

**Proposals Affecting Child Nutrition Programs—
CBO’s Estimate of the President’s Fiscal Year 2021 Budget**

The National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, and three other child nutrition programs administered by the Food and Nutrition Service in the Department of Agriculture reimburse participating schools, child care centers, and after-school programs for part of the cost of meals to feed children and a small number of elderly and disabled adults. The National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program are the largest child nutrition programs. Under those programs, schools receive a basic payment for each meal served and may receive additional payments if a large number of students are from low-income households. The basic payment depends on the household income of the student receiving the meal—that is, whether the student qualifies for a free, reduced-price, or paid meal. Payments depend on whether the meal is breakfast or lunch and they depend on the state in which the school is located (schools in Alaska and Hawaii receive larger reimbursements). CBO’s projections of outlays for child nutrition programs are based on the estimated number of meals served and their reimbursement rates.

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Millions of Dollars, by Fiscal Year

											March 25, 2020	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2021-2025	2021-2030
Decreases in Direct Spending Outlays												
Increase Verification Sampling Rate to 8 Percent and Change Criteria for Qualifications for Alternative Sampling Rates	0	0	-30	-40	-50	-50	-50	-50	-50	-50	-120	-370
Require All Schools to Meet the Identified Student Percentage Threshold to Participate in the Community Eligibility Provision	-10	-80	-90	-90	-100	-100	-100	-100	-110	-110	-370	-890

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Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.