

Comparing Breakfast and Lunch in Michigan Before and After the Michigan School Meals Program Started

	School Year 2018-2019	School Year 2022-2023	School Year 2023-2024	School Year 2024-2025	School Year 2025-2026 ¹
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Pandemic Community Eligibility Provision Available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Post-Pandemic Year Where All Meals Were Not Free • Community Eligibility Provision Available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Year Michigan School Meals Operating • Community Eligibility Provision Available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Year Michigan School Meals Operating • Community Eligibility Provision Available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third Year Michigan School Meals Operating • Community Eligibility Provision Available
Sponsor Count	838²	761	752	760	775
Site Count	3,400	3,412	3,459	3,481	3,480
October Breakfasts	8,662,272	7,629,899	10,064,686	10,905,552	10,462,554
October Average Daily Breakfast Participation	383,844 students	375,956 students	474,431 students	491,042 students	473,021 students
October Lunches	16,745,298	14,052,206	17,659,809	19,192,737	18,604,291
October Average Daily Lunch Participation	758,805 students	709,593 students	853,639 students	887,430 students	865,459 students

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October Federal Reimbursement Amount	\$59,484,855	\$67,337,881	\$77,998,782	\$87,586,223	\$88,564,913
October State Reimbursement Amount³	\$0	\$0	\$26,081,602	\$28,667,810	\$28,138,631
USDA Foods Total Value (July-June)⁴	\$41,912,948	\$51,625,514	\$43,821,658	\$59,500,000	\$65,245,639

¹ The 2025 School Aid Budget was approved and signed on October 7, 2025. As a result, schools may have selected to pause their participation in the Michigan School Meals Program during early October until the budget was finalized.

² Sponsor Count was higher in 2018-19 because many public school academies operated independently and then combined under one school food authority in future years.

³ The Michigan School Meals program did not start in Michigan until SY 23-24.

⁴ USDA Foods dollars are calculated based on the previous year's lunches served.