

# Facts and Figures 2017-2018



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The State Agency School Nutrition Program (SNP) in Georgia consists of six units: Administration, Operations, Professional Standards and Training, Review and Technical Assistance, Food Distribution and the Finance and Budget. The various individual programs the SNP manages include the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk, After-School Care, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Foods, Farm to School, Seamless Summer Option, and the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. The purpose of these programs is to provide meals or snacks that meet the nutritional needs of students at specific grade levels for each school day. The Georgia Legislature provides additional funding to schools to keep student sale prices low as a service to working parents and to support certain benefits for staff.

State agency responsibilities include, but are not limited to, individual program oversight to ensure and maintain compliance with program requirements, ordering, storage and delivery of USDA foods to local school systems; technical assistance in all program areas; regulatory training and staff development of state and local staff members; and ensuring that claims for reimbursement are accurate and filed in a timely manner. Our main goal is for students in Georgia to receive quality, tasty, safe and nutritious meals.

## Participation Data

Participation levels are excellent indicators of how satisfied customers are with service.

Average number of students in attendance who had an opportunity to participate daily in SNP	1,639,136
Percentage of enrolled children served lunch	66.6%
Charter, Department of Defense, private, and public residential schools participating in SNP	140
Percentage of enrolled public-school children served breakfast who were in attendance	35.2%
Percentage of public schools offering breakfast	98%
Number of public schools offering breakfast at no charge to their students	1078

## Healthy Meals

The USDA Performance Based Reimbursement (6 cent certification) supports Georgia schools' longstanding efforts of providing healthier student meals. All of school systems supervised by a professionally certified director use centralized cycle menus to control costs and expedite nutrient analysis.

Local school systems use strict purchasing and receiving guidelines, standardized recipes and consistent preparation and service procedures in order to yield menu offerings of a consistent nutrient content and quality. In 2018, 96.5% of the 29 systems reviewed met the prescribed nutrient standards on the initial review. The remaining systems have made corrections and are all in compliance.

## Financial Management

The Georgia Department of Education's web-based School Nutrition Online (SNO) financial management system is used by school districts to electronically transmit school-level claims for reimbursement and revenue and expenditure data. From data supplied by school districts, the SNO generates:

- Various management reports, such as statement of revenue and expenditures, cash resource management, and
- Participation and cost reports.

## Program Management

A specialized director, certified by the Professional Standards Commission (PSC) of Georgia, manages SNP operations at the State and in the majority of the local school districts. According to State Board of Education Rules, small school districts can have a classified manager/supervisor to perform required system-level functions. At the school level, programs are operated by a classified manager who is required to complete 150 credit hours of core courses within the first five years employed as a school nutrition manager. Emphasis on skilled, competent school staff is demonstrated by a state rule that requires each district to adhere to the federal rules regarding Professional Standards, and offer a job-related training program, including annual in-service training for all school nutrition program personnel. Each new employee must complete a 30-hour orientation course, which provides instruction in specific areas related to a safe, quality, customer-oriented nutrition program.

### Lunch Data for Georgia Schools

Schools claiming lunch	2,379
Average number lunches served daily	1,091,979
Participation rate	66.6%
Average daily attendance	1,639,136
Lunches served	195,064,974
Student lunch price range (>185% poverty)	.45 - \$4.55
Reduced-price sale price	.40
Lunches served free	141,038,097
Lunches served reduced-price	10,636,548
Lunches served paid	43,390,329
Percentage of free eligible served	82.4%
Percentage of reduced eligible served	63.9%
Percentage of paid students served lunch	35.5%

### Breakfast Data for Georgia Schools

Schools claiming breakfast	2306
Average number of breakfasts served	558,906
Participation rate	35.2%
Breakfasts served	105,196,793
Student breakfast price range	.30 - \$1.05
Breakfasts served free	85,467,756
Breakfasts served reduced-price	5,226,433
Breakfasts served paid	14,502,604
Percentage of free eligible served	50.2%
Percentage of reduced eligible served	30.5%
Percentage of paid students served	11.4%

### Snack Data for Georgia Schools

Schools claiming regular snacks	136
Schools claiming at-risk snack	1366
Total number of snacks served - Regular	974,016
Total number of snacks served - At-Risk	8,907,607
<b>Total Reimbursement</b>	<b>7,853,231.92</b>

### Seamless Summer Nutrition Option

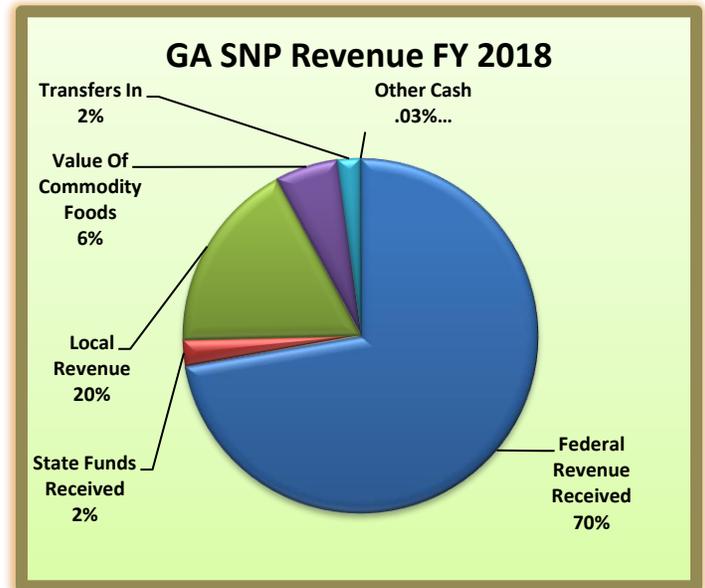
Number of Participating Schools	228
Number of Participating Sites	2021

### Cost of Meals in Georgia Schools

	Breakfast Costs	Lunch Costs
Food	0.7376	1.4338
Labor	0.4135	1.3165
Other	0.0601	0.2515
Equipment	0.0385	0.0714
School Board Expenditures	0.0040	0.0085
Overhead	-0.6076	0.2425
USDA Foods	0.0117	0.0714
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.6577</b>	<b>3.3956</b>

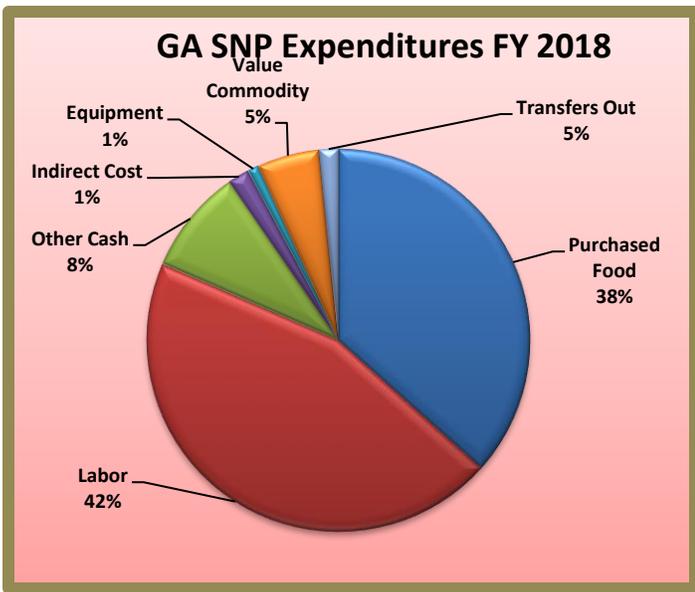
### Revenue in Georgia Schools (Cash & Commodities) as Reported by the Local Education Agency (LEA)

Value of Commodity Foods Received (As reported by SFAs)	54,937,204.76
State funds received	22,129,051.49
Federal reimbursement received	688,342,249.49
Cash from students/adults purchasing lunch, breakfast, milk & other sales (Local Revenue)	166,881,594.3
Other cash	225,431.31
Transfers In	19,517,475.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>952,033,006.65</b>



### Expenditures in Georgia Schools (Cash & Commodities)

Value of Commodity Foods	52,979,699.13
Purchased Food	367,906,348.62
Labor	451,040,848.58
Indirect Cost	18,048,334.15
Other	89,568,171.82
Equipment	9,183,353.58
Transfers Out	16,041,150.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,004,767,906.35</b>



### Food Distribution Unit

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Distribution Unit (FDU) provides nutritious foods to children and needy adults and helps American farmers by supporting domestic agriculture and removing surpluses from the market. The ever-changing marketplace determines when and how much of each commodity USDA Food actually purchases. The FDU, a unit of Georgia's School Nutrition Program (SNP), is responsible for the administration of USDA's Commodity Food Program for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program.

Approximately 85 different USDA foods were distributed in Georgia during this school year. Schools earned commodity entitlement foods valued at over \$53,000,000 thus reducing meal costs by an average of .28 cents per lunch statewide if used for lunch exclusively.

### Program Aids Georgia Farmers

In addition to commodity foods received by Georgia schools, USDA also purchased various meat and produce products from Georgia farmers for distribution throughout the national program. These purchases have totaled over \$61,000,000 this past year.

### Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Available Through the U.S. Department of Defense

USDA partners with the Department of Defense (DOD) to deliver nutritious, high-quality fresh produce to school children. This project supports the goals of the Healthy School Meals Initiative to strengthen nutrition standards of school meals. This program helped provide fresh produce valued at \$21,977,869 to schools in Georgia. With a focus on increasing consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables among young people, the amount of fresh produce offered to students through DOD increased by 10% from the previous year.

### Training and Professional Development Initiatives Focus on the Following:

- Provide training and staff development resources for local School Nutrition Directors, Managers and other School Nutrition Program staff to assure that School Food Authorities (SFAs) in Georgia are compliant with both the State of Georgia Board of Education Rules for Professional Standards and the USDA Professional Standards (as required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010).
- Encourage healthy eating habits to teach children the relationship between nutrition and health.
- Train classified school nutrition personnel in nutrition and food service management and to encourage the use of the cafeteria as an environment for learning about food and nutrition (O.C.G.A 20-2-187 and State Board Rule 160-5-6-.01).
- Provide programs with training and resources that incorporate standards of accountability, address customer needs, promote quality meals and service, and respond to public opinion.

### School Lunch Reimbursement Rates

	Free/Reduced-price Less than 60% of Students Served	Free/Reduced-price Greater than 60% of Students Served
Paid	.31	.33
Reduced	\$2.83	\$2.85
Free	\$3.23	\$3.25

### USDA Commodity Foods Earned

\$ .3350 per lunch equals the annual commodity assistance (based on 15-16 lunches served 205,696,825)
Total \$65,328,243

### School Breakfast Reimbursement Rates

	Non-severe Need	Severe Need
Paid	.30	.30
Reduced	\$1.45	\$1.79
Free	\$1.75	\$2.09

### After School Snacks Reimbursement Rates

	Regular	At-risk
Paid	.08	.88
Reduced	.44	.88
Free	.88	.88

### Eligibility Standards - SY 2016-2017

Family Size	Free	Reduced-price
4 Family Members	\$31,980	\$45,510

## Collaboration with Allied Organizations:

- Alliance for a Healthier Generation
- Atlanta Food Bank
- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Strong4Life
- Farm to School Alliance
- Georgia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Georgia Action for Healthy Kids
- Georgia Association of School Nurses
- Georgia Association of Teachers of Family & Consumer Sciences
- Georgia Department of Agriculture
- Georgia Department of Public Health
- Georgia Farm Bureau
- Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association
- Georgia Nutrition Council
- Georgia Organics
- Georgia Parent Teacher Association
- Georgia Physical Activity and Nutrition Coalition
- Georgia School Nutrition Association
- School Nutrition Association
- Southeast United Dairy Association
- The Institute of Child Nutrition
- University of Georgia Cooperative Extension
- Health MPowers
- Georgia SHAPE
- Georgia FCCLA
- Georgia Food Bank Association
- Georgia FFA
- Get Georgia Reading
- NO Kid Hungry

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