

Food for Thought: The State of Summer Meals in New Jersey, 2019





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The campaign's goal is to end childhood hunger by expanding school and community participation in three federal key child nutrition programs: school breakfast, summer meals and afterschool meals. For more information, visit njfoodforthought.org.

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Pandemic Amplifies Need for Summer Food



During the unplanned school closings due to the coronavirus, schools across New Jersey have stepped up to serve meals to tens of thousands of students.

This has been critical assistance for families who depend on subsidized school meals to feed their children when schools are open. It has been equally important for parents who found themselves suddenly unemployed during the COVID pandemic.

The ability to feed so many children outside of normal school hours has been accomplished, in part, due to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) providing flexibility in how meals are served. In normal times, the federal child nutrition programs, especially the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), have layers of rules that meal sponsors must meet to participate. The USDA administers the programs on the federal level.

During the pandemic, those rules have been relaxed. This has enabled school districts and other organizations to provide multiple meals at one time, allow parents to pick up food for their children and eliminated the need for meals to be served in group (congregate) settings.



The pandemic, then, has underscored two critical issues:

- More flexibility in federal child nutrition programs is needed to reach more children with this much-needed nutrition during “normal” times.
- Every summer, schools close for more than two months. While the need during the pandemic has been greater, the fact is that tens of thousands of New Jersey children face hunger each summer.

Yet, in summer 2019, New Jersey communities reached only about one-quarter of low-income children who receive free or reduced-price school lunch during the academic year. National standards recommend reaching 40 percent of these children.

While progress has been made in recent years, this is still a huge gap that leaves many families struggling each summer to put food on the table. Even during normal times, many families face increased summertime costs for child care, camp and other expenses, making it more difficult to provide adequate nutrition to their children.

Each year, Hunger Free New Jersey publishes a report tracking participation in federal summer meal programs and highlighting successful strategies. This report looks at participation in summer 2019 and innovative practices being used during the pandemic that could also be effective in summers to come.

At a Glance: Summer Meals Participation

	Average Daily Participation, July of Each Year	Meals Served, July Each Year	Participation rate as a percent of students receiving free/reduced price school lunch
2015	74,808	2,740,340	19
2016	90,752	2,715,614	23
2017	94,803	3,173,617	24
2018	103,194	3,081,331	26
2019	101,381	3,191,937	26
Percent Change 15-19	36	16	37

Summer Meals Fill Nutritional Gap

In July 2019, nearly 3.2 million summer meals were served to children in communities across the state, according to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, which administers the program on the state level. This includes schools, parks, playgrounds, libraries, community pools, housing authorities and other places where children typically congregate in the summer.

On an average day in July 2019, more than 101,000 children received a meal. While total child participation dipped slightly in 2019, this still represents a 36 percent increase since 2015. And despite the drop in the number of children served in 2019, communities served up more meals, suggesting that many are adding breakfast and supper to the menu.

The long-term growth of summer meal service has occurred through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), which allows schools, community organizations

and local government to serve meals in a variety of settings, such as schools, parks and libraries. SFSP participation in New Jersey inched up only 1 percent from 2018 to 2019, but has grown 50 percent since 2015.

From 2015 to 2019, the number of New Jersey youth served through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) has grown 9 percent, but has been on the decline in recent years. NSLP participation dipped 9 percent from 2018 to 2019. Meals served through this program are only available to children attending summer school or other programs offered through schools.

New Jersey school districts are increasingly serving meals through SFSP because this program provides greater flexibility in how and where meals are served and offers higher per-meal federal reimbursements.

Breakdown of Summer Meals Participation, by Program

	Avg. Daily Participation, July 2015	Avg. Daily Participation, July 2018	Avg. Daily Participation, July 2019	Percent Change, 18-19	Percent Change, 15-19	# Change 15-19
National School Lunch Program	26,292	31,510	28,742	-9	9	2,450
Summer Food Service Program	48,516	71,684	72,639	1	50	24,123
	74,808	103,194	101,381	-2	36	26,573

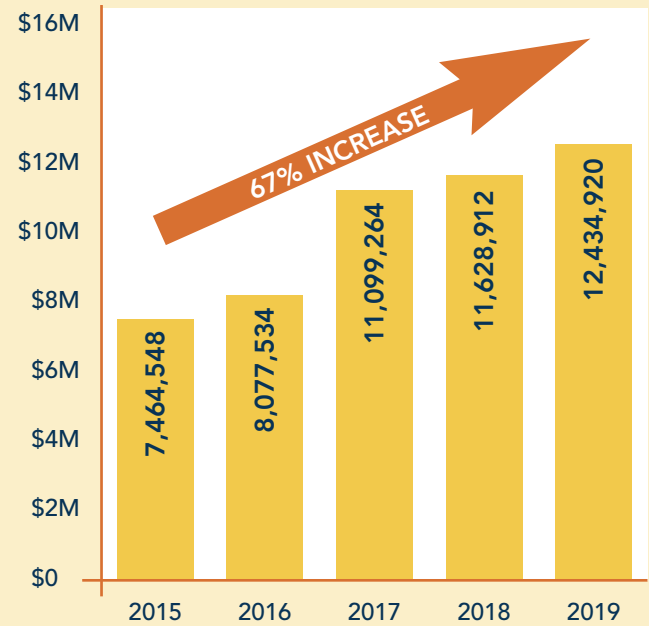
New Jersey Claiming More Federal Funds

As a result of the long-term increase in the number of meals served, New Jersey communities are collecting millions more in federal funds to feed hungry children in the summer. In 2019, communities received \$12.4 million in federal dollars — money New Jersey taxpayers have already sent to Washington D.C. — up an encouraging 67 percent since 2015, according to the USDA.

SFSP Sponsors, Sites Continue to Grow

The number of sponsors participating in the Summer Food Service Program has grown 25 percent since 2015, while the sites these sponsors serve has increased 29 percent. This means that meals are available in more communities.

At a Glance: NJ Summer Meals Federal Funding



Summer Food Service Program, Sponsors and Sites

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Percent Change 15 - 19
Sponsors	108	111	116	127	133	25
Sites	1,112	1,351	1,372	1,357	1,438	29



Summer Meals 2020 Uncertain

In 2019, a new state law required school districts with at least half of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals to participate in the Summer Food Service Program.

Last summer, districts could request a waiver to the requirement so they could plan their programs. Most requested and were granted that waiver.

This summer, 128 districts are mandated to participate in SFSP. These are districts that have not previously participated. Of those, 28 have committed to becoming sponsors, which are responsible for managing all aspects of the program, according to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. Ninety-seven indicated they would have schools become a meal site under an existing sponsor. Three had not committed to either as of the writing of this report.

With limitations on how camps and other programs can operate this summer, it is likely there will be fewer recreational opportunities for children, resulting in fewer meals

served through these traditional sites. It also appears likely that many communities will continue to provide meals as they did during the unplanned closings. This includes distributing food at schools and other community sites and delivering meals directly to families using buses or other mobile delivery methods.

In fact, the USDA in May extended flexibilities in three key areas through Aug. 31. This includes:

- Allowing meals to be served outside of group settings. Meals can be distributed at a site where families pick up the meals, as well as be delivered to children's homes,
- Providing flexibility as to when meals are served,
- Allowing parents and guardians to pick up meals for children.

As people continue to struggle with the uncertainties brought on by the pandemic, it is critical that New Jersey communities continue to strengthen the food safety net for children and families. Summer food service is a critical piece to that puzzle.



Summer Meals Combat Childhood Hunger

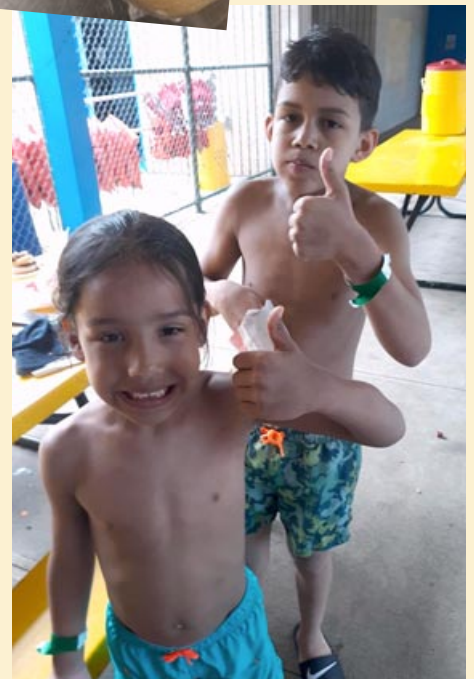
Without free- or reduced-priced school meals, children often face hunger during the summer, especially those who rely on school meals during the academic year. Many New Jersey food pantries report that more families turn to them for food in the summer months to replace the meals provided by schools.

To fight summer hunger, the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service provides funding to local governments, school districts and community organizations to serve summer meals to children through the Summer Food Service Program.

School districts can also opt to participate in the National School Lunch Academic Summer Program. Under this program, districts only feed children who are enrolled in summer academic or enrichment programs. Per-meal reimbursements are lower for this program than for SFSP.

At SFSP sites that are open to the public, parents typically are not required to fill out an application, pre-enroll their children, nor provide identification for their children to receive meals, under federal rules. Children can simply show up at an open site and receive a meal, which must meet federal nutrition standards, including being low-fat, low-sugar and whole-grain foods.

In addition to providing free, healthy meals, in normal times, these programs also offer an opportunity for children 18 years and younger to play together, engage in enrichment activities, hone their academic skills and be better prepared when they return to school in September.



Pandemic Innovations Serve as Lessons in Partnerships

During the unplanned school closings, school districts and community partners teamed up to meet the daunting challenge of providing food to hundreds of thousands of children who were learning from home. Here is a look at a few examples of this innovation, which can also help communities reach more children in need during normal times.

Paterson: “Stronger Together”

When schools first closed in March, the Paterson School District was wary of allowing children into the schools, until the buildings could be thoroughly cleaned. So, school officials teamed up with the Paterson Fire Department to set up outdoor food distribution sites at all seven of the city’s firehouses.

Next, Paterson school officials reached out to houses of worship, many of which also agreed to serve as distribution sites, according to David Buchholtz, the district’s food services executive director.

“We had about 14 locations and that was good at first,” he said.

Then, all the district’s drivers had to be quarantined, leaving no way to deliver food to the sites.

Enter CUMAC, a non-profit organization dedicated to feeding people and changing lives.

“CUMAC was gracious enough to lend us their trucks and two of their drivers to help out during the three weeks my drivers were quarantined,” Buchholtz said.

Logistical issues eventually prompted the district to move the distribution sites back to the schools. But, those community partnerships were invaluable during the first few weeks of the school closings.

“When the pandemic hit, we knew we would be there for Paterson in whatever way we were needed,” said CUMAC Executive Director Mark Dinglasan. “When I heard about Paterson’s predicament, I spoke to Dave and we worked out a schedule. My trucks and drivers were basically part of Dave’s team.

“I hope this leads to more partnerships during normal times,” Dinglasan added. “We’re so much stronger together.”



Camden City School District’s food truck is just one way the district is feeding children during the pandemic and beyond.

Camden Pairs Pop-up Pantries with Meal for Kids

The Camden City School District is pairing meals for students with pop-up pantries for the adults in the household to meet the nutritional needs of the entire family.

In addition to the district’s service of three meals and a snack to students for every day of the week, the district is also providing food for the entire family through a partnership with the Food Bank of South Jersey.

“Not only are we feeding our students, we also have the opportunity to send food home for the adults,” said Arlethia Brown, senior manager school nutrition. “We are giving them a bigger bang for the buck. As a result, the number of children we’re feeding has increased tremendously.”

During the unplanned closures, the district has been providing three days worth of meals on Monday and four days worth on Thursdays at 10 sites throughout the city.

“We have our pickup tables outside,” Brown explained. “Parents identify their student and the team gets the food for both the children and parents. It’s a win-win for everyone.”

The district has been promoting this assistance through its website, robo calls and by getting the information out through the city and community organizations.

Brown hopes to continue this partnership even after the pandemic ends.

“We would love to continue with this operation and open additional sites,” she said. “We will definitely be working with the food bank and any other organization that can support the summer meals program. This is absolutely the way to go.”

Hamilton Cares: A Coordinated Community Approach to Hunger

It started as neighbors helping neighbors.

Now it has grown into a coordinated, community-wide effort that is delivering food to children, families and seniors during the pandemic — and promises to continue even after the crisis is over.

“This whole process began because I knew families in the community who were in need,” said Amy Hassa, a parent and school board member in Hamilton Township, Atlantic County. “When I picked up meals for my kids at school, I would pick up meals for other families.”

Hassa then put a call out on Facebook, asking people if they needed help or if they wanted to help those in need. And she realized the need was severe.

So Hassa contacted all the community partners she could think of — the school district, the food pantry, local government, the police department, businesses and other community organizations.

And the community responded. The organizations formed a new coalition called Hamilton Cares, which is now coordinating food delivery throughout the Hamilton-Mays Landing community.

“I don’t think people really understood the need until this happened,” said Kimberly D’Angelo, food coordinator, Main Street Pantry/NJ Salvation Army Unit, Mays Landing. “We had never worked with the school district or the police department before. This has been an eye-opening experience.”

Through its partnership with the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Southern Branch, the food pantry is providing food boxes to parents through the schools and through mobile delivery. The police department is sending out alerts to inform residents that meals are available for both children and parents.

The school district has established a hotline that any area resident can call for assistance. If the person calling has a child in the district and is unable to travel to a distribution site to pick up meals, district staff will deliver the food. If they do not have children, they will be directed to Hassa and others who can connect them with the help they need.



The Main Street Food Pantry is working with the Hamilton School District and other community partners to reach more families in this time of need.

Local restaurants are also donating meals, which are being delivered along with food boxes to children and senior citizens alike. Volunteers from various organizations are stepping up to help distribute and deliver the food.

“We are doing everything we can to show high-risk individuals that we are here for them,” Hassa said.

D’Angelo expects these partnerships to continue far beyond the end of the pandemic, highlighting the fact that the most effective summer meal and other feeding programs are founded on community partnerships.

“The silver lining is the creation of these new partnerships and the recognition that we can all play a role in feeding our community,” D’Angelo said. “Everyone is stepping up and that will continue beyond this current crisis.”

Sponsor-Level Data

The following chart shows sponsor-level data and the communities that each sponsor served in both 2018 and 2019. Data is currently collected only by sponsor, not by community. Since some sponsors serve multiple

communities, it is not possible to show participation on the municipal level. However, beginning this summer, community-level data is expected to be available.

County	Summer Meals Sponsor	2018	2019	Percent Change, 2018-2019	Communities Served
Atlantic	Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City	0	176	N/A	Atlantic City
Atlantic	Galloway Township School District	240	262	9%	Galloway
Atlantic	Greater Egg Harbor Regional School District	97	109	12%	Galloway, Egg Harbor City, Mays Landing
Atlantic	Pleasantville Recreation Department	697	763	9%	Pleasantville, Absecon, Mays Landing
Atlantic, Cumberland, Cape May	Community Food Bank of New Jersey	1,077	699	-35%	Atlantic City, Bridgeton, Cape May, Egg Harbor City, Egg Harbor Township, Millville, Newtonville, Pleasantville, Port Norris, Seabrook, Villas, Vineland, Wildwood, Woodbine
Bergen	Cliffside Borough	181	244	35%	Cliffside Park
Bergen	Fairleigh Dickinson University	128	86	-33%	Teaneck, Madison
Bergen	Fairview Borough	56	96	71%	Fairview
Bergen	Garfield City Recreation Department	614	616	0%	Garfield
Bergen	Hackensack Recreation Department	381	317	-17%	Hackensack
Bergen	Mount Olive Baptist Church	77	79	3%	Hackensack
Bergen	Noah's Ark Summer Development	51	49	-4%	Hackensack
Bergen	Ramapo College	119	107	-10%	Mahwah
Burlington	Burlington City School District	197	235	19%	Burlington
Burlington	Mount Holly Township	92	86	-7%	Mount Holly
Burlington	Pemberton School District	337	344	2%	Pemberton, Browns Mills, Country Lakes
Burlington	Willingboro Township	479	564	18%	Willingboro, Burlington
Camden	Camden City Health/Human Svcs Dept.	1,658	1,582	-5%	Camden, Blackwood, Pennsauken, Woodlynne
Camden	Camden School District	2,141	1,975	-8%	Camden, Pennsauken
Camden	First Nazarene Baptist Church	21	42	100%	Camden
Camden	Food Bank of South Jersey	4,657	2,656	-43%	Bellmawr, Beverly, Blackwood, Browns Mills, Burlington, Camden, Carneys Point, Chesilhurst, Clayton, Elmer, Erial, Florence, Glassboro, Gloucester, Lawnside, Lindenwold, Logan, Lumberton, Merchantville, Moorestown, Mt. Holly, Paulsboro, Pedricktown, Pennsauken, Penns Grove, Pilesgrove, Pine Hill, Pitman, Salem, Sicklerville, Somerdale, Stratford, Wenonah, West Berlin, West Deptford, Westville, Williamstown, Willingboro, Winslow, Woodbury, Woodstown
Camden	Gloucester City School District	111	26	-77%	Gloucester City
Camden	Lawnside School District	65	80	23%	Lawnside
Camden	Lindenwold School District	88	102	16%	Lindenwold

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Camden	Rutgers University - Camden	214	228	7%	Camden
Camden	The Salvation Army - Camden	181	161	-11%	Camden
Camden	Winslow Township School District	246	266	8%	Sicklerville, Atco
Cape May	Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro	69	75	9%	Whitesboro
Cumberland	Bridgeton School District	852	1,075	26%	Bridgeton, Brotmanville, Millville, Pittsgrove
Cumberland	Compass Academy Charter School	39	72	85%	Vineland
Cumberland	Cumberland Cape May Atlantic YMCA	153	179	17%	Pittsgrove, Vineland
Cumberland	Millville School District	319	456	43%	Millville
Cumberland	Tri-County Community Action Center (Gateway)	0	95	N/A	Bridgeton
Cumberland	Vineland School District	202	263	30%	Vineland
Cumberland	Word of Life Christian Worship	270	248	-8%	Newfield, Vineland
Essex	Caldwell University	32	38	19%	Bloomfield
Essex	East Orange City	1,100	1,913	74%	East Orange, Newark
Essex	East Orange Community Charter School	94	0	-100%	East Orange
Essex	Essex County College	159	105	-34%	Newark
Essex	Essex Regional Education Services Commission	188	217	15%	Dover, Fairfield, Hackettstown, Long Branch, Manalapan
Essex	Irvington Parks & Recreation	1,013	788	-22%	Irvington
Essex	Link Community Charter School	67	52	-22%	Newark
Essex	Montclair Grass Roots, Inc.	74	90	22%	Montclair
Essex	New Community Corporation	95	90	-5%	Newark
Essex	Newark City	3,760	4,456	19%	Newark, West Milford
Essex	Newark School District	4,252	3,500	-18%	Newark
Essex	Orange City	1,281	1,504	17%	Orange, South Orange, West Orange
Essex	Philips Educational Partners	170	0	-100%	Newark, Paterson
Essex	Seton Hall University, Upward BND Program	58	88	52%	South Orange
Essex	St. Joseph School	107	0	-100%	East Orange
Essex	Team Resurrection, Inc.	90	45	-50%	Englewood, Newark
Gloucester	Boys & Girls Club of Gloucester County	155	104	-33%	Glassboro, Paulsboro
Gloucester	Glassboro School District	124	94	-24%	Glassboro
Gloucester	Gloucester County Special Services District	164	187	14%	Alloway, Atco, Hammonton
Gloucester	Repauno Preschool Day Care	14	13	-7%	Gibbstown
Gloucester	Rowan University	145	134	-8%	Glassboro
Gloucester	The ARC Gloucester	26	26	0%	Williamstown
Gloucester	Woodbury School District	125	165	32%	Woodbury
Hudson	Bayonne School District	801	481	-40%	Bayonne
Hudson	Guttenberg Town	199	189	-5%	Guttenberg
Hudson	Harrison School District	453	502	11%	Harrison
Hudson	Hoboken City	490	514	5%	Hoboken
Hudson	Hudson County Schools of Technology	83	108	30%	North Bergen
Hudson	Jersey City Department of Recreation	1,527	1,631	7%	Jersey City
Hudson	Jersey City School District	1,315	1,478	12%	Jersey City
Hudson	North Bergen Township	537	658	23%	North Bergen
Hudson	Union City School District	2,242	2,121	-5%	Union City
Hudson	Weehawken Township	101	94	-7%	Weehawkin
Hudson	West New York Town	609	857	41%	West New York
Hunterdon	Lifecamp Inc.	308	291	-6%	Pottersville

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Hunterdon	The Salvation Army	35	38	9%	Flemington
Hunterdon	The Salvation Army/Tecumseh	106	109	3%	Pittstown
Mercer	Boys & Girls Club of Trenton/Mercer	245	398	62%	Lawrence, Trenton
Mercer	Mercer Street Friends Food Bank	392	164	-58%	Hamilton, Princeton, Trenton
Mercer	Trenton City	1,234	877	-29%	Trenton
Mercer	YMCA of Trenton	177	968	447%	Trenton
Middlesex	Carteret Borough	130	200	54%	Carteret
Middlesex	Highland Park Borough	0	159	N/A	Highland Park
Middlesex	Jamesburg School District	0	36	N/A	Jamesburg
Middlesex	Middlesex County Recreation Council	160	159	-1%	Edison
Middlesex	New Brunswick Youth Services	1,607	1,314	-18%	New Brunswick
Middlesex	Perth Amboy City	1,918	1,801	-6%	Cateret, Perth Amboy, Sewaren
Monmouth	Asbury Park School District	356	418	17%	Asbury Park
Monmouth	Collier School/Kateri	255	298	17%	Wickatunk
Monmouth	Freehold School District	132	205	55%	Englishtown
Monmouth	Highlands Borough	90	49	-46%	Highlands
Monmouth	Keansburg School District	168	0	-100%	Keansburg
Monmouth	Long Branch School District	627	567	-10%	Long Branch
Monmouth	Red Bank School District	0	93	N/A	Red Bank
Monmouth/Ocean	Fulfill	709	828	17%	Asbury Park, Bayville, Freehold, Jackson, Marlboro, Neptune, Toms River, Seaside Heights
Morris	Dover Town	123	148	20%	Dover
Morris	Rabbinical College of America	152	135	-11%	Morristown
Ocean	Bnos Brocha	350	349	0%	Lakewood
Ocean	Bnos Devorah	736	1,250	70%	Lakewood
Ocean	Bnos Melech	784	888	13%	Lakewood
Ocean	Bnos Yaakov Elementary School	972	1,696	74%	Lakewood
Ocean	Central Regional School District	36	0	-100%	Bayville
Ocean	Lakewood Cheder School	1,389	1,110	-20%	Lakewood
Ocean	Lakewood School District	698	671	-4%	Lakewood, South Toms River
Ocean	Little Egg Harbor School District	156	157	1%	Little Egg Harbor
Ocean	Mesivta of Eatontown	800	350	-56%	Lakewood
Ocean	Nachlas Bais Yaakov	0	629	N/A	Lakewood
Ocean	Oros Bias Yaakov	3,250	2,000	-38%	Lakewood
Ocean	Sephardic Bet Yaakov	0	278	N/A	Lakewood
Ocean	Talamud Torah Bais Avrohom	572	0	-100%	Lakewood
Ocean	Talmud Torah Yesodei Hatorah	296	331	12%	Lakewood
Ocean	Tehilas Chaya Sara	0	204	N/A	Lakewood
Ocean	Tiferes Bais Yakov	393	514	31%	Lakewood
Ocean	Toras Imecha, Inc.	786	835	6%	Lakewood
Passaic	Clifton School District	0	591	N/A	Clifton
Passaic	Haledon School District	96	101	5%	Haledon
Passaic	Hands in 4 Youth, Inc.	55	74	35%	West Milford
Passaic	Islamic Center of Passaic County	188	335	78%	Paterson
Passaic	Manchester Regional School District	26	28	8%	Haledon
Passaic	Passaic City Department of Recreation	749	912	22%	Clifton, Passaic City
Passaic	Passaic School District	2,272	2,459	8%	Clifton, Passaic City

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Passaic	Paterson School District	2,030	1,879	-7%	Paterson, Prospect Park
Passaic	Salvation Army - Star Lake Camp	198	134	-32%	Bloomingtondale
Passaic	Young Men's Christian Association	0	109	N/A	Paterson
Salem	Appel Farm Arts & Music Center	0	274	N/A	Elmer
Salem	Salem City School District	177	289	63%	Salem
Somerset	Bound Brook School District	168	153	-9%	Bound Brook
Somerset	Franklin Township Recreation	0	27	N/A	Franklin Township
Somerset	Franklin Township School District	43	0	-100%	Somerset
Sussex	Newark YMCA-Linwood MacDonald Camp	19	18	-5%	Sandyston
Sussex	Newton School District	0	115	N/A	Newton
Sussex	Project Self-Sufficiency of Sussex County, Inc.	35	0	-100%	Newton
Sussex	Trail Blazers	157	106	-32%	Montague
Union	Community Food Bank of New Jersey	678	513	-24%	Belleville, Clifton, Dover, Elizabeth, Englewood, Hackensack, Hillside, Lodi, Newark, Paterson, Wharton
Union	Elizabeth City Department of Recreation	1,256	1,666	33%	Elizabeth
Union	Elizabeth School District	2,812	2,946	5%	Elizabeth
Union	Hillside Township Recreation Department	298	442	48%	Hillside
Union	Impact 21 Community Development Corp.	75	57	-24%	Rahway
Union	Plainfield School District	809	889	10%	Plainfield
Union	Rahway Community Action Organization	406	330	-19%	Rahway
Union	Roselle Borough	266	285	7%	Roselle
Union	Roselle School District	603	574	-5%	Roselle
Union	Salvation Army	0	30	N/A	Elizabeth
Warren	NORWESCAP, Inc.	104	90	-13%	Phillipsburg
Warren	YMCA Camp Ralph S. Mason, Inc.	210	41	-80%	Hardwick
Total		71,684	72,639	1%	



To find summer meals sites, visit summerfoodrocks.org/sitefinder, text "food" to 877-877 or call the National Hunger Hotline at 1-866-3-HUNGRY or for Spanish 1-877-8-HAMBRE.



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