

**NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: CHILDREN PARTICIPATING**

( Data as of December 11, 2015 )

<b>State / Territory</b>	<b>September 2014</b>	<b>August 2015</b>	<b>September 2015</b>	<b>Percent Change Sep 15 vs Sep 14</b>
		<i>Preliminary</i>	<i>Initial</i>	
Alabama	555,816	530,326	546,923	-1.6%
Alaska	54,875	37,580	53,653	-2.2%
Arizona	648,869	621,710	652,332	0.5%
Arkansas	328,936	285,393	300,126	-8.8%
California	3,278,232	2,564,717	3,278,232	0.0%
Colorado	394,837	205,219	390,822	-1.0%
Connecticut	274,781	66,328	275,580	0.3%
Delaware	98,485	54,315	98,818	0.3%
District of Columbia	52,954	2,909	54,169	2.3%
Florida	1,698,428	801,338	1,756,859	3.4%
Georgia	1,263,752	1,195,222	1,238,162	-2.0%
Guam	16,762	13,332	17,079	1.9%
Hawaii	114,398	110,302	110,442	-3.5%
Idaho	156,088	144,481	159,629	2.3%
Illinois	1,153,675	764,566	1,069,839	-7.3%
Indiana	782,054	743,591	763,289	-2.4%
Iowa	387,685	299,606	383,228	-1.1%
Kansas	354,132	232,471	332,614	-6.1%
Kentucky	536,237	515,001	539,583	0.6%
Louisiana	564,671	530,052	570,167	1.0%
Maine	97,855	1,823	90,615	-7.4%
Maryland	429,538	341,510	431,802	0.5%
Massachusetts	508,209	227,431	497,891	-2.0%
Michigan	826,041	32,067	800,915	-3.0%
Minnesota	614,406	86,849	639,648	4.1%
Mississippi	399,749	383,357	394,182	-1.4%
Missouri	617,729	539,380	604,434	-2.2%
Montana	80,779	2,982	80,756	0.0%
Nebraska	243,427	223,935	246,095	1.1%
Nevada	212,951	99,937	227,350	6.8%
New Hampshire	87,273	56,851	84,163	-3.6%
New Jersey	678,428	36,379	655,320	-3.4%
New Mexico	224,488	220,875	220,878	-1.6%
New York	1,691,409	106,743	1,662,453	-1.7%
North Carolina	917,431	411,512	893,991	-2.6%
North Dakota	92,020	24,387	92,020	0.0%
Ohio	1,039,943	400,277	1,028,029	-1.1%
Oklahoma	450,857	395,868	459,700	2.0%
Oregon	284,615	13,399	264,629	-7.0%
Pennsylvania	1,008,160	541,972	977,060	-3.1%
Puerto Rico	330,873	296,232	308,550	-6.7%
Rhode Island	75,376	10,748	74,594	-1.0%
South Carolina	489,191	451,998	483,511	-1.2%
South Dakota	110,284	57,950	105,603	-4.2%
Tennessee	709,045	586,463	679,458	-4.2%
Texas	3,408,696	2,942,401	3,416,689	0.2%
Utah	333,019	303,892	317,100	-4.8%
Vermont	49,481	32,304	47,877	-3.2%
Virginia	688,838	219,114	696,443	1.1%
Virgin Islands	12,872	39	9,831	-23.6%

Washington	540,558	18,565	494,438	-8.5%
West Virginia	197,064	179,362	194,956	-1.1%
Wisconsin	540,742	44,128	564,167	4.3%
Wyoming	51,618	30,374	50,781	-1.6%
Dept. of Defense	21,668	804	2,894	-86.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,780,301</b>	<b>19,040,372</b>	<b>30,390,372</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>

Participation data are based on average daily meals adjusted by an attendance factor of 0.927. Dept. of Defense refers to children of armed forces personnel attending school abroad.

**Data for August and September 2015 are preliminary and are subject to significant change; all data are subject to revision.**