

# NJ School Breakfast Snapshot: The Underachievers 2016



In April 2016, 44 districts with at least half of their students eligible for free or low-cost meals served fewer than 31 percent of eligible students.

In these districts alone, more than 39,000 children — many at high risk of hunger — did not receive school breakfast. If all of these eligible students received breakfast each school day, these districts would receive an estimated \$13.4 million more in federal funding to support school breakfast each year. And most important, more low-income students would start their day with the nutrition they need to concentrate and succeed in school.

Eight districts — Belmar, Clayton, Burlington City, Hillside, Brooklawn, Ocean Gate, North Bergen, Passaic Arts and Science Charter School — have improved their

participation numbers since last year and are no longer on the underachievers list. These districts should be commended for taking steps to improve breakfast service.

New to the list this year are Brigantine, North Wildwood, Benjamin Bannecker Prep Charter School, South Bound Brook and Edgewater Park. These districts had fewer than 50 percent of students eligible last year, but are now at 50 percent or above. Three others — Pine Hill, People's Prep Charter School and Somers Point — were added to the list because their student participation actually declined from last year.

We urge all districts on this list to implement breakfast after the bell to help provide their students with the nutrition they need to succeed in school.

## School Breakfast Underachievers

County	School District	# of Students Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Breakfast	Eligible Students as % of Total Enrollment	% Eligible Students Served	# Eligible Students NOT Receiving Breakfast	Total Possible Federal Reimbursement*
Mercer	Trenton Stem-To-Civics Charter School	175	87	3	170	\$59,814
Hudson	Guttenberg	808	81	7	752	\$265,478
Hudson	Kearny	3,385	57	7	3,132	\$1,092,020
Bergen	Englewood On The Palisades Charter School	118	56	8	109	\$38,180
Essex	Belleville	2,713	60	8	2,486	\$862,783
Hudson	Soaring Heights Charter School	128	54	9	117	\$39,317
Union	Queen City Academy Charter School	246	76	9	223	\$78,799
Bergen	Fairview	993	74	10	897	\$317,093
Bergen	Lodi	1,916	60	10	1,726	\$594,898
Cape May	North Wildwood	137	51	10	123	\$43,303
Burlington	Benjamin Bannecker Prep Charter School	83	58	11	74	\$25,103
Essex	Paulo Freire Charter School	167	62	11	148	\$52,636
Monmouth	Keyport	586	55	12	518	\$180,985
Passaic	Prospect Park**	914	100	12	801	N/A

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Somerset	South Bound Brook	227	50	15	193	\$66,433
Passaic	Haledon	772	73	16	646	\$225,835
Burlington	Riverside	779	56	16	651	\$228,004
Essex	Burch Charter School Of Excellence	261	74	17	217	\$76,055
Passaic	Clifton	6,073	56	17	5,039	\$1,760,150
Middlesex	Academy For Urban Leadership Charter School	314	80	17	260	\$91,404
Camden	Woodlynne	342	91	17	283	\$99,211
Essex	People's Preparatory Charter High School	344	91	18	283	\$100,183
Atlantic	Brigantine	343	52	18	281	\$98,602
Middlesex	Carteret	2,583	70	19	2,105	\$737,865
Union	College Achieve Central Charter School	214	69	19	174	\$61,355
Essex	Robert Treat Academy Charter School	478	73	19	388	\$135,634
Essex	Gray Charter School	264	80	19	214	\$74,873
Essex	Newark Prep Charter School**	448	100	19	363	N/A
Bergen	Cliffside Park	1,816	61	19	1,462	\$510,350
Union	Linden	3,288	55	20	2,626	\$909,502
Hudson	Hoboken	1,021	53	22	797	\$280,409
Camden	Camden Academy Charter High School	407	82	22	317	\$111,335
Union	Rahway	2,013	54	22	1,567	\$542,075
Hudson	Great Futures Charter High School for the Health Sciences	147	64	22	114	\$40,403
Hudson	Jersey City Golden Door Charter School	302	55	23	234	\$81,119
Morris	Dover	2,332	73	24	1,773	\$619,645
Somerset	North Plainfield	2,142	67	26	1,589	\$554,330
Hudson	University Academy Charter School	348	80	26	258	\$89,716
Essex	North Star Academy Charter School	3,457	87	26	2,543	\$887,845
Monmouth	Neptune City	207	57	27	152	\$52,826
Burlington	Edgewater Park	456	53	27	332	\$116,168
Bergen	Garfield	3,191	67	28	2,301	\$798,470
Atlantic	Somers Point	685	69	29	483	\$168,151
Camden	Pine Hill	1,030	55	30	726	\$252,115
	<b>Total/Average</b>	<b>48,653</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>39,647</b>	<b>\$13,420,472</b>

Note: Eligibility data for Great Futures Charter High School for the Health Sciences came directly from school officials.

\*These figures assume 100% participation during the 180-day school year.

\*\*Not applicable. These are Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) districts, in which all enrolled students are eligible for free meals, reimbursement rates not calculated.