

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 |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 24,085 | 56 | 46 | 12,934 | \$4,064,289 |

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| Bergen Arts and Sciences Charter School | 243 | 42 | 30 | 171 | \$53,271 |
| Bergenfield Borough | 1,325 | 38 | 10 | 1,188 | \$312,823 |
| Bogota | 555 | 49 | 15 | 469 | \$148,779 |
| Carlstadt | 188 | 32 | 18 | 154 | \$40,259 |
| Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional High School | 150 | 30 | 13 | 131 | \$33,784 |
| Cliffside Park | 1,653 | 58 | 23 | 1,265 | \$408,123 |
| East Rutherford | 277 | 36 | 55 | 126 | \$32,389 |
| Bergen Arts and Sciences Charter School | 243 | 42 | 30 | 171 | \$53,271 |
| 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 |
| Total/Average | 22,389 | 43 | 27 | 16,304 | \$4,787,484 |

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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 |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 14,209 | 40 | 27 | 10,373 | \$3,098,320 |

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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 |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 33,185 | 59 | 38 | 20,637 | \$6,413,927 |

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Cape May County

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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 |
| Total/Average | 4,362 | 42 | 50 | 2,195 | \$635,174 |

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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 |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 18,733 | 69 | 57 | 8,070 | \$2,583,911 |

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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 |
| Total/Average | 64,650 | 71 | 51 | 31,543 | \$10,027,260 |

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| Clayton | 693 | 51 | 38 | 432 | \$136,566 |
| 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 |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 10,476 | 38 | 33 | 7,018 | \$2,053,211 |

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| Bayonne | 5,736 | 62 | 58 | 2,430 | \$786,267 |
| 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 |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 58,457 | 72 | 32 | 39,651 | \$12,892,338 |

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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* |
|----------------------|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| Hampton Borough | 36 | 33 | 3 | 35 | \$11,097 |
| Lambertville | 58 | 25 | 16 | 49 | \$15,759 |
| Total/Average | 94 | 27 | 11 | 84 | \$26,856 |

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Mercer County Rank: 15

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|--|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 19,654 | 51 | 30 | 13,776 | \$4,124,247 |

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Middlesex County Rank: 7

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|---|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 34,114 | 44 | 39 | 20,863 | \$6,124,049 |

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Monmouth County Rank: 9

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|-----------------------------|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 15,914 | 50 | 37 | 9,994 | \$3,115,309 |

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Morris County Rank: 11

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|----------------------|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 4,949 | 42 | 35 | 3,208 | \$952,669 |

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Ocean County Rank: 12

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|--------------------------------|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 20,897 | 32 | 34 | 13,688 | \$3,758,240 |

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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 |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 42,798 | 68 | 39 | 25,900 | \$8,391,002 |

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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 |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 4,657 | 47 | 28 | 3,370 | \$1,015,900 |

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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 |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 8,291 | 49 | 18 | 6,789 | \$1,886,475 |

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Sussex County Rank: 19

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| 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 |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 1,547 | 28 | 24 | 1,181 | \$310,437 |

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Union County Rank: 10

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|--|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 40,415 | 70 | 37 | 25,425 | \$8,025,336 |

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Warren County

Rank: 5

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|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 2,267 | 44 | 45 | 1,255 | \$382,739 |

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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, 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.