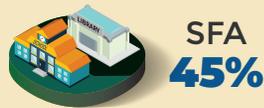


THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP)



WHO OPERATES THE PROGRAM?

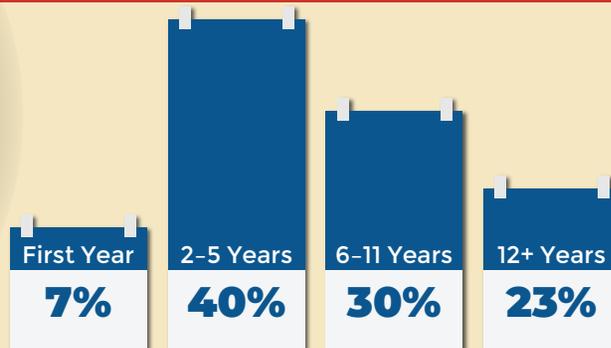
MOST SFSP SPONSORS¹ WERE SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITIES (SFA)²



SPONSORS MANAGED AN AVERAGE OF 7 SITES



MOST SPONSORS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SFSP FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS



GROWTH OPPORTUNITY: Support Rural Sponsors and Their Communities



Most sponsors **did not** sponsor any rural sites. Those who did, tended to **only** sponsor rural sites.

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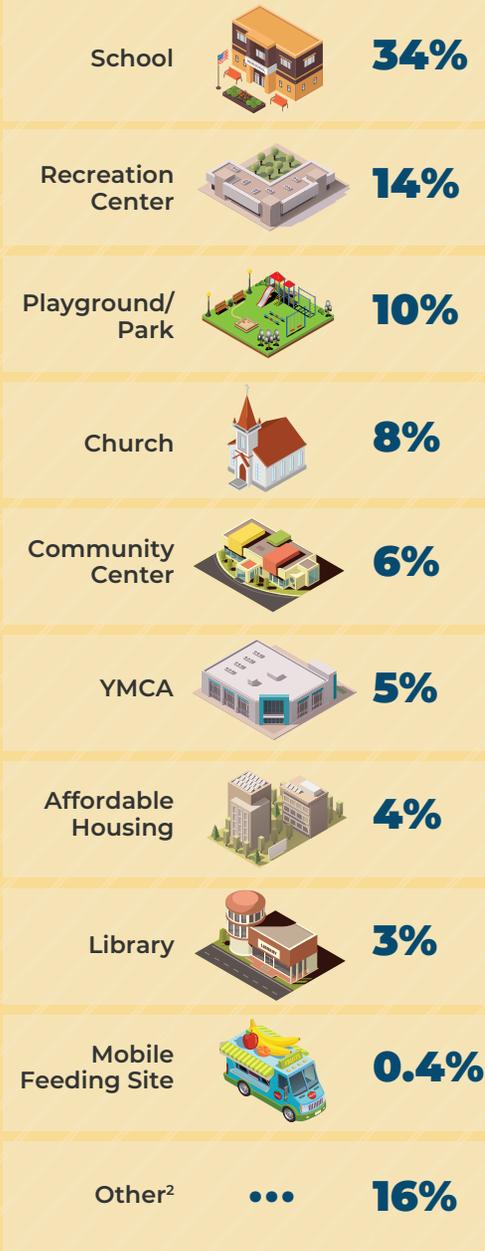
¹Sponsors are organizations that manage SFSP feeding sites.

²SFAs are the governing bodies responsible for school food service operations.

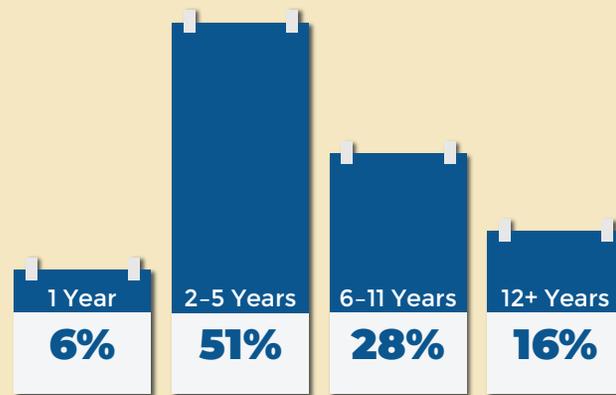
³Government sponsors include State, county, or local government agencies.

CHARACTERISTICS OF SFSP SITES¹

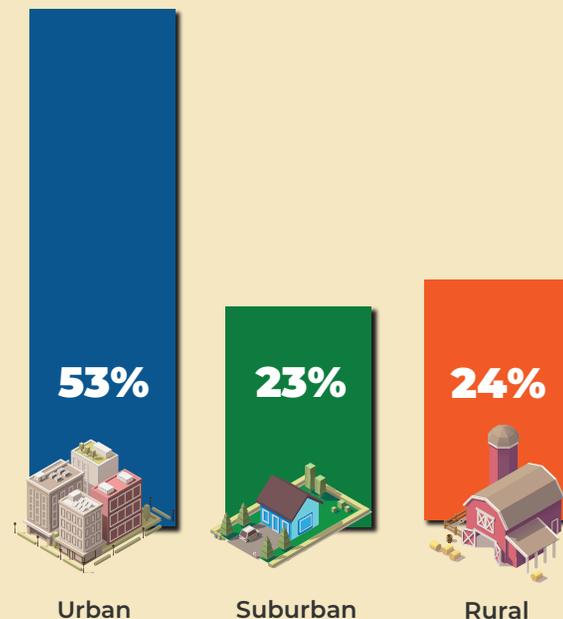
SCHOOLS WERE THE MOST COMMON SETTING FOR MEAL SERVICE



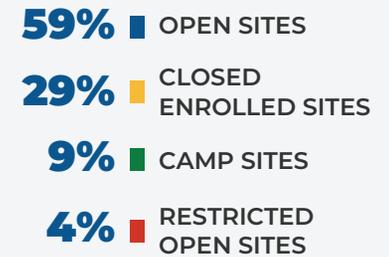
MOST SITES HAD PARTICIPATED IN SFSP 2 TO 5 YEARS



MOST SITES CLASSIFIED THEMSELVES AS URBAN



MOST SITES WERE OPEN SITES



OPEN SITE: Open to all children in the area. Located in an area where at least 50 percent of the children are from households eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.



CLOSED ENROLLED SITE: Open only to enrolled children. At least 50 percent of enrolled children at the site are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.



CAMP SITE: Residential or nonresidential day camps which offer regularly scheduled food service as part of an organized program for enrolled children.

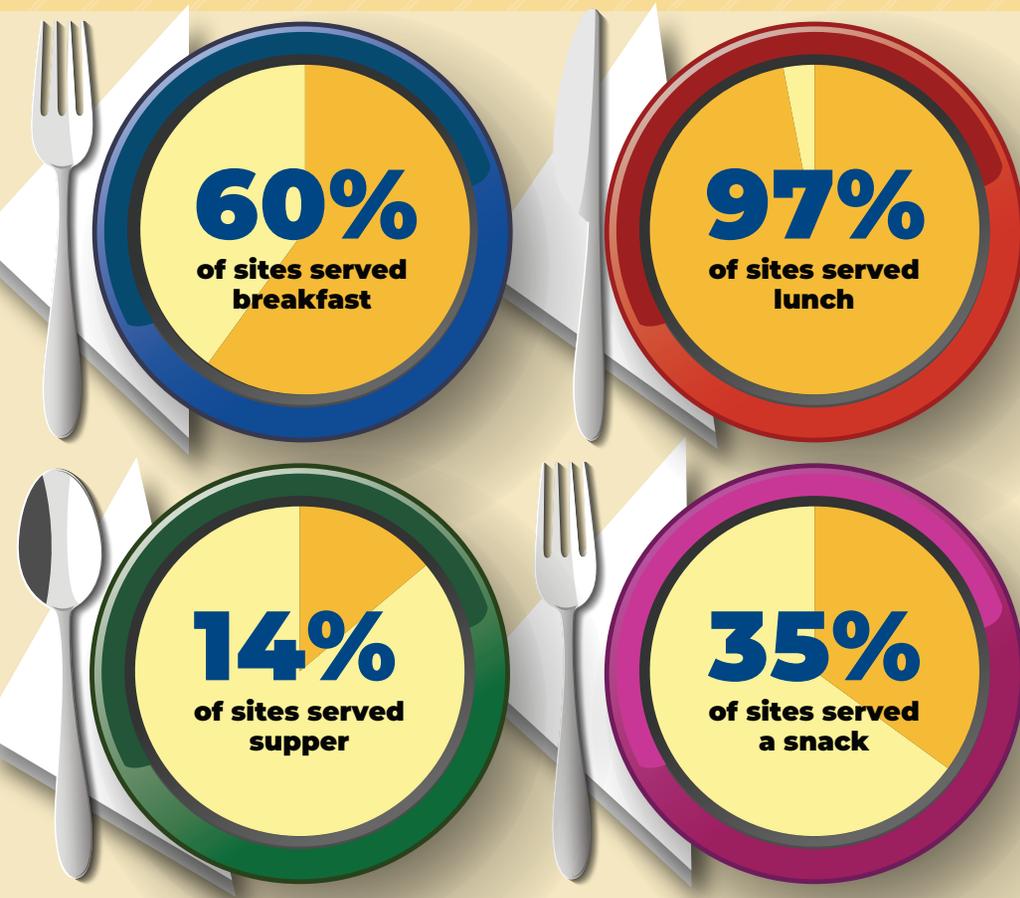


RESTRICTED OPEN SITE: Initially open to broad community participation, but the sponsor restricts or limits attendance for reasons of security, safety, or control.

¹ Sites are where children receive meals.

² Examples include local clubs, camps, and university/college settings.

MOST SITES SERVED BREAKFAST OR LUNCH

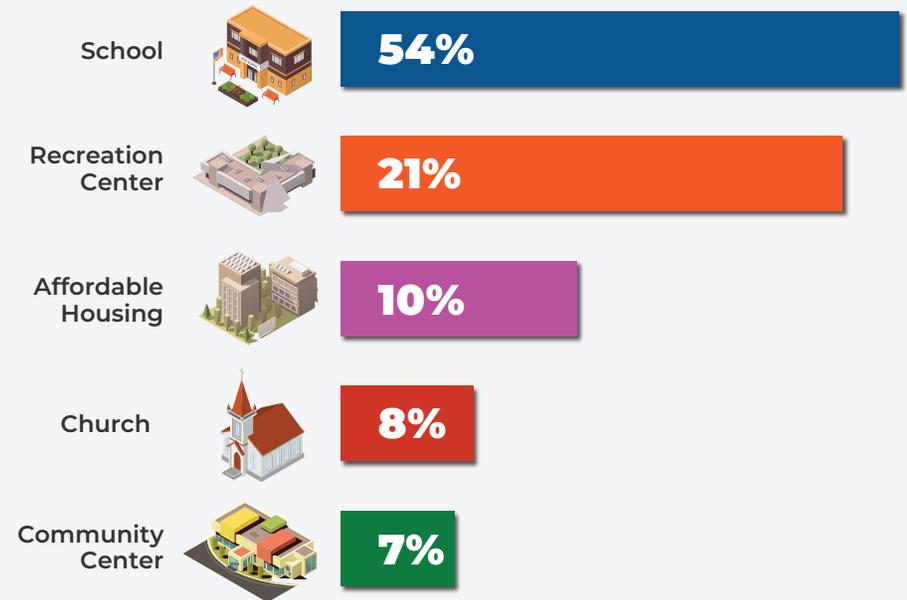


GROWTH OPPORTUNITY

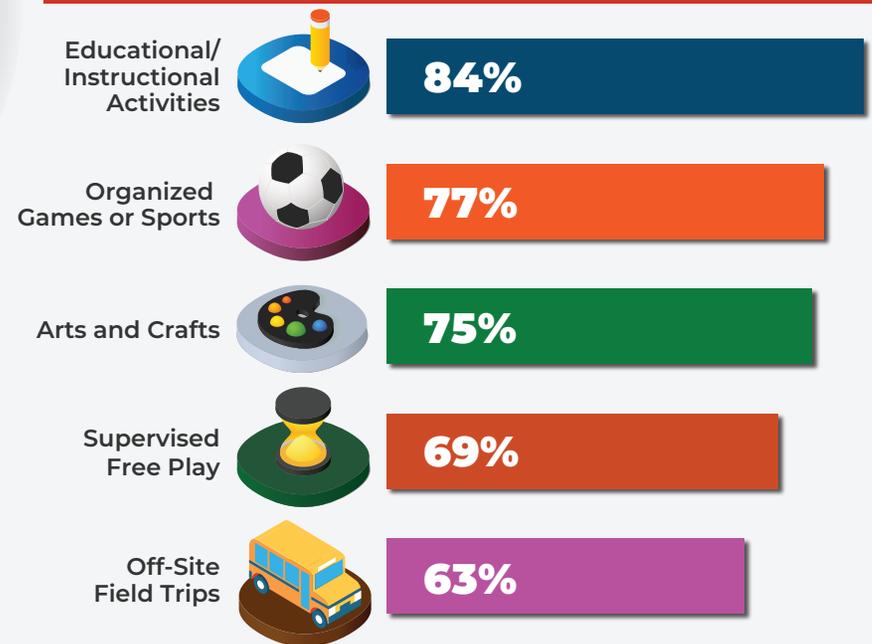
One out of **5** sites only served lunch. Consider adding a breakfast or a snack service.



MOST SCHOOLS PREPARED SUMMER MEALS ON SITE



MOST SITES OFFERED ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO MEALS. TOP 5 MOST COMMON ACTIVITIES



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SFSP OPERATIONS

JULY HAS THE GREATEST PERCENTAGE OF SITES OPEN FOR OPERATION



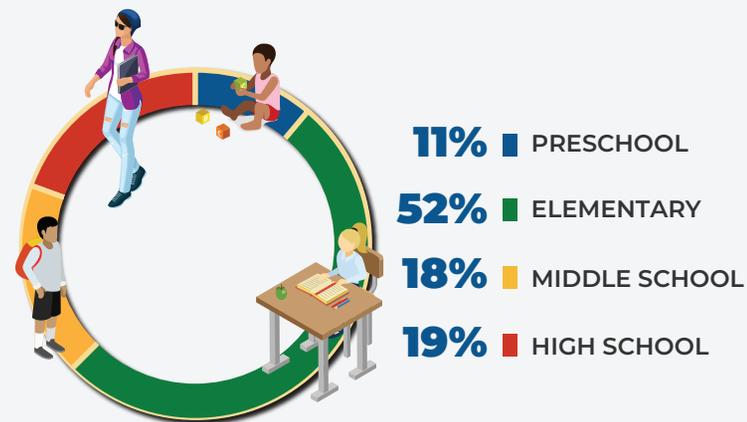
GROWTH OPPORTUNITY:

On average, sites operated for 7 weeks.
Less than half of schools and churches were open for operation in August.

Consider extending meal service through August if schools are not in session.



OVER HALF OF THE CHILDREN PARTICIPATING ON A TYPICAL DAY ARE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Transportation to SFSP sites can be a barrier for children's participation.

Just **18%** of all sites offered transportation, but of those that did, the majority of children used it.

Just **17%** of sites offered paid meals. Consider offering paid meals for adults who bring their children to SFSP sites.



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