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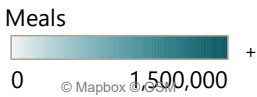
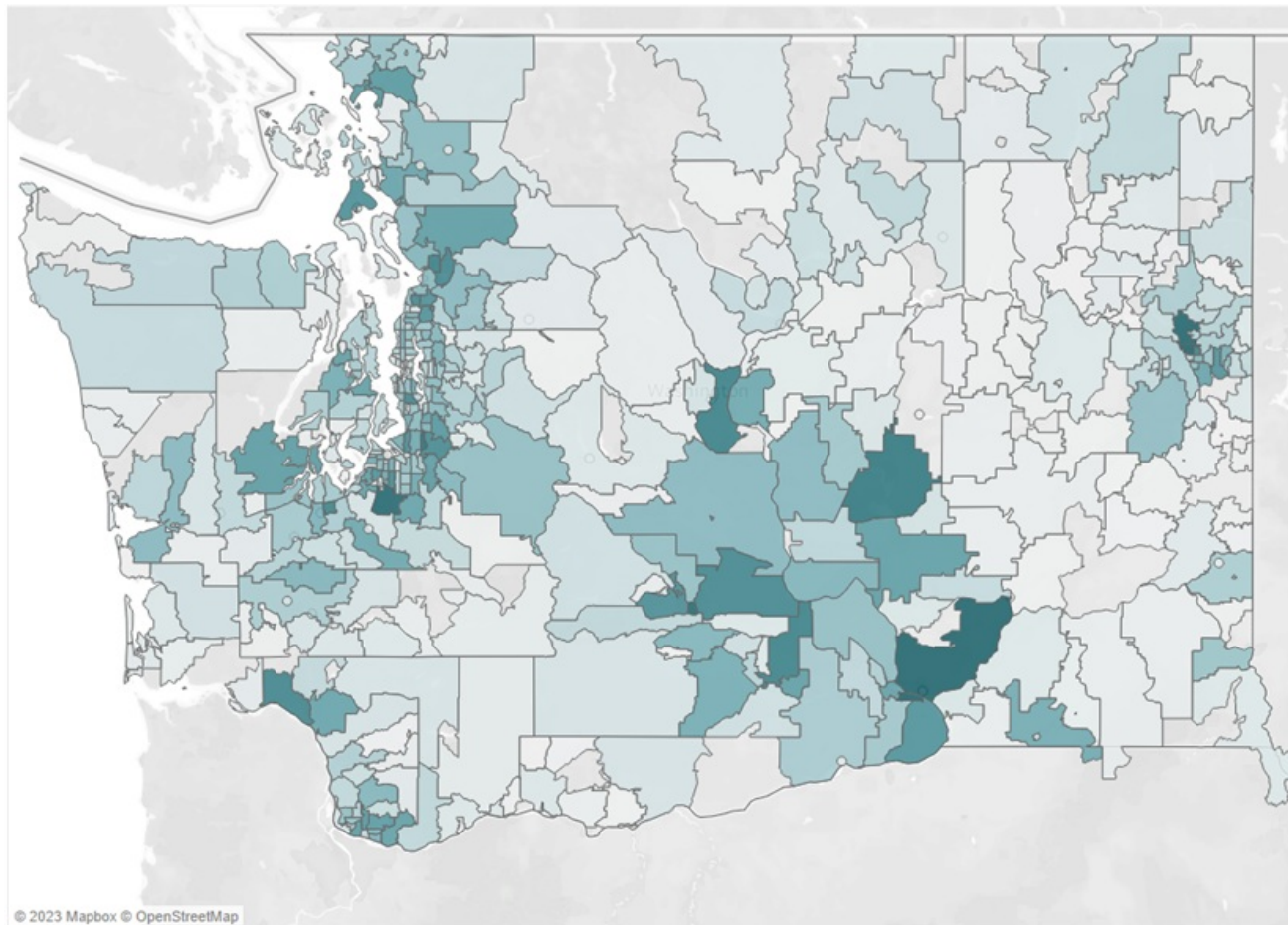
CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES (CNS) PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) administers U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP), Special Milk Program (SMP), Seamless Summer Option (SSO), Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), and the Food Distribution Program (FDP).

All Meals Served By Sponsor Zip Code

Date range from September - August

Includes All Programs



CNS PROGRAMS – TRENDS IN MEALS SERVED

Organizations that sponsor Child Nutrition Programs are reimbursed based on the number of meals they serve to participants through their program operations. Reimbursement rates, set annually by USDA, are posted on the CNS Claims, Fiscal Information and Resources webpage.

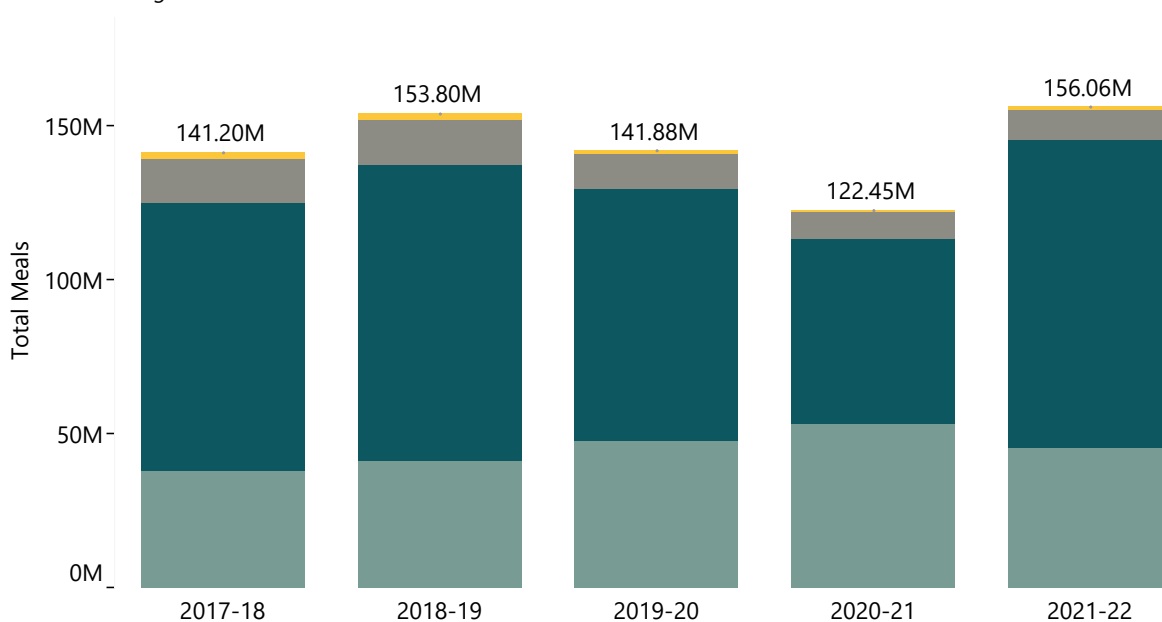
The COVID-19 Pandemic had a significant impact on Child Nutrition Programs. Over the past few years, the USDA issued waivers in response to the pandemic which impacted the type of programs operated, meal distribution methods, and children’s access to meals.

A return to more traditional operations started program year 2021–22, though there were still several waivers in place to help program operators administer the programs through the continued public health emergency. The graph below provides an overview of meals served through all Child Nutrition Programs. Details and individual program data are provided in the following sections.

All Meals Served

Date range from September - August
Includes All Programs

Supper Lunch
Snack Breakfast



All Meals Served

Date range is from September - August
Includes all programs

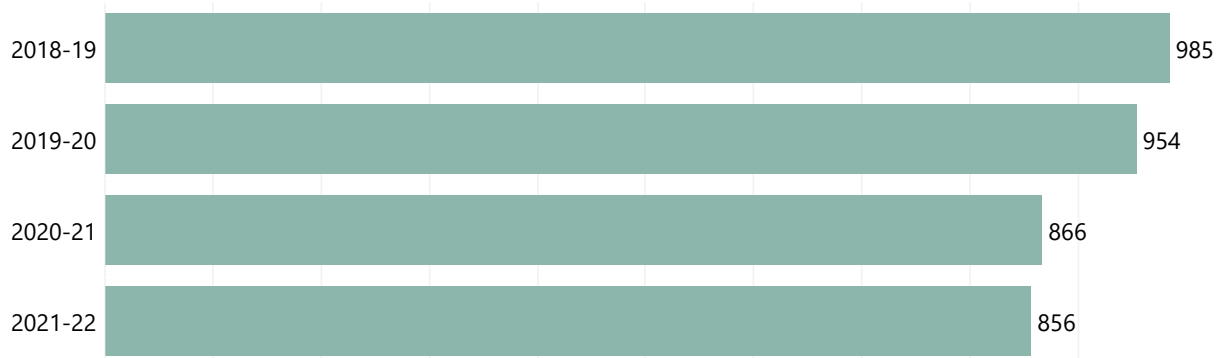
Meal Type	2018 19	2019 20	2020 21	2021 22
Lunch	95.64M	82.38M	60.04M	99.84M
Breakfast	41.45M	47.26M	53.06M	45.25M
Snack	14.81M	10.84M	8.75M	9.80M
Supper	1.90M	1.40M	0.60M	1.17M
Milk	0.94M	0.42M	0.23M	0.39M
Total	154.75M	142.30M	122.68M	156.45M

CNS PROGRAMS – TRENDS IN SITES & SPONSORS

While there are many reasons, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent economic climate, there continues to be a decrease in the number of organizations sponsoring Child Nutrition Programs (CNP). As CNPs have transitioned to more traditional operations, the number of sites are starting to increase, though have not returned to pre-pandemic levels.

Total Sponsors Operating a Child Nutrition Program

Programs include CACFP, NSLP, SBP, SSO, SFSP, After School Snack, SMP



Total Sites Operating a Child Nutrition Program

Programs include CACFP, NSLP, SBP, SSO, SFSP, After School Snack, SMP



Total Sites & Sponsors Operating a CNS Program

Date range is from September - August

Type	2018 19	2019 20	2020 21	2021 22
Sites	5,701	5,469	4,870	4,958
Sponsor	985	954	866	856

CNS PROGRAMS – TRENDS IN FISCAL SUPPORTS

Due to the pandemic, Child Nutrition Program operators have received increased fiscal support. An increase began in program year 2019–20 due to school closures resulting in Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) operations and subsequent higher meal reimbursement rates, in addition to multi-meal pack services. During program year 2021–22, there was a significant increase in reimbursements due to many National School Lunch Program (NSLP) operators utilizing waivers to operate the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and receive the higher SFSP reimbursement rate. The SSO allowed meals to be served to all students at no cost to families

In addition to the increase in meal reimbursement, NSLP and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) sponsors received funding for emergency operating costs provided through the 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act. This funding helped cover costs incurred during March to June 2020 due to the public health emergency. Funds were made available to sponsors in September 2021.

All Meal Reimbursement

Date range is from September - August

Includes All Reimbursement Funds (Federal and State) for NSLP, SBP, Snack, SMP, FFVP, SSO, SFSP, Child Care, Adult Care, Family Day Care Homes

Fund Source	2017 18	2018 19	2019 20	2020 21	2021 22
Federal	\$283.7M	\$315.2M	\$335.2M	\$371.3M	\$557.3M
State	\$6.2M	\$6.8M	\$6.7M	\$6.3M	\$10.7M
Total	\$289.9M	\$322.0M	\$341.9M	\$377.6M	\$568.0M

Emergency Operating Cost

Funds Distributed since March 1, 2020

Fund Type	Sponsors	Total
CACFP EOC	484	\$3.84M
NSLP EOC	190	\$7.39M
Total	649	\$11.23M

SCHOOL MEALS – TRENDS IN MEALS SERVED

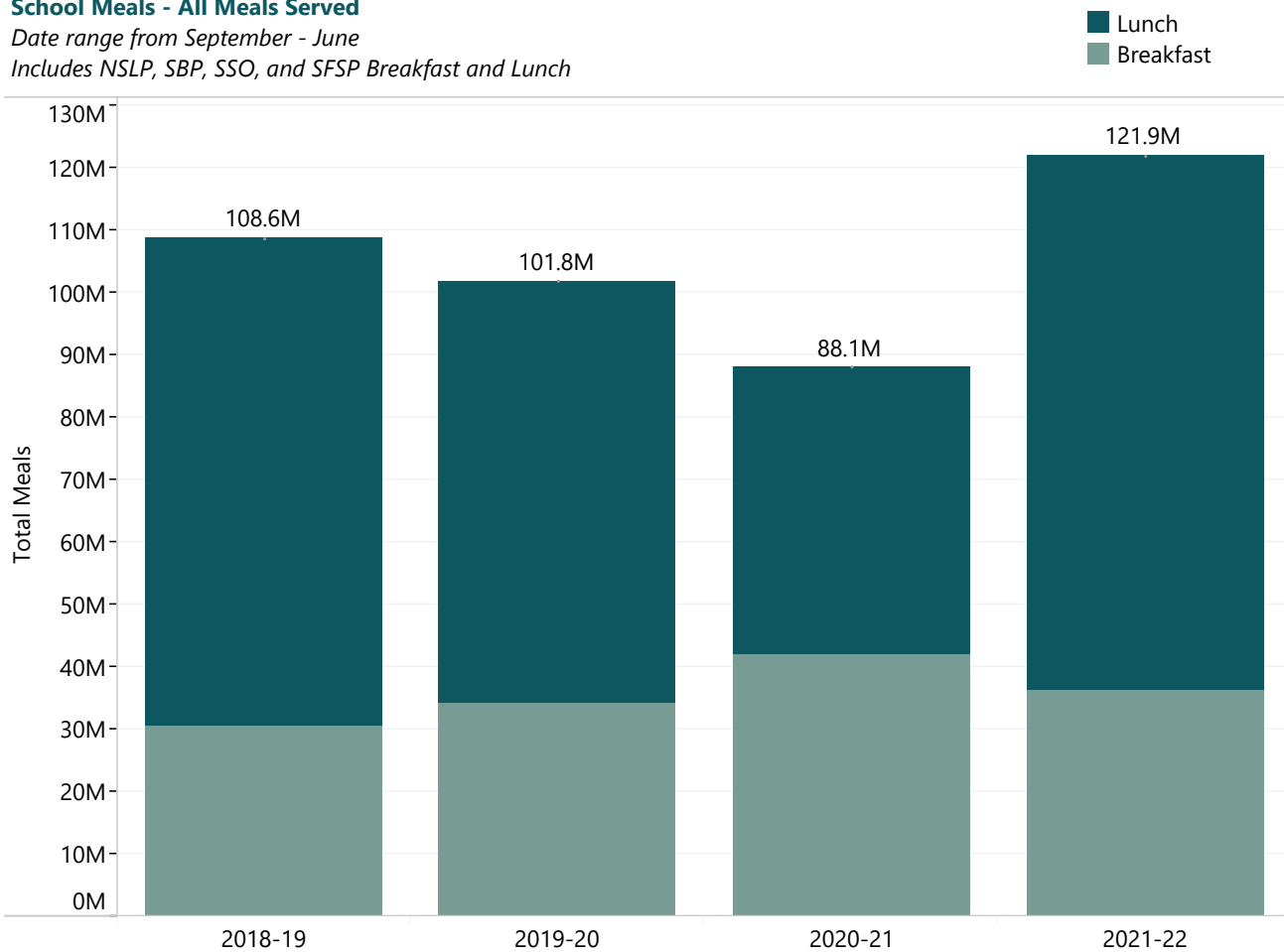
The school meal programs promote the health and well-being of children by providing nutritious meals to participating students. These programs can be operated by public and non-profit private schools and residential child care institutions (RCCIs).

In school year (SY) 2021–22, students started returning to learning in the classroom. The USDA also extended operational waivers allowing for school meals to be served at no cost to all students. This resulted in the number of breakfasts and lunches served by public school districts to surpass pre-pandemic levels.

School Meals - All Meals Served

Date range from September - June

Includes NSLP, SBP, SSO, and SFSP Breakfast and Lunch



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Date range from September - June

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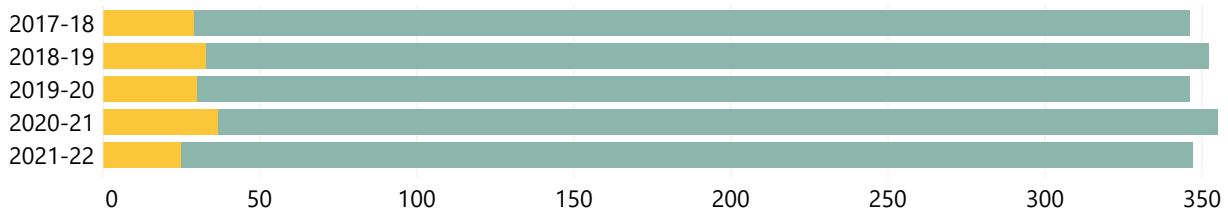
Meal Type	2018 19	2019 20	2020 21	2021 22
Lunch	78.1M	67.5M	46.0M	85.5M
Breakfast	30.5M	34.3M	42.1M	36.4M

SCHOOL MEALS – TRENDS IN SITES AND SPONSORS

Washington state law requires public schools serving grades 1–4 that have 25% or more students qualified for free or reduced-price lunch to implement a school lunch program (RCW 28A.235.160 (2)). Public schools with 40% or more students qualified for free or reduced-price lunches are required to implement a school breakfast program (RCW 28A.235.160 (3)). With the return to in-person learning in SY 2021–22, the number of school sites returned to pre-pandemic levels.

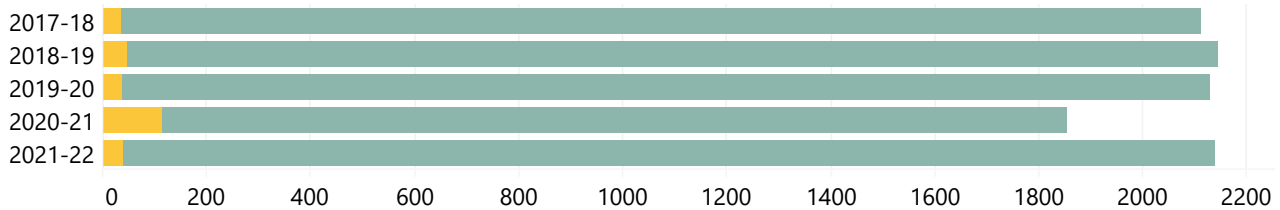
Total Sponsors Operating a School Meal Program

Includes Sponsors operating the NSLP, SBP, SSO, or SFSP in September



Total Sites Operating a School Meal Program

Includes Sites operating the NSLP, SBP, SSO, or SFSP in September



Total Sponsors Operating a School Meal Program

Includes Sponsors operating the NSLP, SBP, SSO, or SFSP in September

Type		2017 18	2018 19	2019 20	2020 21	2021 22
Public	Sponsor	317	319	316	318	322
	Sites	2,074	2,097	2,090	1,739	2,098
Private	Sponsor	29	33	30	37	25
	Sites	37	48	39	114	40
Grand	Sponsor	346	352	346	355	347
Total	Sites	2,111	2,145	2,129	1,853	2,138

SCHOOL MEALS – TRENDS IN REIMBURSEMENTS

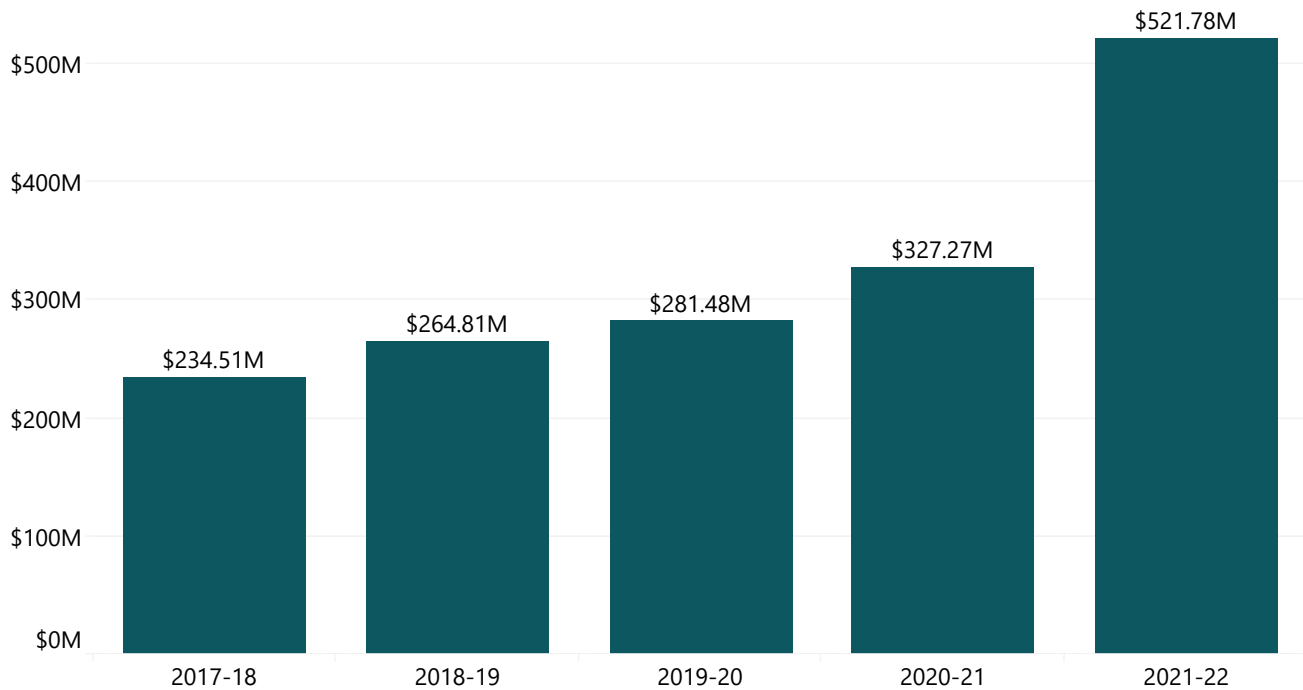
The chart below represents the reimbursement for participating schools in SY 2021–22. Reimbursement was significantly higher due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic as compared to previous years. Reasons for this increase:

- All Students had access to meals at no cost resulting in increased participation.
- All Meals were reimbursed at the Federal free rate including a substantially higher reimbursement rate.

Change in Free Meal Reimbursement Rate	
2019 20	2021 22
\$3.43	\$4.32

School Meal Reimbursement

Meals served between September and June for NSLP, SBP, SSO, SFSP
Includes All Reimbursement Funds (Federal and State)



School Meal Reimbursement

Meals served between September and June for NSLP, SBP, SSO, SFSP
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2017 18	2018 19	2019 20	2020 21	2021 22
\$234.51M	\$264.81M	\$281.48M	\$327.27M	\$521.78M

COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION

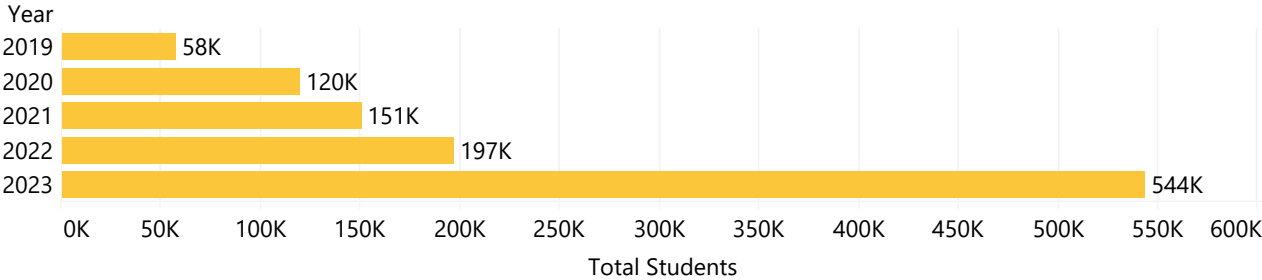
The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) provides an alternative approach for offering school meals in low-income areas. The CEP is a meal service option that allows qualifying schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students. Participation in CEP helps to decrease stigma associated with meal benefits, eliminates meal charge debt, reduces administrative tasks, and increases participation in school meals. Schools, groups of schools, or districts must have an Identified Student Percentage (ISP) of 40% or greater to be eligible to participate in CEP. The ISP is the proportion of “identified students,” out of total enrolled students, who are directly certified for free school meals through means other than a household application.

Beginning in school year 2022–23, all schools in Washington state with an Identified Student Percentage (ISP) of 40% or greater are required to participate in CEP. The new law also ensures that CEP schools receive the highest possible per-meal reimbursement with the state supplementing the federal reimbursement so that all meals served are reimbursed at the federal, free rate.



Students Attending a School Participating in the CEP

Enrollment data from the CEP application



Students Attending a School Participating in the CEP

Enrollment data from the CEP application

Year				
2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
58K	120K	151K	197K	544K

STATE INITIATIVES

Direct Support

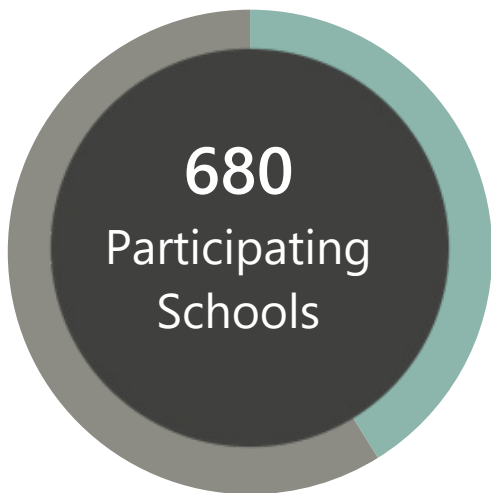
For school year 2021–22, the Washington State Legislature appropriated \$11.5 million in support of Child Nutrition Programs. Of the funds appropriated, the following was spent by category:

Elimination of Reduced-Price Co-pays

The USDA requires a standard co-pay for reduced-price meals - 30 cents for breakfast, 40 cents for lunch. Normally, school districts would collect this fee from households that participate in the Child Nutrition programs. The legislature provides funding for the reduced-price breakfast and lunch co-pay, allowing students eligible for reduced-price meals to eat school meals at no cost.

Plant-Based Meals Grant

The Washington State Legislature provided \$150,000 to assist with offering students plant-based meal options for breakfast and lunch. A total of 17 schools will receive awards for a variety of projects with the overall goal of increasing student access to plant-based meals.

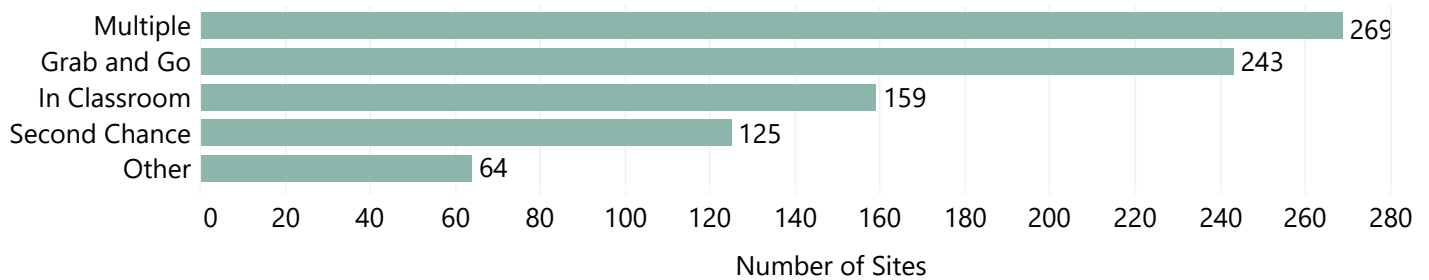


Breakfast After the Bell

The Washington Kids Ready to Learn Act of 2018 requires schools with a free and reduced-price percentage of 70% or greater to implement Breakfast After the Bell (BAB). As a result, 389 schools operated BAB during the first year of implementation. Breakfast After the Bell allows students the opportunity to eat a nutritious breakfast after the start of the school day, ensuring that they are ready to learn. School closures and remote learning paused BAB implementation, which is planned to resume in the 2022–23 school year.

■ BAB ■ No BAB

Breakfast After the Bell Models



Breakfast After the Bell Models

Multiple	Grab and Go	In Classroom	Second Chance	Other
269	243	159	125	64

Meals for Kids Grants

Each year, Child Nutrition Services administers grants for start-up and expansion of Summer Meal Programs and School Breakfast Programs. Funding is provided by the Washington State Legislature. For summer 2022, a total of seven community-based organizations and schools sponsoring the Summer Food Service Program received awards. For school year 2021–22, 34 schools received Breakfast Meals for Kids awards.

Safe School Meals and Summer Meals Grant

Two grants were offered in school year 2021–22 to assist with pandemic related meal service challenges ensuring safe and healthy meals. Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) funds totaling \$4 million were passed through the Washington State Legislature. A total of 241 public school districts including Tribal Compact, Charter Schools, and 34 Summer Food Service Programs benefited from the funds.

WSDA Farm to School Purchasing Grant

The Legislature provided \$5 million in the 2021–23 state budget to make Farm to School grants available to schools and child care centers for the purchase and use of Washington-grown foods in Child Nutrition programs. OSPI and Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) partnered to administer these grants. During state fiscal year 2022, 52 child care centers, schools, and school districts were awarded approximately \$906,000.

In a second round of grants, 86 child care centers, schools, and school districts were awarded approximately \$3.6 million for state fiscal year 23.



FEDERAL INITIATIVES

Washington state has also been awarded several USDA grants and received additional federal pandemic-relief funding.

Team Nutrition – Recipe Standardization Grant

In fall 2020, Washington was awarded a USDA Team Nutrition Training Grant to develop and standardize culturally relevant scratch recipes featuring Washington agricultural products for use in the NSLP and SBP. OSPI CNS worked with four districts, Bellingham Public Schools, Highline Public Schools, La Conner School District, and Orcas Island School District, to develop and standardize 16 unique recipes. All recipes passed student approval tests with at least an 85% acceptance rate and are currently being served as part of reimbursable meals.

Team Nutrition – School Nutrition Professional Readiness & Retention Grant

OSPI CNS received a second USDA Team Nutrition Training Grant in May 2022 to expand the successful Child Nutrition Cooperative school nutrition mentorship program started at Northeast Washington ESD 101 (NEWESD 101). This project expands the mentorship program to four additional ESDs across the state, including Capital Region ESD 113, ESD 123, ESD 105, and North Central ESD 171. This project will support 23 districts to receive one-on-one mentorship from experienced food service directors, including assistance with menu planning, meeting program requirements, and assistance with scratch cooking and culinary training in SY 2022–23. OSPI plans to expand this project to an additional seven districts in SY 2023–24.

Local Foods for Schools Funds

Washington was awarded \$3.64 million in funding through the Local Food in Schools Cooperative Agreement with USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Services. With this funding, OSPI CNS hopes to reduce barriers surrounding centralized purchasing and delivery of Washington grown food to school districts participating in the NSLP. This project will prioritize socially disadvantaged producers and distributors who identify as and/or source from socially disadvantaged producers.

SCHOOL MEALS – FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE ELIGIBILITY

October Building Data

Federal regulations require OSPI Child Nutrition Services to gather October Building Data which is enrollment information as of the last meal service day in October. Enrollment represents the number of children eligible for free, reduced-price, or paid meals in the Local Education Agency (LEA) with access to meals in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). October Building Data is used for determining area eligibility for other Child Nutrition Programs, the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program (FFVP) application, and federal or state equipment grants.

The number of students qualifying for free and reduced-priced meals increased significantly between school years 2020–21 and 2022–23. This is due to the economic impact of COVID and how data from schools participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is reported. All students in CEP schools receive meals free of charge, therefore school meal applications are not collected. CEP schools report the number of directly certified students which is then multiplied by the USDA defined multiplier of 1.6 resulting in an estimate of the total number of students qualifying for free or reduced-price meals.

Direct Certification

Direct Certification is the process LEAs use to certify categorically eligible children for free or reduced-price meals without further application. LEAs must perform direct certification at least monthly per state law. Students may be directly certified for free or reduced-price meals based on participation in Basic Food, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), certain Medicaid Programs, Head Start/Even Start, Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP), along with children in Foster Care, experiencing homelessness, and receiving Migrant Education Program Services.

Students Who Qualify for Free or Reduced-Price Meals

Eligibility Type	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Direct Certification	364,981	355,000	323,408	370,405
Free	404,604	411,371	423,355	521,806
Reduced	77,339	67,617	67,414	32,822
Paid	631,982	566,562	558,051	513,108
Total Enrollment	1,113,925	1,045,550	1,048,820	1,067,736
Free or Reduced %	43%	46%	47%	52%
Total Free or Reduced	481,943	478,988	490,769	554,628

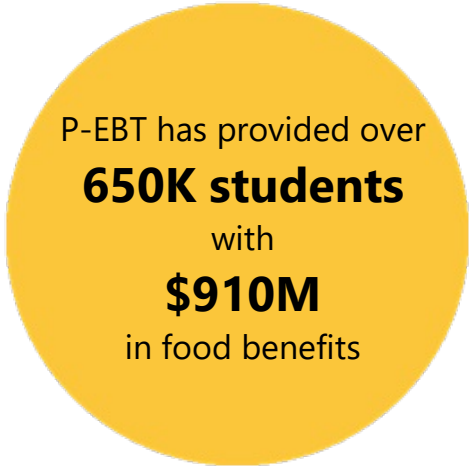
PANDEMIC EBT

The Pandemic–EBT (P-EBT) program helped provide food benefits to Washington’s children who had limited access to onsite meals at their school or daycare due to the COVID–19 pandemic. P-EBT was distributed by the Department of Social and Health Services in collaboration with OSPI Child Nutrition Services.

Federal administration of the P-EBT changed each year and Washington state received approval to provide P-EBT benefits during SY 2019–20 through 2020–21 as well as in summer 2021 and 2022.

For SY 2021–22, Washington received approval to offer child care and Summer P-EBT benefits. Each program provided different benefits as follows:

- For child care P-EBT, an eligible child under the age of six received \$43 for each month they were active on SNAP from September 2021 through June 2022.
- For Summer P-EBT, eligible children under the age of six and school age children received a standard \$391 benefit covering a designated period in summer between July and August 2022.



Due to this additional support, families were not accessing Child Nutrition Program meals as frequently, leading to a reduced number of meals served during the summer months than in previous years.

SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

The Special Milk Program (SMP) was established to offer fluid milk in settings where students do not have access to other Child Nutrition Programs. The SMP provides reimbursement for milk served to children in schools, child care institutions, and summer camps. Participation in SMP was greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic when many private schools and camps paused the program. It is anticipated that the number of participating sponsors and number of pints served will continue to increase in SY 2022–23.

Special Milk Program - Milk Half Pints Served

2017 18	2018 19	2019 20	2020 21	2021 22
941.10K	944.98K	418.03K	233.13K	393.06K

FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) was established to increase access to fresh produce for students at lower income elementary schools. Enrolled students in qualifying schools are offered free fruits and vegetables during the school day outside of normal mealtimes at least twice per week. Students can taste new items alongside peers in a low-risk environment, develop their palate, and increase their overall produce consumption. Participating schools must offer meanin..

AFTER SCHOOL SNACK

The NSLP Afterschool Snack Program (ASP) provides an afternoon snack to children that attend a supervised, educational or enrichment activity sponsored by a participating Local Education Agency (LEA) after school hours. With students primarily returning to learning in their classrooms in SY 2021–22, ASP participation was also impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

After School Snack Program - Snacks Served

2017 18	2018 19	2019 20	2020 21	2021 22
1.69M	1.49M	0.88M	0.13M	0.78M

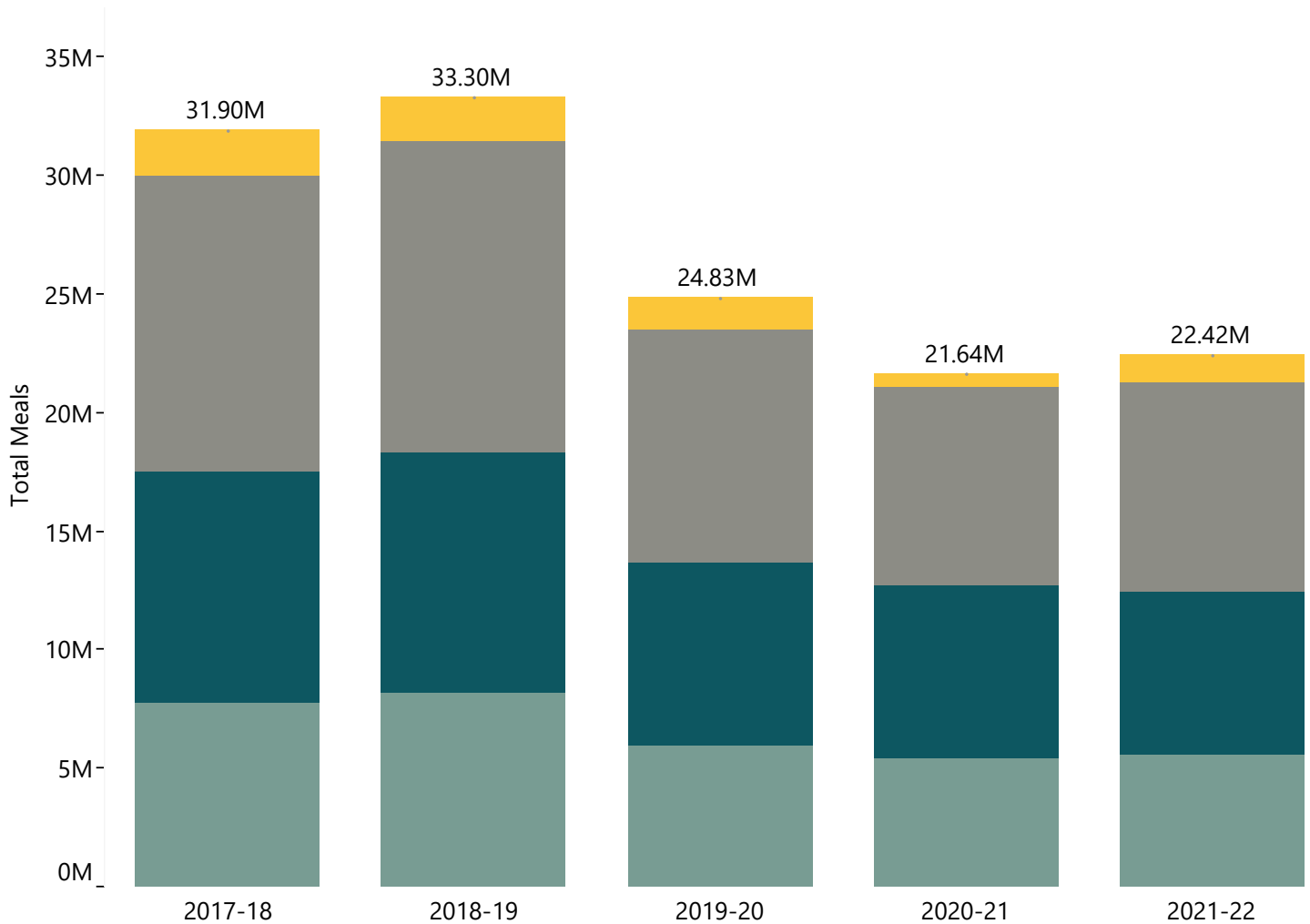
CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM – TRENDS IN MEALS SERVED

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federally funded program that provides meal reimbursement funds for eligible participants in family day care homes, child care centers, afterschool care facilities, emergency shelters, and non-residential adult care centers. The goal of the CACFP is to improve and maintain the health and nutrition status of participants in care, while promoting the development of good eating habits.

CACFP Meals & Snacks Served

Date range from September - August

Programs include Child Care, Family Day Care Homes, Adult Care



CACFP Meals & Snacks Served

Date range from September - August

Programs include Child Care, Family Day Care Homes, Adult Care

Meal Type	2017 18	2018 19	2019 20	2020 21	2021 22
Supper	1.90M	1.88M	1.37M	0.56M	1.16M
Snack	12.52M	13.09M	9.81M	8.41M	8.86M
Lunch	9.69M	10.18M	7.64M	7.26M	6.83M
Breakfast	7.78M	8.15M	6.01M	5.41M	5.57M

CHILD CARE – TRENDS IN MEALS SERVED

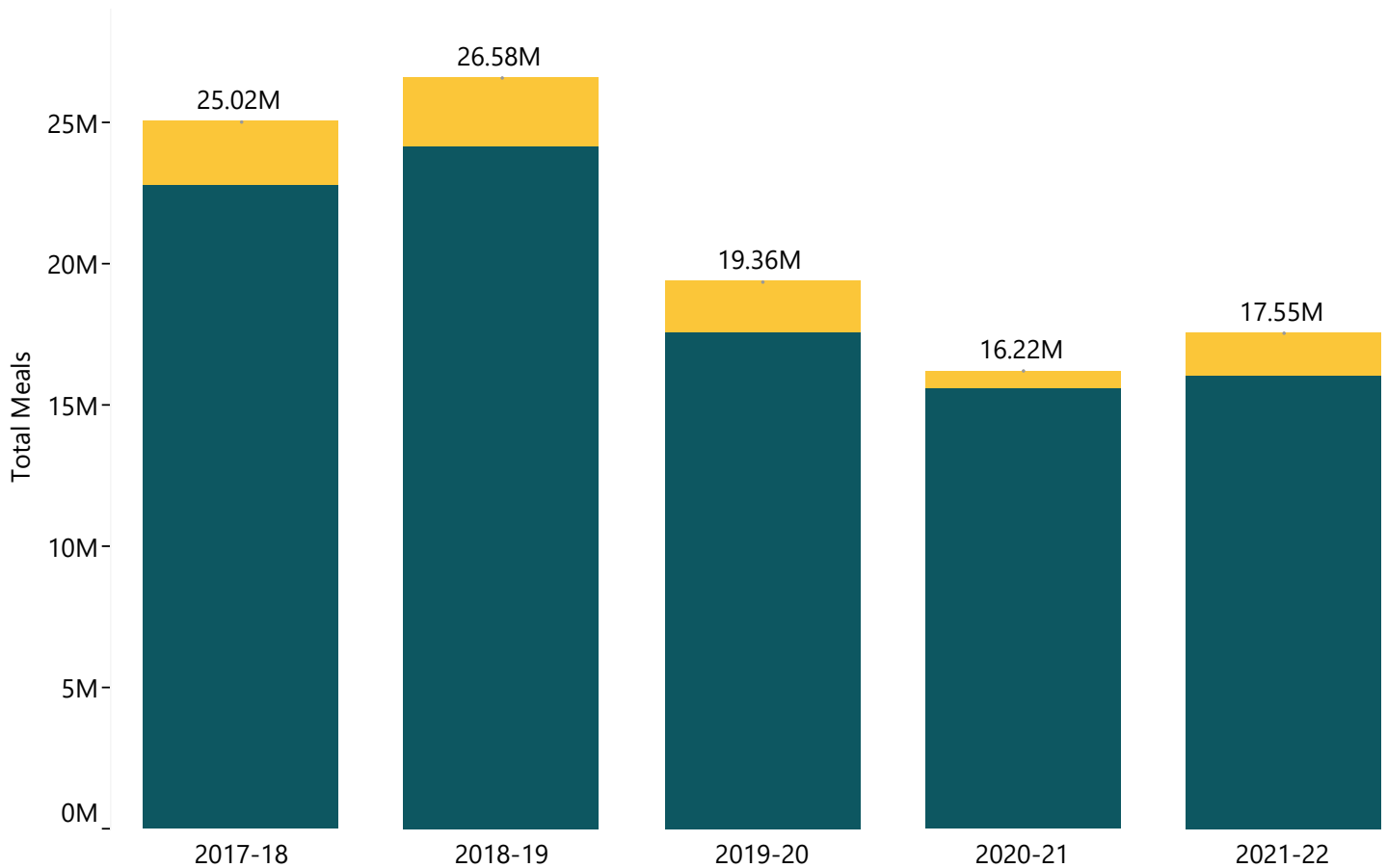
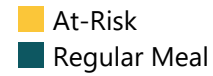
The At-Risk Afterschool meals component of the CACFP offers meal reimbursement to schools and community-based organizations that serve a meal and/or snack to children and youth in area eligible locations. To be area eligible, the site must be located in the attendance area of a school where at least 50% of the enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. At-Risk programs must offer educational and/or enrichment activities.

With schools returning to in-person learning, school districts and community-based organizations who operate the At-Risk component of CACFP saw the numbers of participants and meals served begin to return to pre-pandemic levels.

Child Care Meals & Snacks Served

Date range from September - August

Programs include Child Care



Child Care Meals & Snacks Served

Date range from September - August

Programs include Child Care

Claim Component	2017 18	2018 19	2019 20	2020 21	2021 22
At-Risk	2.25M	2.47M	1.80M	0.62M	1.53M
Regular Meal	22.77M	24.12M	17.56M	15.60M	16.03M

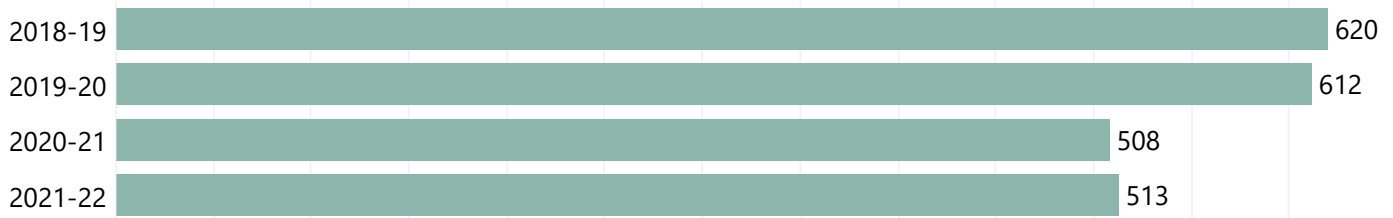
CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM –TRENDS IN SITES AND SPONSORS

Program operators have faced large amounts of turnover in child and adult care staffing as they resumed traditional services. Child care sponsors have needed to close classrooms due to staffing shortages resulting in lower enrollment or site closures. CACFP sponsors of unaffiliated programs have indicated that providers are closing in home child care programs as well, resulting in lower numbers of sponsors and sites.

Unrenewed CACFP agreements have been countered by an influx of new sponsors joining the program, while current sponsors have been looking at new ways to expand their CACFP operations. With this considered, the number of sponsors and sites participating in CACFP continue to be significantly lower than pre-pandemic levels.

Total Sponsors Operating a CACFP Program

Includes Sponsors operating Child Care, Family Day Care Homes, Adult Care



Total Sites Operating a CACFP Program

Includes Sites operating Child Care, Family Day Care Homes, Adult Care



Total Sites Operating a CACFP Program

Includes Child Care, Family Day Care Homes, Adult Care

Type	2018 19	2019 20	2020 21	2021 22
Sites	3,111	3,027	2,401	2,618
Sponsor	620	612	508	513

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM – TRENDS IN REIMBURSEMENT

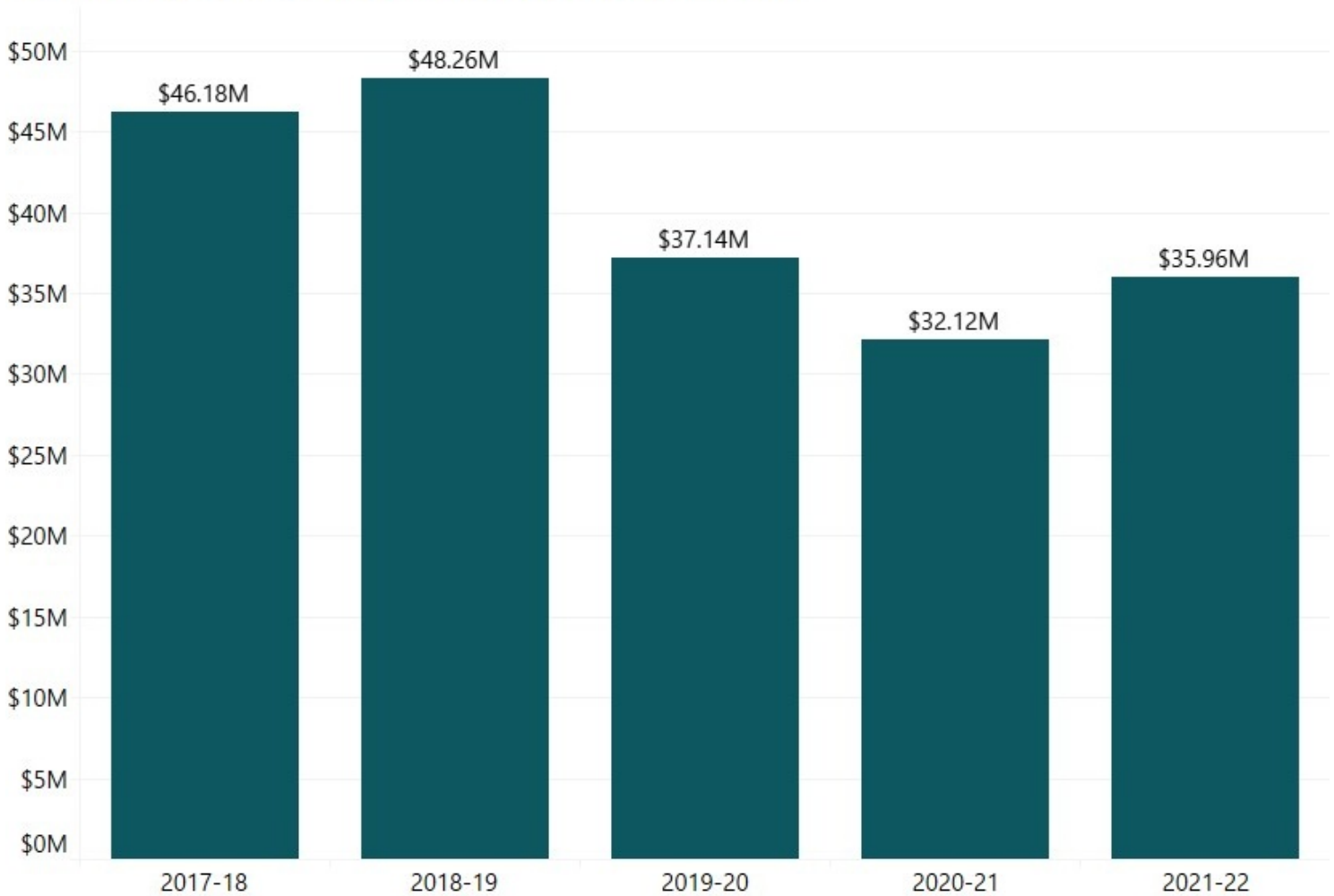
As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic CACFP operators have faced large amounts of turnover in child and adult care staffing. This has resulted in a number of CACFP operators choosing to temporarily or permanently pause their CACFP meal service due to the inability to meet operational requirements.

The chart below represents the reimbursement for CACFP operators. There has been a slight increase in reimbursement as programs return to more traditional operations.

CACFP Meal Reimbursements

Date range from September - August

Includes Reimbursements for Child Care, Family Day Care Homes, Adult Care



CACFP Meal Reimbursements

Date range from September - August

Includes All Reimbursement Funds (Federal and State)

2017 18	2018 19	2019 20	2020 21	2021 22
\$46.18M	\$48.26M	\$37.14M	\$32.12M	\$35.96M

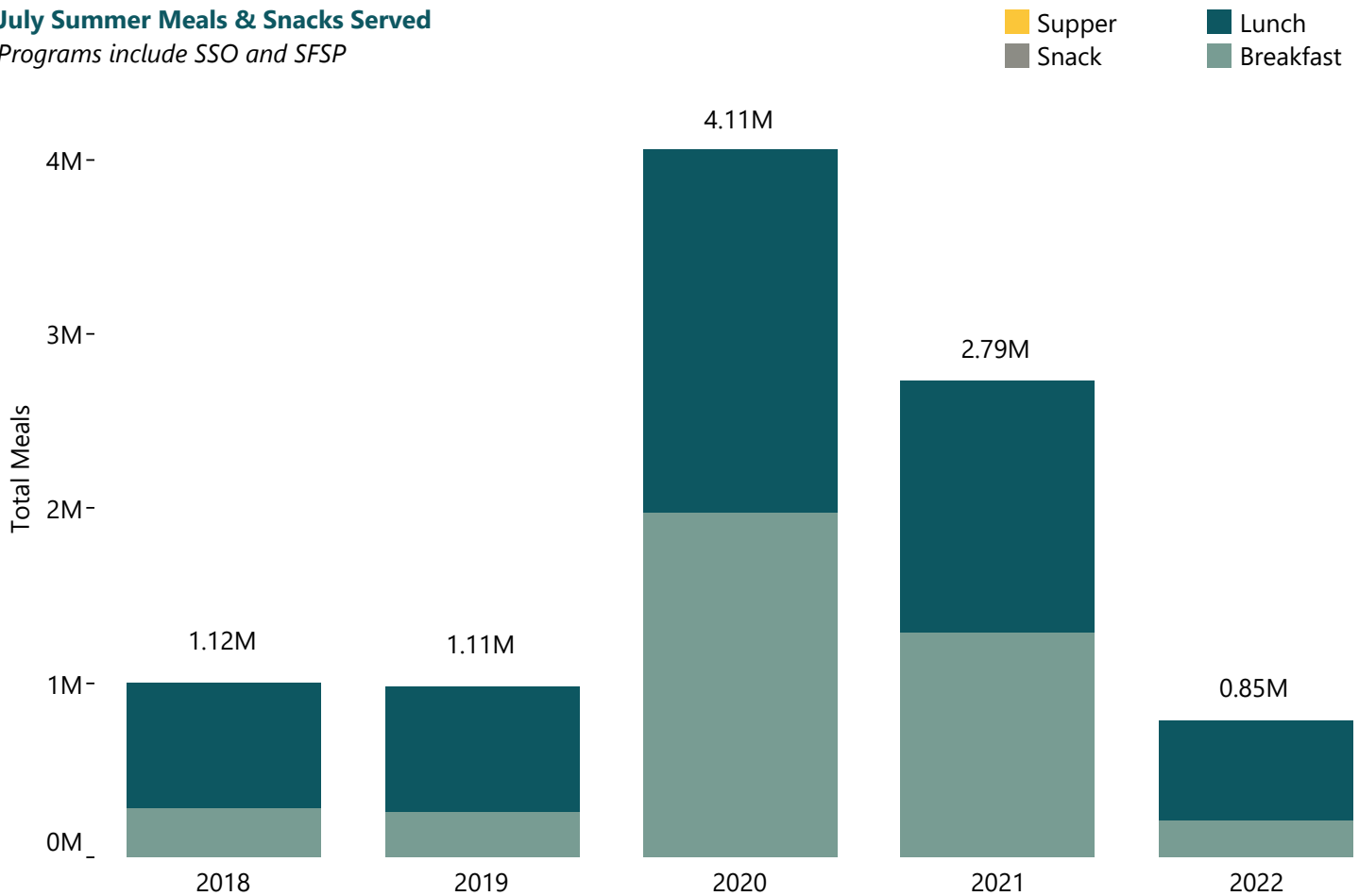
SUMMER MEALS – TRENDS IN MEALS SERVED

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides meals to children during summer when school is not in session, typically at the end of May through August. Programs operate in areas where 50% or more of the children are in households at or below 185% of the federal poverty level and feed children aged 18 and younger. Sponsors may serve a maximum of two meal types per day, except for camps and migrant sites, which can serve up to three meal types per day.

Summer 2022 was the first year since the pandemic that SFSP operators served meals within traditional Program requirements. While USDA operational waivers were available, they were only to be used for the extent and duration necessary and were put in place to support a return to normal operation. The shift back to normal SFSP operational requirements, combined with continued staffing shortages, food storage availability and supply shortages resulted in a reduced number of meals served compared to the previous two summers.

July Summer Meals & Snacks Served

Programs include SSO and SFSP



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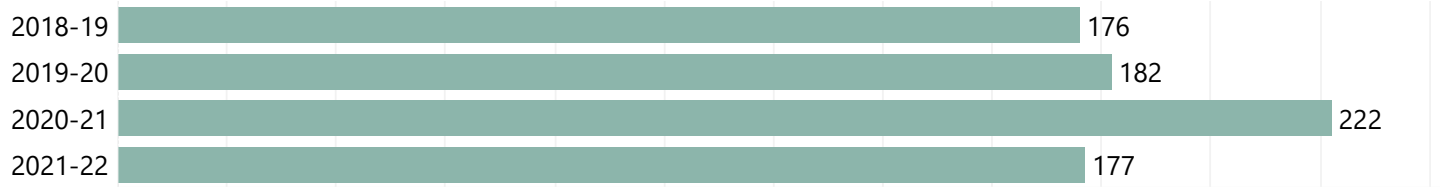
Meal Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Supper	0.01M	0.01M	0.00M	0.00M	0.01M
Snack	0.11M	0.12M	0.05M	0.06M	0.07M
Lunch	0.71M	0.72M	2.08M	1.45M	0.57M
Breakfast	0.29M	0.26M	1.97M	1.28M	0.22M
Grand Total	1.12M	1.11M	4.11M	2.79M	0.85M

SUMMER MEALS – TRENDS IN SITES AND SPONSORS

Due to the timing of the USDA Waivers extension, SFSP sponsors planned their sites according to area eligibility requirements, which resulted in fewer SFSP sites operating the program than the previous two summers. Although the USDA Area Eligibility Waiver was ultimately extended in July 2022, many sponsors had already trained staff and began operating. For many, adding sites would have been a significant challenge.

Total Sponsors Operating a Summer Program

Includes Sponsors operating the SFSP or SSO in July.



Total Sites Operating the SFSP or SSO

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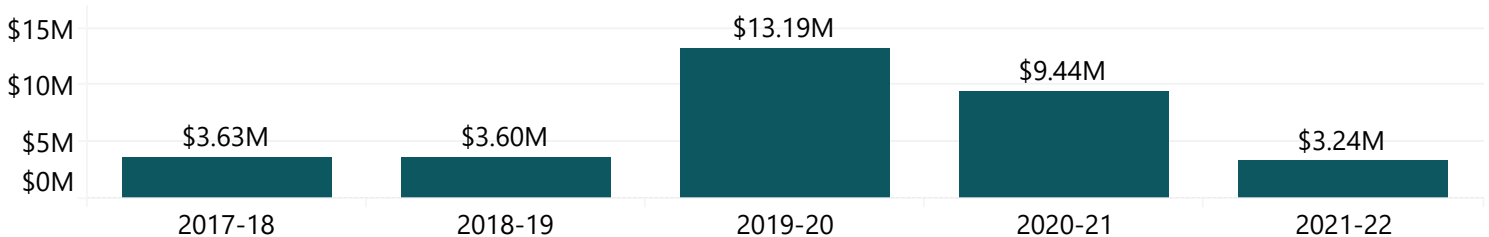
Type	2019	2020	2021	2022
Sites	915	868	1,046	805
Sponsor	176	182	222	177

SUMMER MEALS – TRENDS IN REIMBURSEMENT

With a return to traditional SFSP requirements, fewer sites operated SFSP and less meals were served overall. This resulted in a lower overall reimbursement for SFSP meals served in summer 2022.

Summer Meal Reimbursements - July

Includes SSO and SFSP Meals & Snacks



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2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
\$3.63M	\$3.60M	\$13.19M	\$9.44M	\$3.24M

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

School districts, private schools, and residential child care institutions that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) are eligible to receive food purchased by USDA. The OSPI Child Nutrition Services Food Distribution Program coordinates the delivery, storage, and contracting of USDA Foods.

Entitlement Allocation

The USDA Foods Program provides foods such as fruits and vegetables, poultry, eggs, other meat items, nuts, grains, oils, and cheese. NSLP sponsors receive an entitlement of \$0.37 per Total Lunches Served during the previous school year.

Types of Food

USDA Direct Foods - Products purchased by USDA for delivery to schools. This includes unprocessed and minimally processed products, as well as "value-added" items.

- **Washington State USDA Foods Processing** – OSPI CNS may divert bulk USDA Foods to commercial food processors who will convert the USDA Foods into cost-effective ready-to-use/finished end products.
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- **DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program** - Allows sponsors to use USDA Foods entitlement dollars to buy fresh, U.S. grown produce. The program is operated by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) at the Department of Defense.

Value of USDA Foods Distributed in Washington

2017 18	2018 19	2019 20	2020 21	2021 22	2022 23
\$30.40M	\$29.02M	\$30.85M	\$32.21M	\$36.98M	\$43.79M

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