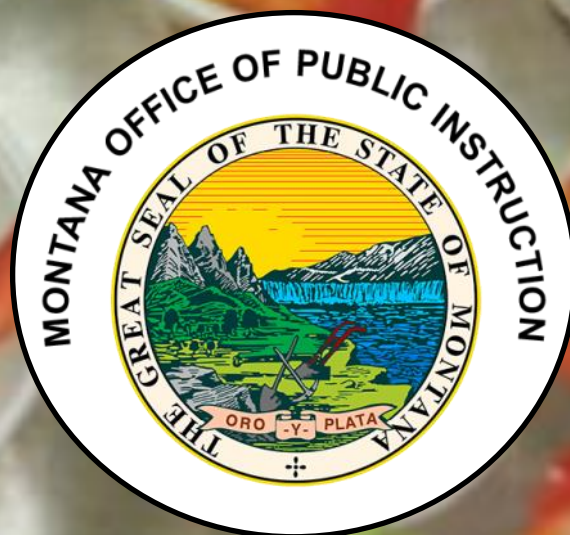


MONTANA
SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS
School Year 2023-2024

Fueling Montana Students





— **48.20%** —

OF MONTANA STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR
FREE OR REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL
MEALS



12.1 MILLION
Lunches in 2024



94%

of schools that offer lunch
also **OFFER BREAKFAST**



163

SCHOOLS OFFER FREE MEALS
TO ALL STUDENTS THROUGH
THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY
PROVISION (CEP)



\$62,834,410

REVENUE TO MONTANA
SCHOOLS

In school year 2023-2024, the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) School Nutrition Programs (SNP) administered U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs:

- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)
- Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)
- Special Milk Program (SMP)
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- USDA Food Distribution Program (USDA Foods)
- DOD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (DOD Fresh)
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)
- Montana Team Nutrition Program, including Farm to School
- SUN Bucks (Summer EBT) *New program started summer 2024

School Nutrition Programs reimburses sponsors and distributes USDA Foods for meals served to children, teaches workshops for school personnel, ensures that schools implement federal regulations, and provides nutrition education for students. Sponsors include: public and private schools; government agencies; and nonprofit residential child care institutions, organizations, and camps.

VISION

Empower school nutrition program professionals with knowledge as community leaders to provide equitable access to healthy meals, nutrition education, and food systems that support the success of Montana’s children.

MISSION

The OPI School Nutrition team collaborates with partners to provide program sponsors with training, support, and resources to strengthen program integrity and access to healthy meals.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ✦ Children’s health and academic success is furthered through community driven partnerships and solutions bringing recognition to the vital role of Montana's passionate child nutrition professionals.
- ✦ As stewards of public trust and funds, equitable resources and benefit provisions are effectively and efficiently offered with indiscriminate respect for all.
- ✦ Dedication to providing exceptional customer service by remaining responsive and adaptable to the dynamic experiences and strengths of sponsor and community partners.
- ✦ Decision making and operations management are seeded in evidence-based practices and real time data.
- ✦ Valuing continuous learning inspires ongoing professional development and leads opportunity for the celebration of progressive accomplishments.
- ✦ Training and technical assistance activities yield strengthen self-efficacy and program outcomes.
- ✦ Investments in local food sources promote sustainable food system procurement, and practices.
- ✦ Sponsor and school wellness culture is inclusive, supportive, and strengthens academic success and wellbeing.

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— Training —

REGIONAL OPI AND TEAM NUTRITION STAFF

OPI School Nutrition Programs and Team Nutrition have staff located around the state to better serve Montana's rural areas.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

80 hours of continuing education provided by OPI School Nutrition Programs

- MT School Nutrition Association Conference (MTSNA)
- SNP Fall Workshops (in-person and online)
- Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)
- Webinars

103 hours of continuing education provided by MT Team Nutrition Program

- Montana School Meals Certificate
- Webinars
- Culinary Workshops and Montana Food for Montana Schools events

TEAM NUTRITION STAFF

OPI School Nutrition Programs and Team Nutrition have staff located around the state to better serve Montana's rural areas.

MT TEAM NUTRITION

Fifty schools participated in the Montana School Meals Certificate training provided 40 hours of comprehensive professional development training in-person and virtually. Topics included meal pattern components, weekly dietary specifications, and strategies to achieve compliance with USDA rules through training on food preparation techniques, recipe standardization and crediting, school food forecasting, and procurement.

Five culinary workshops were offered in regional locations which reached 79 school food service professionals. Two Montana Food for Montana School events were successful in connecting food producers/growers and school food service directors to create direct purchasing opportunities for local foods.



— Grants —

\$4,822,443 Total Grant Funds



FY 2024 NSLP EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS

\$81,843

- **21** equipment grants totaling \$81,843 were awarded to local sponsors by the OPI

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, distributed \$30 million to state agencies to competitively award Equipment Assistance Grants to eligible school food authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Montana was awarded 81,843. The Equipment Assistance Grants were effective in supporting SFAs by enabling them to meet equipment needs, which have continued to experience supply chain disruptions in operating school food service.

LOCAL FOOD FOR SCHOOLS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

November 2022—July 2024

\$727,981 Funds Distributed to 41 Districts

Section 5(c) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 USC 714c(c))
Funds provided for the purpose of purchasing domestic, locally grown foods from local producers, small businesses, and socially disadvantaged farmers/producers for distribution to schools.

— Grants —

Farm to School State Formula Grant \$682,693 September 2022 — September 2026

Section 1001 of the American Rescue Plan Act (Public Law 117-2) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to State agencies administering the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency (supply chain resiliency). The funds support State agency efforts to coordinate and provide technical assistance to build and increase the capacity of participating institutions to procure and use local foods in program meals as well as provide agricultural education opportunities for participating children.

FY 2023 Technology Innovation Grant (nTIG) \$373,134 September 2023 — September 2025

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103)

Funds provided to State agencies for the purposes of developing, improving, and maintaining automated information technology systems used to operate and manage all Child Nutrition (CN) Programs.

FY 2024 Technology Innovation Grant (nTIG) \$746,268 September 2024 — September 2028

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (PL 117-328) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (PL 118-122)

Funds provided to State agencies for the purposes of developing, improving, and maintaining automated information technology systems used to operate and manage child nutrition programs (i.e., National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Summer Food Service Program)

FY 2024 Direct Certification Improvement Grant \$957,836 September 2024 — September 2027

Section 749(h)(1)(A) and (C)(i) of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-80)

Funds provided to State Agencies for the purposes of implementing, maintaining, and improving high performing direct certification systems.

FY2024 Farm to School Grant \$454,658 June 2024 — June 2026

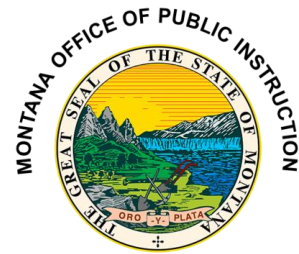
Section 18(g) of the NSLA (42 U.S.C 1769(g))

Funds provided to State agencies for the purposes to improve access to local foods in eligible schools, for activities such as Training; Supporting operations; Planning; Purchasing equipment; Developing school gardens; Developing partnerships; and Implementing farm to school programs.

FY 2024 Team Nutrition Training Grant \$798,030 September 2024 — September 2027

Public Law 111-296, which amended Section 19 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966

As authorized under Section 6(a)(3) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 USC 1755(a)(3), FNS provides Team Nutrition Training Grants to support training and technical assistance for School Nutrition Professionals, nutrition education for students and their caregivers, and activities to build a healthy school nutrition environment.



Federal Meal Reimbursement Rates

The 2023-2024 School Year reimbursement rates reflect the expiration of the temporary reimbursement rates provided under the Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022, which included an additional 40 cents per school lunch and 15 cents per school breakfast meal reimbursement. The reimbursement rates shown in the chart below include the adjustment to the base rate for School Year 2023-2024.

SY 2023-2024 School Nutrition Programs Reimbursement Rates
Effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

School Breakfast Program	Non-severe Need	Severe Need
Paid	0.38	0.38
Reduced Price	1.98	2.43
Free	2.28	2.73

National School Lunch Program	Less than 60%	Less than 60% + 8 cents	60% or more	60% or more + 8 cents
Paid	0.40	0.48	0.42	0.50
Reduced Price	3.85	3.93	3.87	3.95
Free	4.25	4.33	4.27	4.35

Afterschool Snack Program	
Paid	0.10
Reduced Price	0.58
Free	1.17

Special Milk Program	All Milk	Paid Milk	Free Milk
Pricing Programs without Free Option	0.2625	N/A	N/A
Pricing Programs with Free Option	N/A	0.2625	Average cost per ½ pint of milk
Non-pricing Programs	0.2625	N/A	N/A

The 2024 Summer Food Service Program reimbursement rates shown in the chart below include an overall adjustment to the base rate which increased on average 5.3% from the previous year. These adjustments address changes in the Consumer Price Index, as required under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act.

Summer 2024 Reimbursement Rates		
Meal Type	Rural or Self-Prep	Urban or Vended
Breakfast	2.9775	2.9225
Lunch or Dinner	5.2125	5.1300
Snack	1.2350	1.2050

SY 2023-24 PROGRAMS

	MEALS/SNACKS	REIMBURSEMENT / ENTITLEMENT
School Breakfast Program	6,172,301	\$12,570,022
National School Lunch Program	12,097,908	\$34,358,831
Afterschool Snack Program	282,282	\$299,414
Special Milk Program	22,077	\$6,084
Summer Food Service Program	1,030,250	\$4,305,659
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	—	\$3,869,161
USDA Foods Entitlement & DOD Fresh	—	\$5,478,064
School Grant Funds	—	\$1,947,175
Totals	19,604,818	\$62,834,410



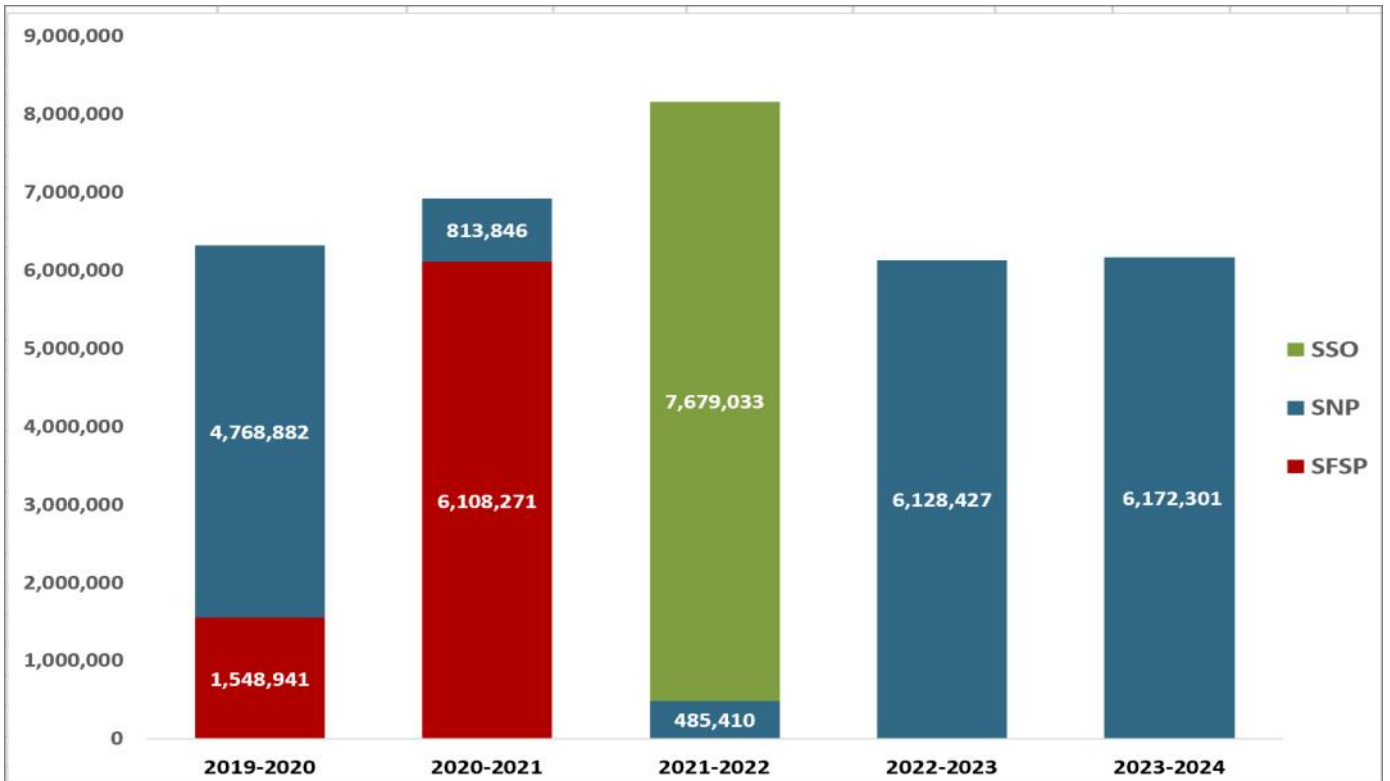
SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The School Breakfast Program (SBP) provides low-cost or free breakfasts to children to help start the school day right with a healthy breakfast.

The School Breakfast Program provides reimbursement to states to operate nonprofit breakfast programs in schools and residential childcare institutions. The Food and Nutrition Service administers the SBP at the federal level. State education agencies administer the SBP at the state level, and local school food authorities operate the program in schools.



73% of Breakfast Meals are Served to Free & Reduced Eligible Students



35,461
STUDENTS EAT BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL EACH DAY

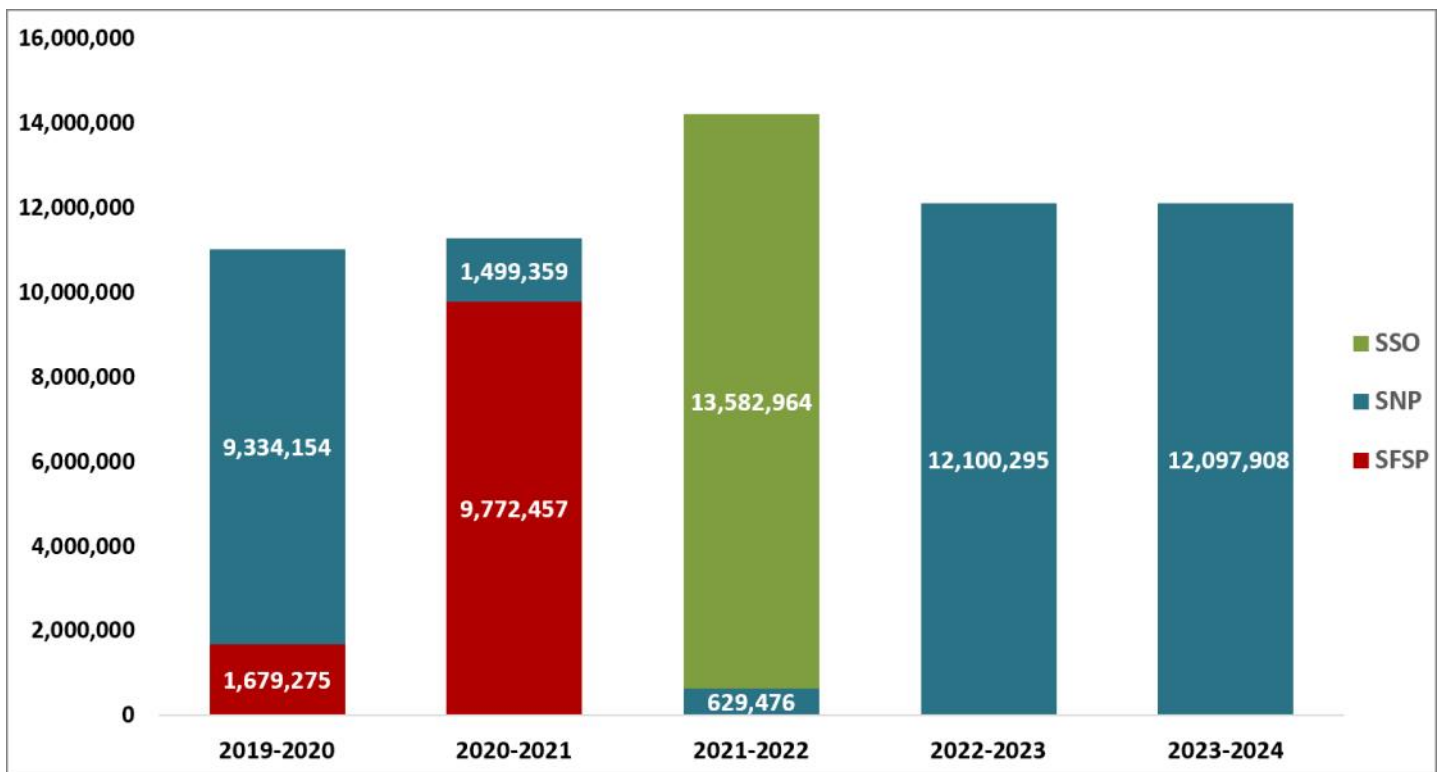
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day. The program was established under the National School Lunch Act, signed by President Harry Truman in 1946.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) administers the Program at the Federal level. At the State level, the NSLP is administered by State agencies, which operate the Program through agreements with school food authorities.



School Lunch Meals Served in Montana



69,944

STUDENTS EAT LUNCH AT SCHOOL EACH DAY

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) provides funds to elementary schools for fresh fruit and vegetable snacks during the school day.

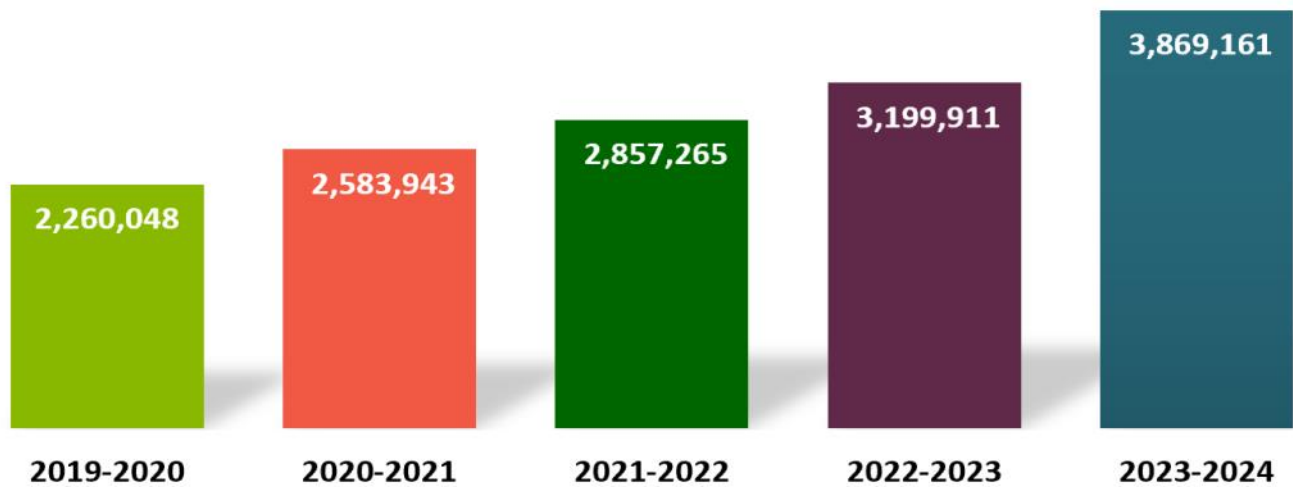


\$63.14
ALLOTMENT PER STUDENT

232

Schools Participated in FFVP

FFVP Allocation by School Year

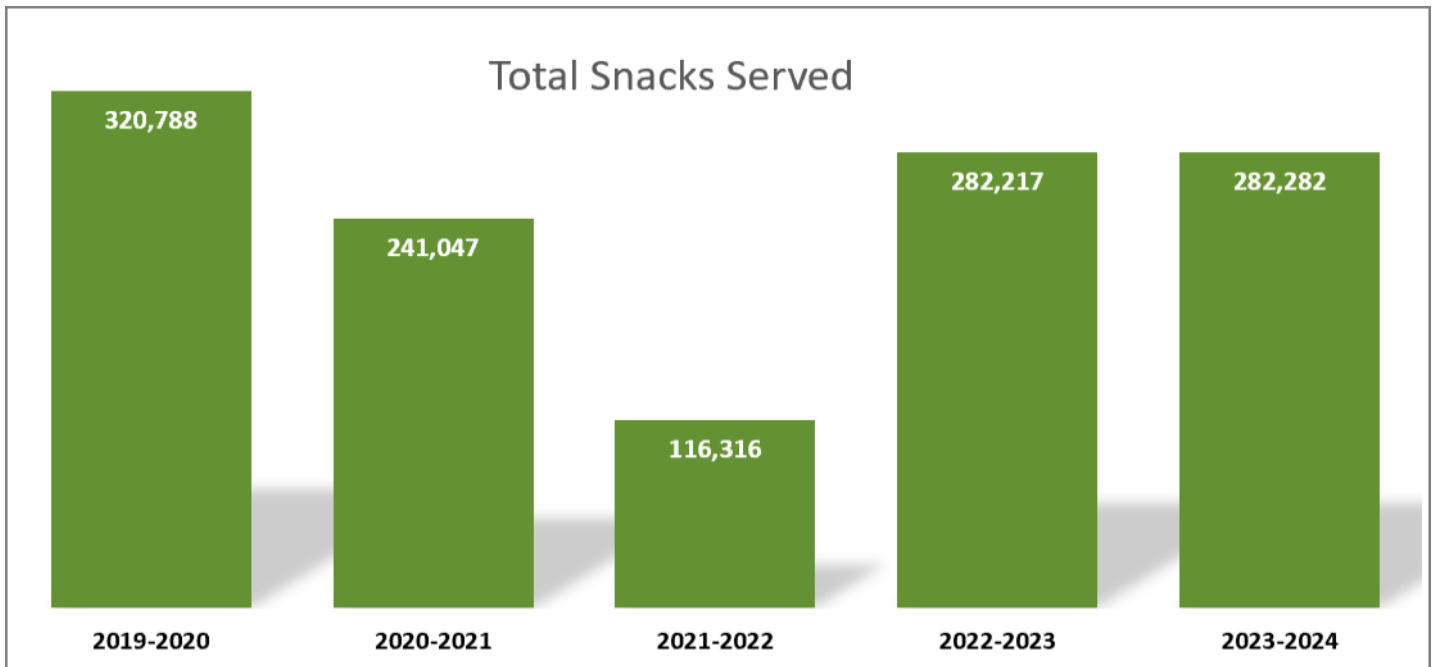


44,950

STUDENTS HAD ACCESS TO FFVP

AFTERSCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM

The Afterschool Snack Program provides snacks to students in education and enrichment activities after school.



1,920

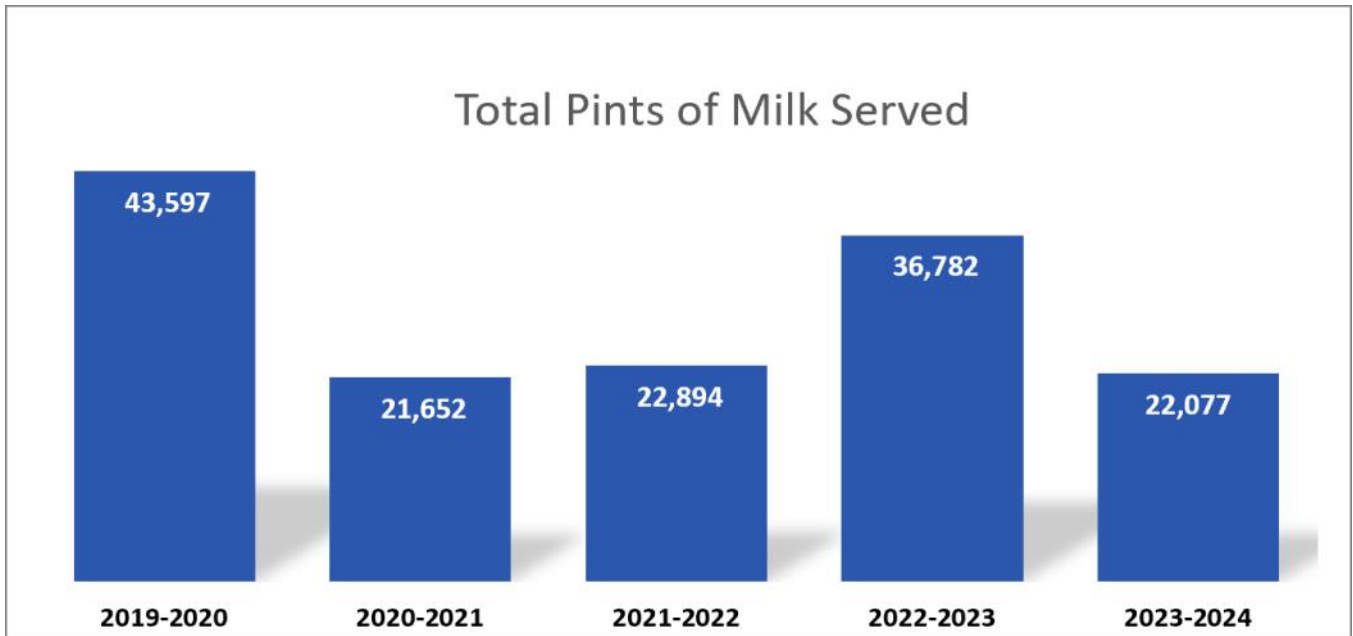
STUDENTS EAT A SNACK AFTER SCHOOL EACH DAY

SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

The Special Milk Program provides reimbursement for milk served at schools that do not offer the National School Lunch Program or Summer Food Service Program.



The Special Milk Program operates at 9 small schools that do NOT offer breakfast or lunch to students.



145
STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM EACH DAY

USDA FOODS and DOD FRESH

The USDA provides schools with USDA Foods and Department of Defense (DOD) Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for use in preparing school meals.

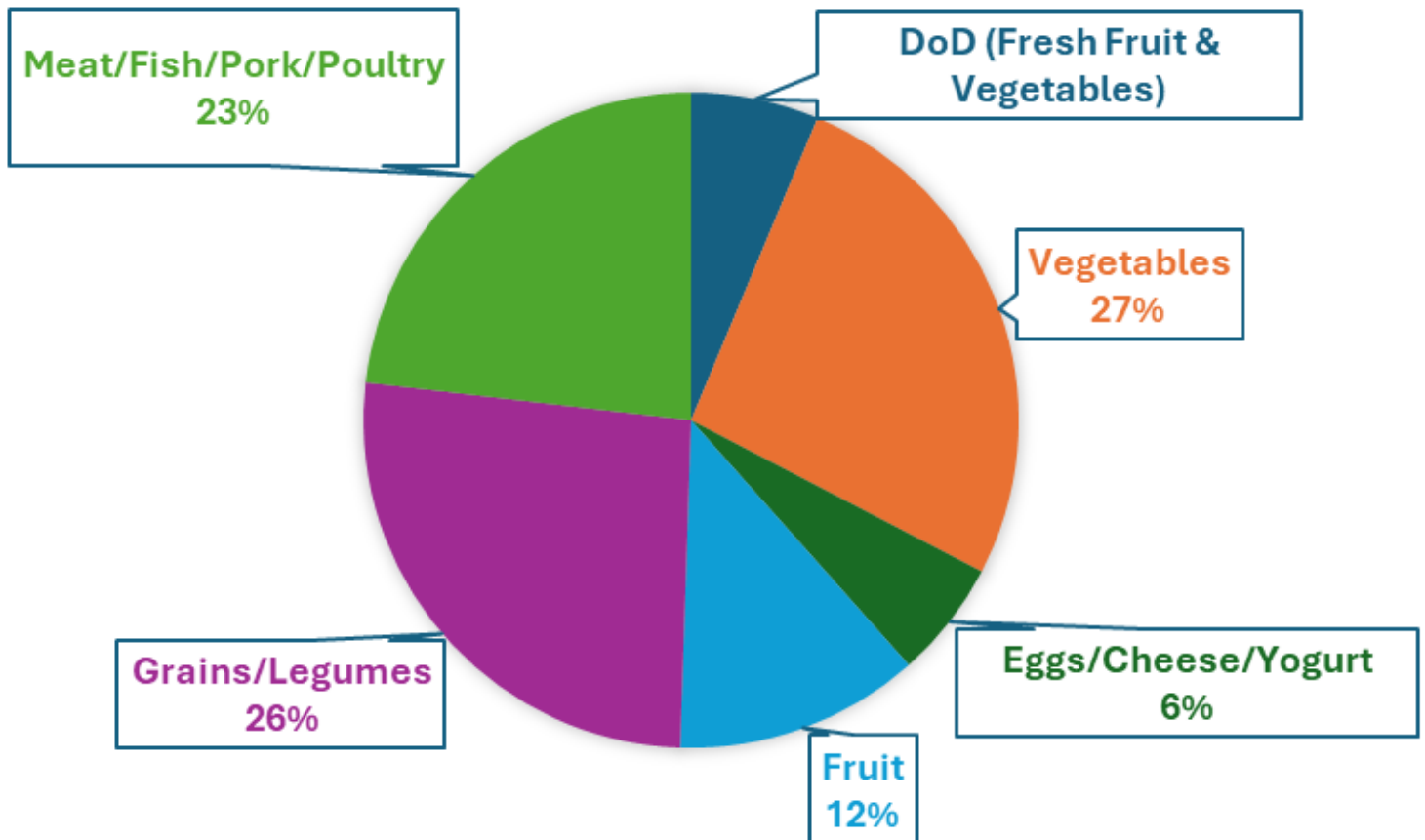
100%
of foods offered through USDA Foods/DOD Fresh are **AMERICAN GROWN**

\$5.4 MILLION
ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOLS

Veggie Cups @ Great Falls Public Schools

Did You Know....
On an average school day, USDA Foods make up between 15 and 20 percent of the total products served

Schools Received **\$665,627** in fresh produce through USDA DoD Fresh.



MONTANA MARINARA



BUILDING COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTHY AND LOCAL MONTANA LUNCHES

**MONTANA OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
MISSION WEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS
NORTHWEST FOOD HUB NETWORK**

WHAT IS MONTANA MARINARA?

Montana Marinara is the first in a line of locally sourced value-added products designed with schools in mind. By working together, we leverage each other's strengths, support hard-working Montana farmers, and expand access to affordable local food for schools.



MT OPI diverts USDA Foods canned diced tomatoes to Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center (MMFEC) in Ronan, MT.

MMFEC sources Montana-grown carrots, onions, squash, and safflower oil from the Western Montana Growers Cooperative and the Northwest Food Hub Network.



MMFEC processing staff combine USDA tomatoes and local veggies to create a veggie-packed, cost-conscious marinara sauce!

Montana Marinara is packaged and shipped to MT OPI in Helena, where it is staged to ship with USDA Foods deliveries.



MT OPI delivers Montana Marinara to schools all over the state, where it is served to students in all kinds of dishes! Meatball subs, tomato soups, chili, pasta, and so many other delicious creations have been made by talented food service staff with Montana Marinara.

BY THE NUMBERS

In SY 2022-2023 and SY 2023-2024:

2406

Number of Montana Marinara cases distributed to schools

181

Number of SFAs that ordered Montana Marinara

182,851

Number of Montana Marinara servings distributed

22,426

Pounds of local ingredients used

134

Average miles traveled from MT source farm to processing facility

\$24,538

Dollar value of local ingredients

"I believe combining both local products and USDA Commodities is a very exciting opportunity for our state to potentially offer more locally sourced and processed items for school food service programs...The marinara is a really great product!"

-Ed Christensen, Food Services Supervisor, Missoula County Public Schools

Project funding provided by USDA Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program, Share Our Strength No Kid Hungry Campaign, and Montana Office of Public Instruction. For more information: anne.harney@missionwestcdp.org

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

The Summer Food Service Program provides free meals to all kids, age 18 and under, during the summer months.



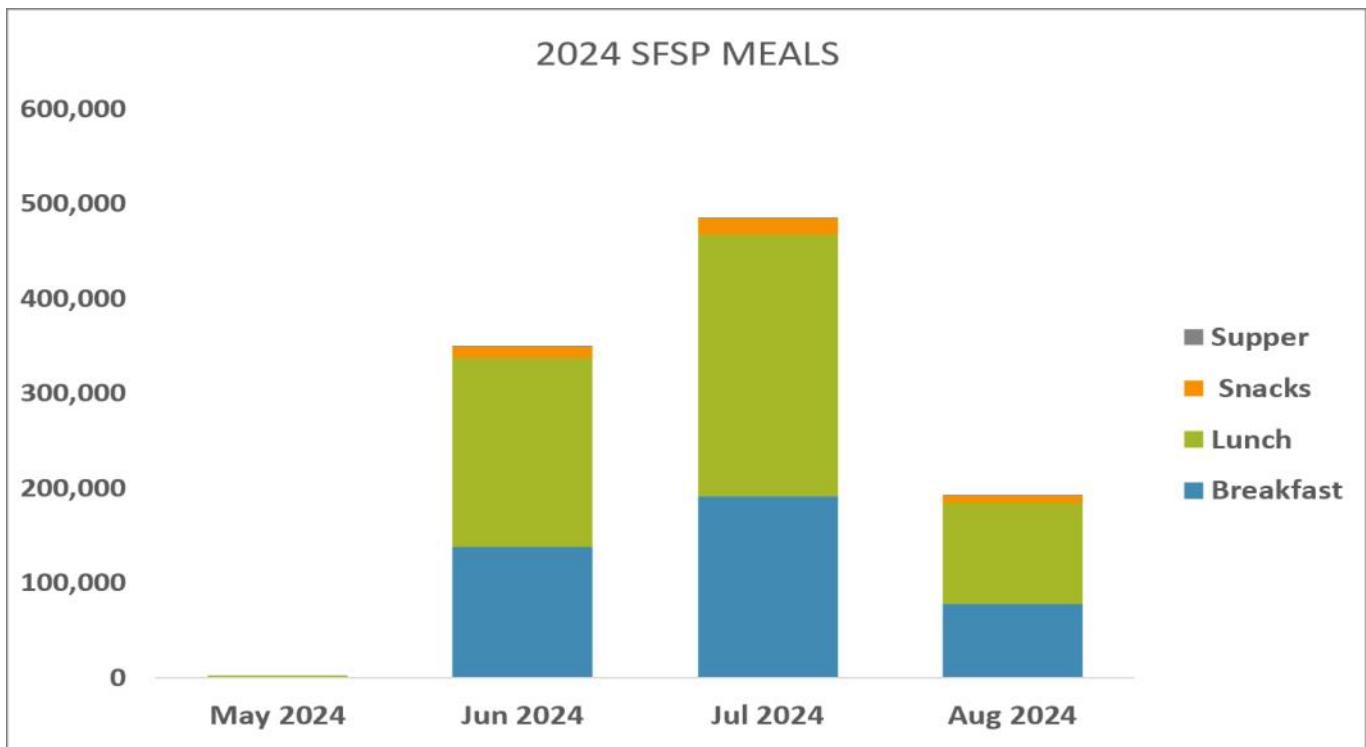
8% Increase
from Prior Year

39,623
Meals Served Daily

2024 RURAL NON-CONGREGATE MEAL SERVICE

125 Non-Congregate Sites

545,843 Non-Congregate Meals Served (53% of Total Meals)



100 Sponsors at 280 Sites



SUN Bucks (previously Summer EBT) is a new USDA program that began in Montana in 2024.

The Montana Office of Public Instruction and Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services administer the program together.

FY2024 Issuance:

⚙ Total Issuance Per Child: \$120

⚙ Dates of Issuance: October 30th, October 31st, November 17th, November 24th, November 29th, December 13th, 2024

- * Issuance was delayed in the first year because of the need to procure a new EBT vendor.

⚙ Total Issuance to eligible children: \$9,155,400 (\$64.11 on a test card)

⚙ Total Number of Children Issued: 76,285



Montana Team Nutrition Annual Report: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Annual Report for School Year 2023 - 2024

Montana Team Nutrition organized and provided a variety of educational programs for school food service professionals throughout 2023-2024. As part of the final year of the Montana School Meals Certificate (MSMC) Program, a total of five culinary workshops, two food producer and school food service meetup events, and many webinar sessions and in person trainings at the annual School Nutrition Association (MTSNA) Conference were offered. The MSMC Program was supported by a 2022 USDA Team Nutrition grant to support new school food service directors by providing 40 hours of comprehensive professional development.

MONTANA TEAM NUTRITION OUTREACH OUTCOMES

103

Hours of training offered to school nutrition professionals

126

Number of school districts reached

32

Number of training opportunities offered

49%

Percent of School Food Authorities in Montana reached

Culinary Trainings

An assortment of colorful and seasonal recipes designed to meet USDA Child Nutrition Program requirements were whipped up at the five culinary trainings hosted throughout the year, which reached a total of 79 school food service professionals. Attendees engaged in training on knife skills, small kitchen equipment, whole grain baking, practicing soup and salad recipes, and fruitful discussion along the way. Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive with one review raving, "Loved it! Offer again and again".



Cindy Geise, School Food Service Trainer, demonstrates how to use a produce wedger.



Culinary workshop participants served up a delicious oven baked falafel with tzatziki sauce.

Learn More

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The Montana Team Nutrition Program works in close collaboration with the Office of Public Instruction School Nutrition Programs and is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Team Nutrition Training Grant Program. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Montana Food for Montana Schools

Two food producer and school food service meetup and training events were held in Great Falls and Missoula, Montana. These three-hour training and networking sessions bring local food producers, food vendors, and school nutrition staff together to learn how to directly purchase and sell to one another. Over 12 different products were purchased following the events!



Local eggs were one of the products offered to schools during the meetup event.

Scratch Cooking Success Stories

To conclude the MSMC program and celebrate the participating schools' accomplishments, Team Nutrition program staff visited nine schools to highlight their school meal programs. These features are titled "Scratch Cooking Success Stories" and have been shared via school newsletters, social media, and websites to recognize the stellar work of these schools' meal programs. [The scratch cooking success stories are linked here.](#)



First grader, Walter Heimbach enjoys daily school lunch offerings at Clancy School.



A red velvet waffle made with beets from the school garden is the star of this delicious scratch cooked lunch at Power School.

Better Together

We are proud to work with Child Nutrition Professionals throughout our state to improve the health of Montana students through access to healthy school meals and nutrition education. The work we do would not be possible without the willingness of Montana school food service staff to try new programs. We learn from them, then pass that knowledge on to others. Thank you to all the schools and groups that partner with us!





Montana Farm to School Annual Report

Academic Year 2023-2024

WHAT

What is farm to school?

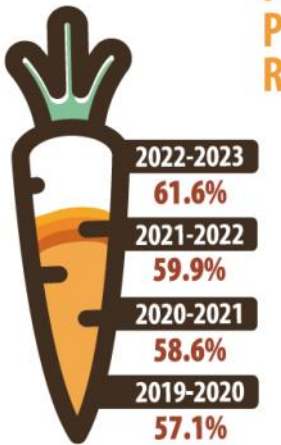
Farm to school enriches the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by influencing food purchasing and education practices at K-12 schools and preschools. Students gain access to healthy, local foods as well as education opportunities through such avenues as school gardening, cooking lessons, and farm field trips. Through community-driven approaches, farm to school implementation differs by location but always includes one or more of the following core elements: procurement, education, and school gardens.

WHY

Why does farm to school matter?

Farm to school not only connects kids with locally grown food and food and nutrition education, but it helps foster resilient food systems. COVID-19 has highlighted the need for farm to school to solve food supply issues and support the local economy.

Farm to School Participation Rates



OVERALL PARTICIPATION

Sites participating in at least one F2S activity

59.9%
PROCUREMENT

Serving local products in school meals



61.2%
SCHOOL GARDENS

Creating and tending school gardens

55.6%
EDUCATION

Conducting educational activities



of students ate vegetables one or more times per day in the past seven days, according to the 2023 Montana Youth Risk Behavior Survey.



An estimated 17% of Montana children faced food insecurity in 2022, meaning they may not know how they will get their next meal.

56%

of Montana students are eligible for free and reduced-price meals. Data is a 5-year average for most recent and available school years.



Agriculture remains the leading industry sector in Montana's economy, with a value of

\$4.0 billion

in 2021. By connecting children with agriculture and exposing them to agricultural careers, farm to school initiatives are helping to prepare the next generation of farmers.

Montana Farm to School Leadership Team

The Montana Farm to School Leadership Team works through partnerships across the state to build farm to school initiatives that help kids eat healthy, connect with agriculture and nutrition through education, support Montana farmers and food producers, foster economic vitality, and strengthen communities.

The Leadership Team consists of 15 member organizations with statewide focus and influence that are key to the success of farm to school in

Montana. The team has 7 working groups, 5 of which are open to the public. These meetings are a way for the Leadership Team to share updates, facilitate connections, gather input, and uplift local farm to school stories. To get involved, register for an upcoming meeting and/or contact the working group chair listed on the Leadership Team webpage. The Office of Public Instruction sponsors the Montana Farm to School Leadership Team. The team is facilitated by the Montana Farm to School Coordinator at Montana Team Nutrition Program.

2023 Member Organizations

AERO

- Mission West Community Development Partners
- Montana Agriculture in the Classroom
- Montana Department of Agriculture
- Montana Department of Livestock
- Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
- Montana Farmers Union
- Montana No Kid Hungry
- Montana Office of Public Instruction
- Montana School Nutrition Association
- Montana Team Nutrition Program, Montana State University
- Montana State University Extension
- National Center for Appropriate Technology
- Northern Plains Resource Council
- USDA Office of Community Food Systems, Mountain Plains Region

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Montana Harvest of the Month

Each month, participating sites focus on promoting one locally grown item (e.g., lentils) by serving it in at least one meal or snack, offering taste tests, conducting educational activities, and displaying or distributing Harvest of the Month (HOM) materials.

Herbs were featured as the newest Harvest of the Month item with Potatoes coming up next! Bison was a popular topic featured in past HOM handouts. A special team was formed to create the Buffalo materials which include Native knowledge, cultural information, and languages in order to be as inclusive as possible when promoting it in our outreach to schools.



MAKING MONTANA MARINARA

Montana Marinara is a new product developed in partnership with Montana Office of Public Instruction, Mission West Community Development Partners, and Northwest Food Hub. It enhances USDA Foods tomatoes with local veggies and herbs to create a kid-friendly, versatile, and affordable product. Schools across Montana sampled the sauce with their students in delicious meals from meatball subs to manicotti and beyond!



Mission West Community Development Partners

In school year 2023-2024

94
registered schools and afterschool programs

21,721
children reached at K-12 and Early Care + Education sites

31
registered early care and education sites

140 local food producers sold to sites



\$727,981

local foods purchased (not including fluid milk for K-12)

31
Trainings in 2023-2024

Training + Resources

There are many ways to learn about farm to school and access resources! Montana Farm to School hosts farm to school webinars and in-person trainings as well as an archive of previous trainings on the Montana Farm to School website.

56+
Hours of events

This year, The Montana Farm to School Summit is being held in conjunction with the MT School Nutrition Association conference. This event, June 23 – 25, 2025, will include focus topics like Local Procurement, School Gardens, and F2S Education in the classroom. There will also be a focus on Local Producers at the Vendor show.

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

@montanafarmtoschool
1,600 followers

@mtfarmtoschool
1,500 followers

Montana Harvest of the Month
1,584 views

Celebrating Farm to School Month

Montana Crunch Time is a statewide event to celebrate National Farm to School Month and 'buy local' initiatives in Montana by crunching into locally and regionally grown products in October.

23,473

people participated in Montana Crunch Time 2023

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Website

Find resources and information at:
www.montana.edu/mtfarmtoschool

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