Utah	338,222	337,405	338,730	0.2%
Vermont	46,641	46,326	44,218	-5.2%
Virginia	708,335	709,892	706,028	-0.3%

Virgin Islands	5,055	7,825	7,619	50.7%
Washington	523,785	523,105	527,153	0.6%
West Virginia	190,000	188,287	184,205	-3.1%
Wisconsin	508,346	507,593	507,919	-0.1%
Wyoming	49,808	47,813	48,324	-3.0%
Dept. of Defense	18,360	19,452	21,160	15.3%
TOTAL	29,636,315	29,837,770	29,723,632	0.3%

Participation data are based on average daily meals adjusted by an attendance factor of 0.927. Dept. of Defense refers to children of armed forces personnel attending school abroad.

Data for November and December 2018 are preliminary and are subject to significant change; all data are subject to revision.