

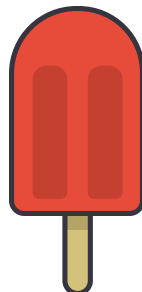


# Keep Eating All Summer Long!

## D.C. Free Summer Meals

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

The D.C. Free Summer Meals Program serves nutritious meals and snacks at 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 healthy food and fun, educational activities at sites.

## Summer 2018

**709,797**

Total number of meals and snacks served in the District during June, July, and August 2018.

**\$2,192,658**

Amount D.C. received in federal reimbursements for the D.C. Free Summer Meals Program.

**15,274**

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

**35 : 100**

Ratio of children participating in summer meals to children participating in free or reduced-price school lunch during 2017-2018.

**23.3%\***

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

\*FRAC Food Hardship Report, September 2016

## D.C. Hunger Solutions Can Help By

- Advocating** for policy improvements to improve meal accessibility and quality;
- Conducting** outreach to increase participation in summer meals;
- Assisting** organizations and schools in applying to run a summer meal site
- Promoting** the D.C. Free Summer Meals Program;
- Implementing** best practices to improve meal quality and participation.