

FEED NH KIDS



We like to think of our system of **food** and **nutrition supports** as a power grid, moving healthy food through communities, to schools and to individuals and households. It is possible to **end hunger** in the Granite State if everyone eligible to **federal nutrition programs** was connected to those resources.

Unfortunately, New Hampshire has **low participation** in these Federal Nutrition Programs. **Nationally, we rank...**

- **39th** in SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)
- **35th** in SUN Meals (Summer Meals Program)
- **47th** in School Breakfast Participation
only 46.7% of children who are eating f/r lunch eat breakfast
- **WIC** serves just over half of those eligible (**54%**)

Federal Nutrition Programs

SNAP: the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

WIC: nutrition program for Women Infants & Children

School Meals: Free and Reduced Price (**F/R**)

SUN MEALS: Summer Nutrition Programs for Kids

In the upcoming legislative session, we will focus on **child hunger**, and hope you will **support** these evidence-based policies to **end hunger** in NH.

- **Medicaid Direct Certification:** Directly certifies eligible children who are enrolled in Medicaid in F/R School Meals ([Direct Certification 1-Pager](#))
- Increase school participation in the [Community Eligibility Program \(CEP\)](#)
- Ensure **all low-income children** can **eat free meals** at school by increasing eligibility to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- **Incentivize schools** to increase participation in breakfast by offering **Breakfast After the Bell**
- Provide resources to increase **SUN meal participation** during the summer months
- Allow every child to **access school meals** during the school day
- Allow families access to an **online application for F/R meals**

As recently as June 24, 2024, the monthly Census survey reported over **66,000 households with children** did not have sufficient food. Our school meals program is critical to solving child hunger.