

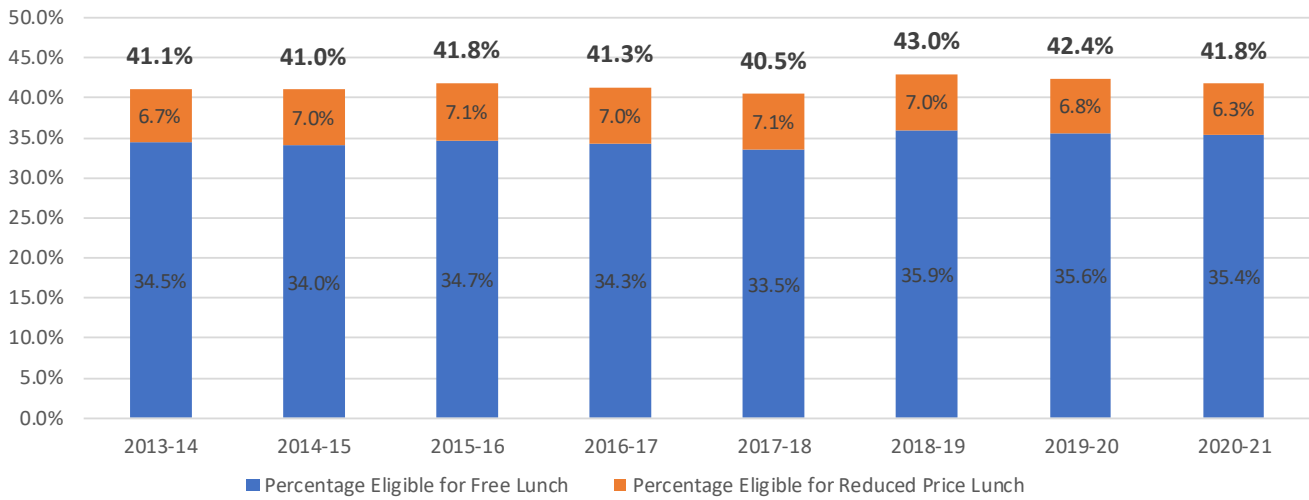


Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Enrollments

As part of the student level data collection each fall, the Iowa Department of Education collects data on the number of students that are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches. In some cases, free and reduced-price meal counts are used to determine program funding allocations such as at-risk weighting funding and Title I grants. The chart provides the percentage and number of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches since the 2013-14 school year.

- The 2020-21 percentage decreased compared to the past two years and currently is at 41.8%.
- Despite the decrease, the percentage of students eligible for free lunch is the third highest since the data has been collected.

Percentage of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch



School Year	Students Eligible for Free Lunch	Percentage Eligible for Free Lunch	Students Eligible for Reduced Price Lunch	Percentage Eligible for Reduced Price Lunch	Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch	Percentage Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch
2020-21	169,863	35.4%	30,344	6.3%	200,207	41.8%
2019-20	172,913	35.6%	33,034	6.8%	205,947	42.4%
2018-19	173,775	35.9%	34,060	7.0%	207,835	43.0%
2017-18	161,485	33.5%	34,047	7.1%	195,532	40.5%
2016-17	164,985	34.3%	33,900	7.0%	198,885	41.3%
2015-16	166,350	34.7%	34,310	7.1%	200,660	41.8%
2014-15	162,298	34.0%	33,519	7.0%	195,817	41.0%
2013-14	164,027	34.5%	31,685	6.7%	195,712	41.1%

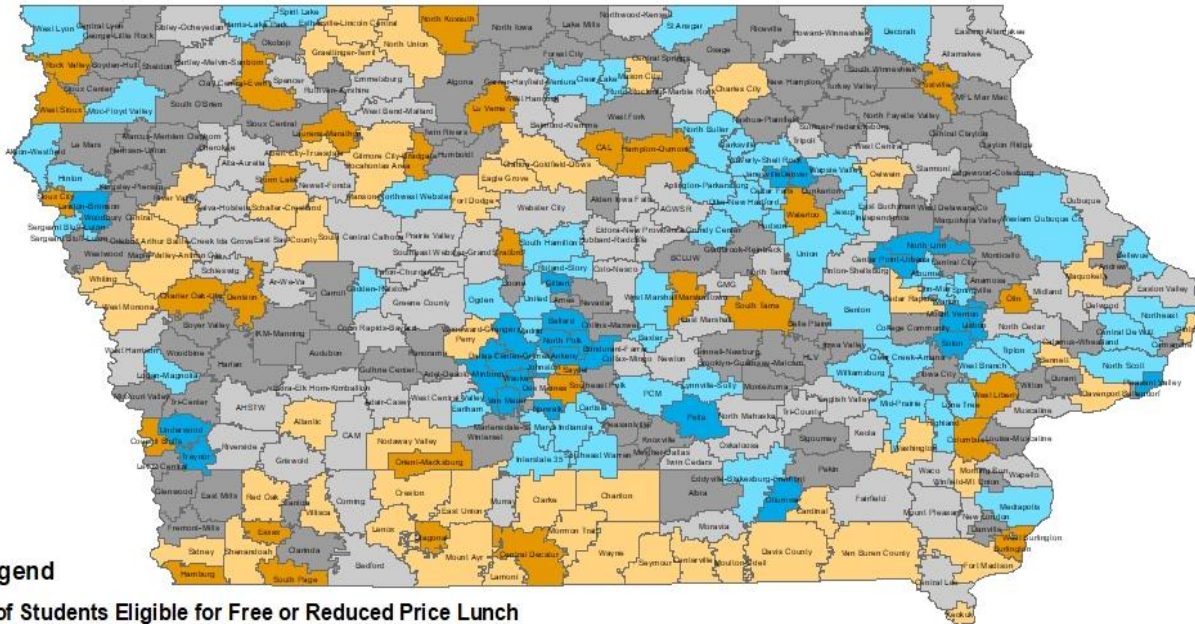
Source: Iowa Department of Education, Free/Reduced Price Lunch files

The following map provides information regarding the percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch in 2020-21. For more information:

- [See a list of each district's free/reduced price lunch students from 2013-14 to 2020-21](#)
- [View a larger map](#)



Iowa Association of School Boards 2020-2021 Free and Reduced Price Lunch Percentages by School District



Legend

% of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch

- Less than 20.0% (25 Districts)
- 20.0% to 29.9% (59 Districts)
- 30.0% to 39.9% (91 Districts)
- 40.0% to 49.9% (73 Districts)
- 50.0% to 59.9% (48 Districts)
- 60.0% and above (31 Districts)

State Average = 41.8%
State Median = 38.8%

Sources:
Iowa Department of Education Free/Reduced Lunch file
IASB analysis and calculations