SUN SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

North Carolina

COUNTY DATA PROFILE

2025 Summer Nutrition Programs for Kids

Ashe County

USDA's three SUN Summer Nutrition Programs for Kids offer families more ways to get their kids the nutrition they need when school is out. Lack of nutrition during the summer makes students more likely to fall behind in school and experience health issues.

NEED

2.2K or **88%**

of students in North Carolina's K-12 schools were eligible for FRP* school meals

FUELING CHILDREN & THE ECONOMY

$335.5K in funding **to the county** from all SUN Summer Nutrition Programs

SUN BUCKS

$120 per eligible child for the 2025 summer

2.2K
Children received benefits in the county

$258K
Funding distributed in the county

Total # of Meals for Kids distributed in the county 17.9K

SUN MEALS

Congregate meals, eaten on-site with other kids

ASHE COUNTY schools

13.7K	**Meals served**
$59.8K	**NC summer meals funding**
1/2	**Congregate sponsors/ total sponsors**
7	**Congregate meal sites**
3/7	**Open sites/Congregate meal sites** open to anyone 18 years and under

SUN MEALS TO-GO

Non-congregate meals (NCM), in rural areas, picked up or delivered to homes

ASHE HARVEST MINISTRIES

4.2K	**Meals served**
$17.6K	**NC summer meals funding**
1/2	**NCM sponsors/ total sponsors****
1	**Total NCM sites**
0/1	**Hybrid sites/Total NCM sites** serve congregate and NCM meals
1/1	**Open NCM sites/Total NCM sites** open to anyone 18 years and under

* Free and Reduced-Priced school meals
**Most NCM sponsors also serve congregate meals; therefore the numbers of sponsors may overlap.

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Thanks to all the dedicated summer nutrition staff!

SummerMeals4NCKids.org/County-Profiles

THE OPPORTUNITY: Expanding Access

Up to 2 meals or snacks are reimbursable by USDA at each meal site daily - and can be served 7 days a week during the summer.

$988.6K

Potential funds if every FRP eligible student received 2 meals Monday-Friday (55 days) in the summer.

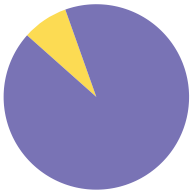
$77.5K

Funding Accessed

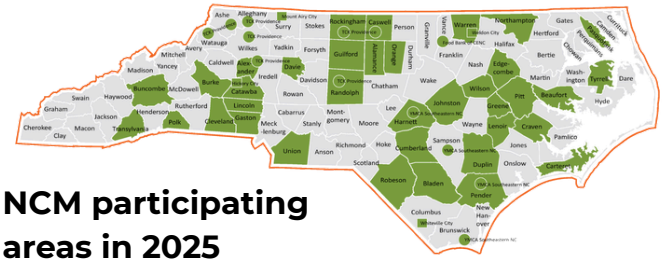
$911.2K

Not Accessed

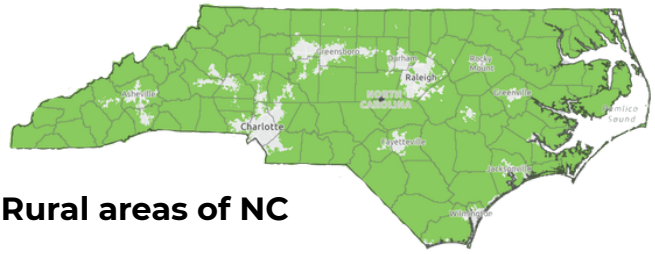
8% **Funds Accessed**



92% **Funds Not Accessed**



NCM participating areas in 2025



Rural areas of NC

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