

School Breakfast Program (SBP):

Quick Facts



Programs

Food Stamp Program
National School Lunch Program
School Breakfast Program
Summer Food Service Program
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
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Child and Adult Care Food Program
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The Emergency Food Assistance Program
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Description

- Provides nutritionally balanced breakfasts in public and nonprofit private schools and residential childcare institutions.
- Provides cash subsidies and donated commodities to schools for each meal served. The current (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008) basic cash reimbursement rates: Free Breakfasts - \$1.35; Reduced-Price Breakfasts - \$1.05; Paid Breakfasts - \$0.24.
- Requires that breakfasts meet the applicable recommendations of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and provide one-third of the Recommended Dietary Allowances of protein, vitamin A, vitamin C, iron, calcium and calories.
- Provides cash reimbursement to State administering agencies for meals served through operating agreements with school districts. The USDA provides additional support through its Team Nutrition initiative, including technical training and assistance to school food service staff, and nutrition education.

Background

- The program was established under the Child Nutrition Act as a pilot project in 1966 and became permanent in 1975.

Participants

- 9.8 million students in more than 84,000 schools and residential childcare institutions participated in FY 2006 (daily average).
- Children from families with incomes at or below 130% of the federal poverty level (\$26,845 for a family of four for school year 2007-2008) are eligible for free meals. Those with higher incomes may be eligible for reduced-price meals.

Budget

- \$2.1 billion in FY 2006.
- \$2.2 billion in FY 2007 (est.)

Contact Information

- For complete information, visit www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/breakfast or contact your State agency that administers the SBP. View Agency listings at www.fns.usda.gov/cnd, select "Contact Us," then "School Meal Programs."