

School Meals Report

The New York City Department of Education’s meal service in FY21 was most unusual in a variety of ways.

- *Meals were served in schools to students in attendance for in-person instruction and offered on a take-out basis to all others: take-out meals are usually not authorized by Federal child nutrition programs.*
- *All year long breakfasts and lunches were offered and reimbursement for them claimed under the Summer Food Service Program, rather than under the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs during the school year.*
- *Take-out meals were made available to both children and adults; NYC DOE usually does not serve meals to adults, and such meals served to adults are not reimbursable under the Child Nutrition programs the Department operates.*

Accordingly, the following is submitted, all data as of May 31, 2021

Children's Meals		<i>July August</i>	<i>September May</i>	<i>Total through May</i>
Breakfasts	In School	0	13,598,340	13,598,340
	Take Out	4,549,031	10,355,401	14,904,432
Lunches	In School	0	17,200,737	17,200,737
	Take Out	6,570,464	13,170,712	19,741,176
		11,119,495	54,325,190	

Form Submission. The number and percentage of students who completed and submitted lunch forms and/or an alternative income form

- *Students for Whom Forms Completed and Submitted* **197,082**
- *% of Students Required* **62.0%**

Average Meals per Day

		<i>July August</i>	<i>September May</i>
Average Meals per Day	Breakfast	106,084	171,354
	Lunch	153,194	217,448

FY21 Costs per Meal

	<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
Total Cost, less Fringe Benefits	\$ 3.10	\$ 4.70
Fringe Benefits <i>(Charged Centrally)</i>	\$ 0.85	\$ 1.30
Total Cost	\$ 3.95	\$ 6.00

Note: No material difference which would affect costs existed between in-school and take-out meals, summer and school-year meals; adult and children's meals were identical.

**Take Out Meals
Served**

		<i>July</i>	<i>September</i>	
		<i>August</i>	<i>May</i>	
Breakfasts	Children's	4,549,031	10,355,401	14,904,432
	Adult	3,116,403	7,972,506	11,088,909
Lunches	Children's	6,570,464	13,170,712	19,741,176
	Adult	4,815,838	12,105,287	16,921,125
		19,051,736	43,603,906	

Note: Children's meals in the above table are a subset of all Children's meals reported in the first table