Georgia Department of Education School Nutrition

**Average number of lunches served daily**
1,076,733

**Total number of Georgia schools participating in the NSLP**
2,298

**Total number of school nutrition employees**
14,980

**Total number of students receiving Free & Reduced meals**
969,771

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**Percent of food groups sourced from Georgia**

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**Meals served during School Year 2018-19 in Georgia**

- **Georgia Grown**
  - Breakfast: 108 million
  - Lunch: 196 million
  - Snack: 10 million

**Programs administered**

- National School Lunch
- National School Breakfast
- Afterschool Snack
- Seamless Summer Option
- Farm to School
- Fresh Fruit & Vegetable
- Food Distribution
- Special Milk

**Making sense of school nutrition**

- The average cost to produce a school lunch is $3.18.
- Where does that money go?
  - Direct Costs: 9.5%
  - Indirect Costs: 1.3%
  - Food: 44.7%
  - Labor: 44.5%

*Adjusted 04.08.2021

**The United States Department of Agriculture Department of Defense (USDA DoD) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program schools to use the USDA Foods entitlement dollars to buy fresh produce.**

**NATIONAL AVERAGE: 25%**

**GEORGIA AVERAGE: 39%**

**$8,970,000**

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**Quality Meals**

**Professional Development**

**Student & Community Engagement**

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