

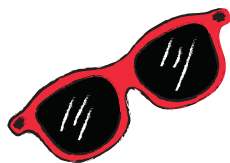


Keep Eating all Summer Long!

D.C. Free Summer Meals

Hunger doesn't take a summer break and neither do we!

The D.C. Free Summer Meals program serves free, nutritious meals and snacks at safe and local sites across the District while school is out from June to August. Kids and teens 18 and under can receive meals all summer long. No sign up needed!



Students who don't get enough nutrition during the summer months are more likely to fall behind their peers once the school year starts. D.C. Free Summer Meals prevents this by providing both free, nutritious meals and fun, educational activities at sites.

During Summer 2017

740,876

Total number of meals and snacks served in the District during June, July, and August 2017

\$2,060,059

Amount D.C. received in reimbursements for the D.C. Free Summer Meals program during Summer 2017

20,260

Number of children in the District that participated in the D.C. Free Summer Meals program on a given day in Summer 2017

47.9%

Summer meals participation as a ratio to free and reduced-price school lunch participation during the school year

23.3%*

Number of households with children in D.C. that experience food hardship; this is the fourth highest in the nation

*FRAC Food Hardship Report, September 2016

D.C. Hunger Solutions Can Help By

Advocating for policy improvements to make summer meals work for low-income families and improve meal quality;

Conducting outreach to increase participation in summer meals;

Assist organizations and schools in applying to run a summer meal program;

Promoting the D.C. Free Summer Meals program;

Implementing best practices to improve meal quality and participation.