

**Table 551. Federal Food Programs: 1990 to 2006**

[20.0 represents 20,000,000, except as noted. For years ending September 30. Program data include Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Northern Marianas, and the former Trust Territory when a federal food program was operated in these areas. Participation data are average monthly figures except as noted. Participants are not reported for the commodity distribution programs. Cost data are direct federal benefits to recipients; they exclude federal administrative payments and applicable state and local contributions. Federal costs for commodities and cash-in-lieu of commodities are shown separately from direct cash benefits for those programs receiving both]

Program	Unit	1990	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Food Stamp:									
Participants	Million	20.0	26.6	17.2	19.1	21.3	23.9	25.7	26.7
Federal cost	Mil. dol.	14,143	22,764	14,983	18,256	21,404	24,619	28,566	30,174
Monthly average coupon value per recipient	Dollars	58.78	71.27	72.62	79.67	83.90	85.99	92.72	94.05
Nutrition assistance program for Puerto Rico:									
Federal cost	Mil. dol.	937	1,131	1,268	1,351	1,395	1,413	1,495	1,518
National school lunch program (NSLP):									
Free lunches served	Million	1,662	2,090	2,205	2,277	2,335	2,397	2,477	2,496
Reduced-price lunches served	Million	273	308	409	441	453	462	479	488
Children participating <sup>1</sup>	Million	24.1	25.7	27.3	28.0	28.4	29.0	29.6	30.1
Federal cost	Mil. dol.	3,214	4,466	5,493	6,050	6,341	6,663	7,055	7,389
School breakfast (SB):									
Children participating <sup>1</sup>	Million	4.1	6.3	7.6	8.1	8.4	8.9	9.4	9.8
Federal cost	Mil. dol.	596	1,048	1,393	1,567	1,652	1,776	1,927	2,046
Special supplemental food program (WIC): <sup>2</sup>									
Participants	Million	4.5	6.9	7.2	7.5	7.6	7.9	8.0	8.1
Federal cost	Mil. dol.	1,637	2,512	2,853	3,130	3,230	3,562	3,603	3,599
Child and adult care (CAC): <sup>3</sup>									
Participants <sup>4</sup>	Million	1.5	2.3	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1
Federal cost	Mil. dol.	719	1,296	1,500	1,657	1,726	1,812	1,905	1,945
Federal cost of commodities donated to— <sup>5</sup>									
Child nutrition (NSLP, CACFP, SFS, and SBP)	Mil. dol.	644	733	704	862	909	1,031	1,047	875
Emergency feeding <sup>6</sup>	Mil. dol.	282	100	182	380	396	363	322	250

<sup>1</sup> Average monthly participation (excluding summer months of June through August). Includes children in public and private elementary and secondary schools and in residential child care institutes. <sup>2</sup> WIC serves pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five. <sup>3</sup> CACFP provides year-round subsidies to feed preschool children in child care centers and family day care homes. Certain care centers serving disabled or elderly adults also receive meal subsidies. <sup>4</sup> Average quarterly daily attendance at participating institutions. <sup>5</sup> Includes the federal cost of commodity entitlements, cash-in-lieu of commodities, and bonus foods. <sup>6</sup> Provides free commodities to needy persons for home consumption through food banks, hunger centers, soup kitchens, and similar nonprofit agencies. Includes the Emergency Food Assistance Program, the commodity purchases for soup kitchens/food banks program (FY 1989–96), and commodity disaster relief.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, "Food and Nutrition Service, Program Data"; <<http://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/>>; updated monthly.