



Child nutrition programs are vital to New York's kids.

1 in 6 children are food insecure in New York,* meaning they lack consistent, dependable access to nutritious foods they need. Food insecurity hurts a child's health, ability to learn, and well-being. Federal nutrition assistance programs alleviate child hunger and improve health outcomes of low-income children. Hunger Solutions New York works to maximize the use of these programs and ensure all children have the nutrition they need to stay healthy and succeed.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Provides afterschool programs and childcare providers with reimbursement to serve healthy meals and snack to children and teens in their care. Participating programs receive meal planning guidance, training, and more. *Visit Afterschoolmealsny.org or Childcaremealsny.org*

Community Eligibility Provision

Allows schools with high percentages of low-income students to offer breakfast and lunch at no charge to all. Significantly reduces administrative work and increases school meal participation. *Visit SchoolMealsHubNY.org*

School Breakfast Program

Provides a nutritious morning meal to students in schools across the state. Students who eat school breakfast show improved cognition and memory, and are more likely to arrive at school on time and be attentive in class. *Visit SchoolMealsHubNY.org*

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Provides eligible pregnant women, new and breastfeeding mothers, and children under age 5 with healthy food, breastfeeding support, nutrition advice, and referrals to other services. Dads, grandparents, and caregivers can also apply for children in their care. *Visit WICHelpNY.org*

Summer Food Service Program

Provides free meals and snacks to children in eligible communities during the summer months through a network of local sponsors and meal sites such as parks, libraries, and schools. *Visit SummerMealsNY.org*

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Provides eligible children and their families with benefits to purchase food each month. SNAP reduces the risk of food insecurity and developmental delays among children, and has been shown to keep families out of poverty. *Visit FoodHelpNY.org*

*Feeding America



New York's kids are struggling with hunger.

732,000 children—1 in 6—are food insecure.

Feeding America, 2019

1.8 million students qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

Hunger Solutions New York, 2019

Households with children are more likely to be food insecure.

USDA, 2019; Feeding America, 2019

Federal nutrition programs reduce hunger & improve children's health.

SNAP

34% of SNAP recipients are children.

They are more likely to be in good health and are at lower risk of developmental delays.

Nationally, SNAP keeps more than 3.8 million children out of poverty.

USDA, 2018; CBPP, 2018

SFSP

287,000 kids eat lunch & 188,000 kids eat breakfast through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

Hunger Solutions New York, 2019

WIC

362,000 infants, children, and pregnant mothers receive benefits from WIC.

USDA, 2018

CACFP

147,000 kids participate in CACFP's At Risk After School Snack/Supper Program.

NYSDOH, 2018

SCHOOL BREAKFAST

536,000 students eat free or reduced-price breakfast through the School Breakfast Program.

Hunger Solutions New York, 2019

But many kids miss out on the nutrition they need.

missing breakfast

Only 48% of students who eat free or reduced-price lunch also participated in breakfast.

NYS ranks 36th in the nation in school breakfast participation.

Hunger Solutions New York, 2019
FRAC, 2019

missing supper

Only 6.5% of students who eat free or reduced-price school lunch also receive a CACFP afterschool supper.

FRAC, 2019

missing lunch in summer

Fewer than 31% of kids who eat free or reduced-price school lunch eat lunch through the SFSP.

FRAC, 2018

missing nutrition in early childhood

Only 56% of eligible women, infants and children participate in WIC. Worse, only 48% of young children age 1-4 participate in WIC.

FRAC, 2019