

# Food For Thought: Expanding School Breakfast to NJ Students



## Atlantic County Rank: 4

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Absecon	337	39	18	275	\$73,960
Atlantic City	6,341	90	71	1,846	\$604,454
Buena Regional	1,086	50	26	809	\$257,162
Brigantine	397	52	23	305	\$98,973
chARTer™TECH High School for the Performing Arts	164	52	29	116	\$37,332
Egg Harbor Township	3,206	42	18	2,635	\$842,409
Egg Harbor City	387	77	88	48	\$15,498
Folsom Borough	148	35	57	63	\$16,079
Galloway Community Charter School	152	77	42	88	\$27,846
Galloway Township	1,826	54	33	1,230	\$389,340
Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School	1,470	40	28	1,053	\$335,147
Hamilton Township	1,559	51	44	872	\$280,062
Hammonton	1,358	38	29	964	\$260,349
Mainland Regional High School	346	25	33	231	\$60,306
Mullica Township	323	44	16	272	\$87,282
Northfield City	225	22	4	216	\$57,154
Oceanside Charter School	226	95	67	75	\$23,895
Pleasantville	3,268	84	70	994	\$323,010
Somers Point	604	56	32	413	\$133,101
Ventnor City	574	66	34	376	\$123,372
Weymouth Township	90	45	39	55	\$17,559
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>24,085</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>12,934</b>	<b>\$4,064,289</b>

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Elmwood Park	971	39	19	782	\$206,831
Englewood	1,695	56	36	1,077	\$348,975
Englewood on the Palisades Charter School	122	68	27	89	\$28,611
Fairview	989	81	11	883	\$288,045
Fort Lee	781	21	9	711	\$184,603
Garfield	2,810	61	40	1,695	\$545,265
Hackensack City	3,008	56	69	944	\$304,088
Little Ferry	296	30	6	279	\$74,039
Lodi	2,012	61	11	1,799	\$575,901
Lyndhurst	498	22	7	464	\$122,462
Maywood	220	23	6	207	\$55,564
Moonachie	135	47	23	104	\$33,390
North Arlington	350	21	5	333	\$86,974
Palisades Park	626	40	20	499	\$132,251
Ridgefield	427	24	27	311	\$81,527
Ridgefield Park	881	38	17	734	\$192,604
Saddle Brook	336	20	0	336	\$88,104
South Hackensack	76	30	11	68	\$18,281
Teaneck	1,410	38	17	1,168	\$305,342
Wallington Boro	357	30	11	319	\$85,199
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Hackensack City	3,008	56	69	944	\$304,088
<b>Total/Average</b>	<b>22,389</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16,304</b>	<b>\$4,787,484</b>

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### Join the movement to expand school breakfast in New Jersey...

New Jersey's low school breakfast participation is primarily due to the fact that many districts serve breakfast before school starts when bus and family schedules and other factors often prevent children from arriving at school with enough time to eat before the first bell rings.

Hungry students struggle to concentrate. Providing breakfast removes a major barrier to learning and leverages our substantial investment in public education.

A growing number of NJ districts are recognizing this and are now serving "breakfast after the bell," typically in the classroom during the first few minutes of the school day. This approach dramatically increases student participation in this federally-funded child nutrition program. Unfortunately, many school officials are reluctant to change the way they serve breakfast. They often cite logistical concerns, such as clean-up and lost instructional time.

Yet, school officials in NJ districts that now serve breakfast after the bell routinely report that these challenges are easily overcome. They also report widespread benefits for students and school staff, including improved academic performance, less absenteeism, fewer classroom disruptions and more productive instructional time because students are focused and ready to learn.

The need is growing. The number of children eligible for free/reduced-price school meals has risen 12 percent over the past few years, reflecting growing poverty across New Jersey. In 2013, more than 500,000 New Jersey students were eligible for school breakfast, but just 36 percent of those students received it.

### You can help!

Please use these data, Advocates for Children of New Jersey's school breakfast reports and other resources, all available at [www.njschoolbreakfast.org](http://www.njschoolbreakfast.org), to convince your school officials, school board and Parent-Teacher Associations to step up and meet the school breakfast challenge. Well-nourished children are more likely to succeed in school. That's good for kids, parents, our communities and our state.

**Need help or more information? Contact Reggie Dorsey at [rdorsey@acnj.org](mailto:rdorsey@acnj.org).**

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Bass River	40	31	40	24	\$6,466
Benjamin Banneker Preparatory Charter School	41	53	0	41	\$13,167
Beverly City	211	69	63	79	\$25,173
Bordentown Regional	554	22	30	390	\$100,861
Burlington City	1,051	59	20	837	\$272,133
Burlington Township	1,047	26	27	768	\$200,448
Delanco	154	40	27	112	\$35,946
Delran	663	23	35	429	\$111,339
Eastampton	160	25	22	125	\$32,859
Edgewater Park	403	46	26	298	\$95,994
Florence	542	34	32	368	\$97,315
Lumberton	307	20	22	239	\$63,110
Maple Shade	805	39	22	629	\$166,621
Mount Holly	588	58	32	400	\$128,988
New Hanover	97	51	54	45	\$14,283
North Hanover	428	34	25	322	\$79,931
Palmyra	398	41	22	310	\$99,450
Pemberton	2,744	55	31	1,899	\$602,289
Rancocas Valley Regional	468	23	18	385	\$101,885
Renaissance Regional Leadership Charter School	54	36	72	15	\$3,321
Riverside	705	50	18	581	\$188,613
Washington Township	9	24	100	0	0
Westampton Township	203	21	12	179	\$46,946
Willingboro	2,537	64	25	1,898	\$611,298
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>14,209</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10,373</b>	<b>\$3,098,320</b>

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Audubon	378	25	6	357	\$93,670
Barrington	164	26	20	131	\$34,763
Bellmawr	491	47	33	328	\$103,392
Berlin Borough	175	20	7	162	\$43,240
Berlin	322	49	36	206	\$65,574
Black Horse Pike Regional	1,108	28	30	780	\$203,393
Brooklawn	217	60	19	175	\$56,817
Camden Academy Charter H.S.	392	93	18	321	\$104,409
Camden City	11,323	90	45	6,228	\$2,057,994
Camden's Pride Charter School	224	93	67	73	\$23,769
Camden's Promise Charter School	409	93	34	270	\$87,156
Clementon	285	61	29	203	\$64,791
Collingswood	677	36	19	547	\$144,722
D.U.E. Season Charter School	398	73	87	52	\$17,316
Environment Community Opportunity (ECO) Charter School	201	93	77	46	\$14,994
Gloucester City	1,381	68	35	899	\$288,999
Gloucester Township	2,595	37	30	1,827	\$483,352
Knowledge A to Z Charter School	172	89	59	71	\$23,319
Laurel Springs	55	30	13	48	\$12,643
Lawnside	213	77	35	139	\$45,423
LEAP Academy University C.S.	1,089	90	48	571	\$184,095
Lindenwold	1,785	74	54	813	\$263,115
Magnolia	167	40	14	144	\$45,792
Merchantville School District	127	34	16	107	\$28,413
Mt. Ephraim	163	36	28	118	\$30,503
Oaklyn	170	39	33	114	\$30,827
Pennsauken	3,579	68	32	2,448	\$787,104
Pine Hill Borough	896	48	36	574	\$183,690
Runnemede	335	39	21	264	\$68,587
Somerdale	214	42	25	160	\$50,364
Sterling	237	26	15	201	\$52,796
The Institute for Excellence C.S.	191	41	31	131	\$41,787
Waterford	276	30	47	146	\$37,624
Winslow Township	2,378	51	30	1,674	\$538,650
Woodlynne Boro	398	91	22	309	\$100,845
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>33,185</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>20,637</b>	<b>\$6,413,927</b>

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Dennis	146	25	32	99	\$25,605
Lower Cape May Regional	591	40	38	364	\$117,698
Lower Township	1,022	57	82	180	\$56,916
Middle Township	1,010	38	31	695	\$186,911
North Wildwood	153	48	12	134	\$44,244
Ocean City	502	24	5	476	\$127,884
West Cape May	28	42	25	21	\$6,885
Wildwood City	698	82	84	113	\$36,441
Wildwood Crest	76	31	4	73	\$19,100
Woodbine	137	57	70	41	\$13,491
<b>Total/Average</b>	<b>4,362</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2,195</b>	<b>\$635,174</b>

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Bridgeton	5,319	93	53	2,507	\$822,087
Commercial Township	481	79	46	262	\$84,762
Cumberland Regional	488	39	40	291	\$75,602
Deerfield	181	51	49	92	\$29,286
Downe	98	52	42	57	\$18,387
Fairfield	435	73	76	104	\$32,958
Greenwich	20	26	70	6	\$1,789
Hopewell	164	32	38	101	\$26,278
Lawrence	283	56	67	94	\$30,168
Maurice River	165	41	43	94	\$29,952
Millville	3,899	66	37	2,442	\$788,130
Millville Public Charter School	48	36	0	48	\$12,874
Stow Creek	34	30	21	27	\$6,957
Upper Deerfield	443	50	53	207	\$66,609
Vineland	6,553	68	74	1,700	\$546,228
Vineland Public Charter School	122	55	69	38	\$11,844
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>18,733</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>8,070</b>	<b>\$2,583,911</b>

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100 Legacy Academy Charter School	220	86	32	149	\$47,997
Adelaide L. Sanford Charter School	262	79	26	193	\$62,811
Belleville	2,451	52	11	2,182	\$701,928
Bloomfield	2,139	35	9	1,944	\$521,616
Burch Charter School of Excellence	295	91	11	264	\$84,726
Discovery Charter School	55	92	60	22	\$6,948
East Orange	7,476	77	51	3,668	\$1,204,133
East Orange Community Charter School	438	87	62	166	\$54,576
Gray Charter School	130	79	5	123	\$39,123
Great Oaks Charter School	161	78	50	81	\$26,271
Greater Newark Charter School	150	85	61	58	\$18,342
Irvington	4,515	69	28	3,252	\$1,067,904
Lady Liberty Academy Charter School	408	92	46	221	\$71,757
Maria Varisco Rogers Charter School	450	91	37	283	\$90,945
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	636	93	75	158	\$51,318
Merit Preparatory Charter School of Newark	68	84	41	40	\$12,942
New Horizons Community Charter School	422	95	45	231	\$76,167
Newark	30,944	89	64	11,032	\$3,608,586
Newark Educators Community Charter School	251	90	37	157	\$51,255
Newark Legacy Charter School	215	89	56	94	\$30,006
Newark Prep Charter School	156	87	15	132	\$42,930
North Star Academy Charter Schools of Newark	1,853	83	25	1,394	\$448,650
Orange	4,038	86	71	1,182	\$385,425
Paulo Freire Charter School	61	100	0	61	\$20,151
People's Preparatory Charter School	182	96	37	114	\$36,990
Pride Academy Charter School	226	85	71	66	\$20,736
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	419	73	7	391	\$124,803
Roseville Community Charter School	173	91	49	89	\$28,611
South Orange-Maplewood	1,325	20	31	917	\$244,875
TEAM Academy Charter School	1,548	87	43	877	\$282,267
University Heights Charter School	285	85	27	208	\$67,968
Visions Academy Charter H.S.	281	83	21	221	\$72,297
West Orange	2,419	36	35	1,575	\$422,207
<b>Total/Average</b>	<b>64,650</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>31,543</b>	<b>\$10,027,260</b>

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Delsea Regional High School	526	30	27	386	\$101,992
Deptford	1,806	42	34	1,189	\$376,416
Elk	158	43	22	124	\$40,104
Franklin	432	32	64	156	\$38,455
Gateway Regional	280	31	32	190	\$49,669
Glassboro	1,047	47	31	721	\$233,019
Greenwich	178	35	51	88	\$22,363
Logan	120	21	26	89	\$23,794
Monroe	1,935	32	20	1,539	\$407,263
National Park Boro	137	54	20	109	\$34,893
Paulsboro	892	76	48	465	\$151,767
Pitman Boro	321	22	2	316	\$83,671
West Deptford	844	28	24	645	\$169,760
Westville Boro	178	51	29	126	\$40,230
Woodbury City	929	62	52	443	\$143,249
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>10,476</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>7,018</b>	<b>\$2,053,211</b>

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BelovED Community Charter School	275	77	85	40	\$12,402
Dr Lena Edwards Academic Charter School	329	86	63	121	\$38,943
East Newark	213	89	36	137	\$44,217
Guttenberg	821	82	6	770	\$251,604
Harrison	1,679	81	57	718	\$230,886
Hoboken	1,220	72	25	914	\$298,638
Jersey City	20,208	75	23	15,646	\$5,108,598
Jersey City Community Charter School	447	78	0	447	\$146,151
Jersey City Golden Door Charter School	266	55	27	194	\$61,902
Kearny	3,047	51	8	2,811	\$903,771
Learning Community Charter School	176	33	9	160	\$41,990
Liberty Academy Charter School	222	86	17	184	\$59,544
M.E.T.S. Charter School	236	60	8	216	\$69,768
North Bergen	5,075	63	30	3,554	\$1,157,508
Secaucus	565	26	46	304	\$78,077
Soaring Heights	126	57	7	117	\$36,423
The Ethical Community Charter School	76	32	96	3	\$722
Union City	10,260	92	34	6,792	\$2,230,200
University Academy Charter High School	312	74	28	226	\$72,720
Weehawken	600	48	18	492	\$157,896
West New York	6,568	84	49	3,375	\$1,104,111
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>58,457</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>39,651</b>	<b>\$12,892,338</b>

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## Hunterdon County Rank: 21

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### School Breakfast Participation Data, 2013

School District	#of Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Breakfast	Eligible Students as % of Total Enrollment	% of Eligible Students Receiving Breakfast	# Eligible Students NOT Receiving Breakfast	Total Possible Federal Reimbursement*
Hampton Borough	36	33	3	35	\$11,097
Lambertville	58	25	16	49	\$15,759
<b>Total/Average</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>\$26,856</b>

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# Mercer County Rank: 15

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## School Breakfast Participation Data, 2013

School District	#of Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Breakfast	Eligible Students as % of Total Enrollment	% of Eligible Students Receiving Breakfast	# Eligible Students NOT Receiving Breakfast	Total Possible Federal Reimbursement*
East Windsor	1,563	31	24	1,181	\$310,894
Ewing	1,427	39	16	1,198	\$316,967
Foundation Academy Charter School	304	83	29	217	\$69,291
Hamilton	4,003	33	22	3,108	\$824,167
International Charter School of Trenton	82	92	40	49	\$15,615
Lawrence	811	20	11	725	\$190,875
Pace Charter School of Hamilton	91	78	46	49	\$15,561
Paul Robeson Charter School for the Humanities	272	91	50	135	\$42,903
The Village Charter School	285	80	35	185	\$58,851
Trenton Public Schools	10,817	89	36	6,930	\$2,279,124
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>19,654</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13,776</b>	<b>\$4,124,247</b>

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## Middlesex County Rank: 7

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### School Breakfast Participation Data, 2013

School District	#of Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Breakfast	Eligible Students as % of Total Enrollment	% of Eligible Students Receiving Breakfast	# Eligible Students NOT Receiving Breakfast	Total Possible Federal Reimbursement*
Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School	167	56	18	137	\$44,217
Carteret	2,403	63	21	1,902	\$612,140
Dunellen	469	41	24	356	\$112,932
Greater Brunswick Charter School**	277	78	100	0	\$0
Highland Park	553	36	13	481	\$127,287
Jamesburg	295	44	51	145	\$46,287
Middlesex Borough	568	27	73	154	\$38,478
New Brunswick	7,338	93	27	5,363	\$1,764,734
North Brunswick	1,994	33	60	788	\$208,418
Old Bridge	2,231	25	12	1,971	\$516,563
Perth Amboy	6,596	64	82	1,195	\$395,559
Piscataway	2,481	34	22	1,925	\$500,787
Sayreville	2,132	36	23	1,634	\$424,264
South Amboy	475	42	14	410	\$131,535
South Plainfield	883	25	12	775	\$200,443
South River	1,078	46	11	956	\$305,928
Woodbridge	4,176	31	36	2,673	\$694,479
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>34,114</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>20,863</b>	<b>\$6,124,049</b>

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## Monmouth County Rank: 9

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### School Breakfast Participation Data, 2013

School District	#of Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Breakfast	Eligible Students as % of Total Enrollment	% of Eligible Students Receiving Breakfast	# Eligible Students NOT Receiving Breakfast	Total Possible Federal Reimbursement*
Academy Charter High School	101	48	83	18	\$4,694
Asbury Park	1,770	92	66	599	\$197,762
Belmar	292	51	26	215	\$70,569
Bradley Beach	178	62	20	142	\$45,990
Eatontown	474	44	28	341	\$109,665
Freehold Borough	1,033	70	35	676	\$220,464
Henry Hudson Regional	99	28	45	54	\$14,029
Highlands	101	56	18	83	\$26,829
Hope Academy Charter School	193	93	73	53	\$17,487
Keansburg School District	1,052	63	44	587	\$188,393
Keyport	474	44	14	406	\$130,766
Long Branch	3,797	70	47	1,999	\$653,513
Matawan-Aberdeen Regional	972	26	19	791	\$208,651
Neptune City	184	46	12	162	\$51,786
Neptune Township	2,618	59	30	1,835	\$593,285
Ocean Township	740	19	13	646	\$173,903
Red Bank	930	82	33	624	\$204,444
Red Bank Charter School**	68	38	100	0	\$0
Red Bank Regional	286	24	15	242	\$65,017
Tinton Falls	299	20	0	299	\$78,007
Union Beach	257	35	12	226	\$60,059
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>15,914</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>9,994</b>	<b>\$3,115,309</b>

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# Morris County Rank: 11

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## School Breakfast Participation Data, 2013

School District	#of Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Breakfast	Eligible Students as % of Total Enrollment	% of Eligible Students Receiving Breakfast	# Eligible Students NOT Receiving Breakfast	Total Possible Federal Reimbursement*
Boonton Town	376	30	37	238	\$62,600
Dover	2,140	71	23	1,645	\$527,072
Lincoln Park	197	21	1	195	\$51,698
Mine Hill	114	28	59	47	\$12,191
Morris	1,583	32	59	653	\$167,153
Netcong	114	36	9	104	\$28,094
Wharton Borough	425	54	23	326	\$103,860
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>4,949</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3,208</b>	<b>\$952,669</b>

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## Ocean County Rank: 12

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### School Breakfast Participation Data, 2013

School District	#of Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Breakfast	Eligible Students as % of Total Enrollment	% of Eligible Students Receiving Breakfast	# Eligible Students NOT Receiving Breakfast	Total Possible Federal Reimbursement*
Barneгат	985	31	34	649	\$169,177
Berkeley	670	33	32	453	\$118,957
Brick Township	2,471	26	48	1,282	\$334,292
Central Regional	696	36	16	582	\$154,520
Eagleswood	41	31	78	9	\$2,281
Jackson	1,799	20	10	1,620	\$425,633
Lacey	1,096	24	16	917	\$239,427
Lakehurst	212	50	57	92	\$29,178
Lakewood	4,682	91	60	1,879	\$613,985
Little Egg Harbor	779	44	54	355	\$112,275
Long Beach Island Consolidated	56	23	54	26	\$6,736
Manchester	1,051	34	27	763	\$198,626
Ocean	192	35	31	132	\$34,812
Ocean Gate	95	59	33	64	\$20,448
Pinelands	621	38	31	427	\$112,480
Seaside Heights	195	85	52	93	\$30,807
Southern Regional	676	23	7	631	\$164,471
Stafford	547	25	40	330	\$86,713
Toms River Regional	3,904	24	16	3,278	\$874,674
Tuckerton Borough	131	38	18	108	\$28,750
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>20,897</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>13,688</b>	<b>\$3,758,240</b>

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## Passaic County Rank: 6

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Clifton	5,216	48	18	4,255	\$1,379,925
Community Charter School of Paterson**	515	89	80	103	\$33,543
Haledon	705	71	11	627	\$201,123
Hawthorne	591	25	9	535	\$143,735
John P. Holland Charter School	176	91	14	151	\$49,095
Passaic Arts and Science Charter School	297	83	34	195	\$62,613
Passaic City	10,822	80	73	2,888	\$944,316
Passaic Co Manchester Regional High School	671	74	57	291	\$95,013
Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1	308	22	22	241	\$64,532
Paterson	20,821	85	30	14,593	\$4,806,603
Paterson Charter School for Science/Technology	751	72	54	342	\$110,484
Pompton Lakes Boro	340	20	8	314	\$83,574
Prospect Park	672	75	15	568	\$184,608
Totowa	232	23	6	219	\$56,954
Wanaque	205	22	7	190	\$50,648
Woodland Park	476	42	18	388	\$124,236
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>42,798</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>25,900</b>	<b>\$8,391,002</b>

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## Salem County Rank: 16

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Elsinboro	49	40	27	36	\$11,556
Mannington	52	28	33	35	\$9,362
Oldmans	71	31	23	55	\$14,251
Penns Grove-Carneys Point	1,621	71	22	1,269	\$416,282
Pennsville	548	30	11	486	\$129,090
Pittsgrove	576	33	32	392	\$102,777
Quinton	175	46	39	106	\$33,894
Salem City	1,045	87	45	572	\$187,826
Upper Pittsgrove Township	92	23	30	64	\$16,934
Woodstown-Piles Grove	430	27	17	357	\$93,929
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>4,657</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3,370</b>	<b>\$1,015,900</b>

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## Somerset County Rank: 20

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Bound Brook	1,144	71	16	965	\$269,096
Central Jersey College Prep Charter School	139	44	58	59	\$16,461
Franklin	3,440	45	21	2,729	\$761,391
Manville	547	42	12	481	\$134,060
North Plainfield	2,118	65	16	1,773	\$494,528
Somerville	695	28	12	611	\$162,952
South Bound Brook	209	47	18	172	\$47,988
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>8,291</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6,789</b>	<b>\$1,886,475</b>

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# Sussex County Rank: 19

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## School Breakfast Participation Data, 2013

School District	#of Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Breakfast	Eligible Students as % of Total Enrollment	% of Eligible Students Receiving Breakfast	# Eligible Students NOT Receiving Breakfast	Total Possible Federal Reimbursement*
Franklin Borough	168	34	0	168	\$44,914
Hopatcong Borough	489	26	8	450	\$116,852
Montague**	123	48	94	7	\$2,331
Newton	368	27	32	251	\$66,314
Ogdensburg Borough	65	21	0	65	\$17,213
Sussex-Wantage Regional	334	25	28	240	\$62,813
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>1,547</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>\$310,437</b>

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# Union County Rank: 10

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## School Breakfast Participation Data, 2013

School District	#of Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Breakfast	Eligible Students as % of Total Enrollment	% of Eligible Students Receiving Breakfast	# Eligible Students NOT Receiving Breakfast	Total Possible Federal Reimbursement*
Central Jersey Arts Charter School	276	83	20	221	\$71,811
Elizabeth	21,104	88	51	10,360	\$3,372,066
Hillside	1,726	58	23	1,325	\$422,649
Kenilworth	317	23	4	304	\$78,970
Linden City	3,235	54	19	2,632	\$840,164
Plainfield	5,287	83	27	3,859	\$1,263,956
Rahway	2,223	60	17	1,838	\$588,452
Roselle	2,058	78	34	1,356	\$435,537
Roselle Park	733	38	11	654	\$171,378
The Barack Obama Green Charter High School	135	83	22	105	\$33,831
The Queen City Academy Charter School	201	80	11	179	\$57,717
Twp of Union	2,888	39	18	2,377	\$620,794
Union County TEAMS Charter School	200	64	8	184	\$59,382
Winfield	34	22	3	33	\$8,631
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>40,415</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>25,425</b>	<b>\$8,025,336</b>

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## Warren County

Rank: 5

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School District	#of Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Breakfast	Eligible Students as % of Total Enrollment	% of Eligible Students Receiving Breakfast	# Eligible Students NOT Receiving Breakfast	Total Possible Federal Reimbursement*
Alpha Borough Public School	82	32	10	74	\$19,552
Mansfield Township Elementary School	173	25	1	171	\$45,059
Phillipsburg School District	1,823	50	52	867	\$280,017
Washington Borough Schools	189	35	24	143	\$38,111
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>2,267</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>\$382,739</b>

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