

# Food Nutrition And Assistance Programs For Children

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service operates the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) that work to combat child hunger across the nation by providing free meals.

However, with **less than ten percent of school-year recipients receiving summer meals**, there's much work to be done to close the food security gap between in- and out-of-school months.

## PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

### National School Lunch Program



NSLP serves free and reduced-price meals to children in need at schools across the country.

### Summer Food Service Program



SFSP provides meals to children in need during the summer at a variety of locations, including non-school sites.

## FY 2016 IMPACT

	School Months	Summer Months
	<b>30.4M</b> Students served	<b>2.8M</b> Students served
	<b>5B+</b> Meals served	<b>154M</b> Meals served
	<b>99,292</b> Sites operated	<b>48,600</b> Sites operated

In total, **27.6 million children go without the free or reduced-priced meals they need** during the summer. And, for those who are able to secure meals, the number of sites providing them is less than half of that during the school year.

Source: USDA, Food and Nutrition Service