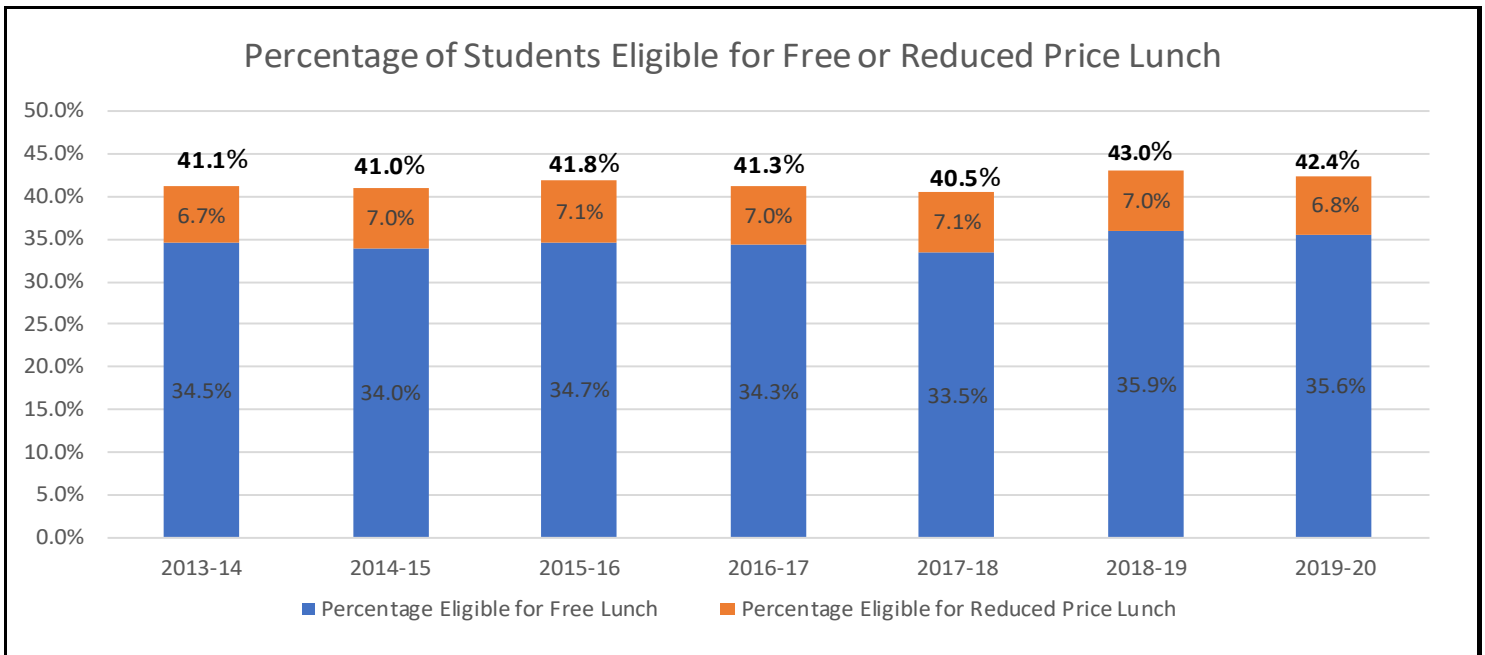




## Free and Reduced Price Lunch Enrollments

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 2019-20 percentage decreased slightly from 43.0% to 42.4%.
- Despite the decrease, the percentage and the number of students eligible for free lunch both represent the second highest since the data has been collected.



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	Percentage Eligible for Free or Reduced Price
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%

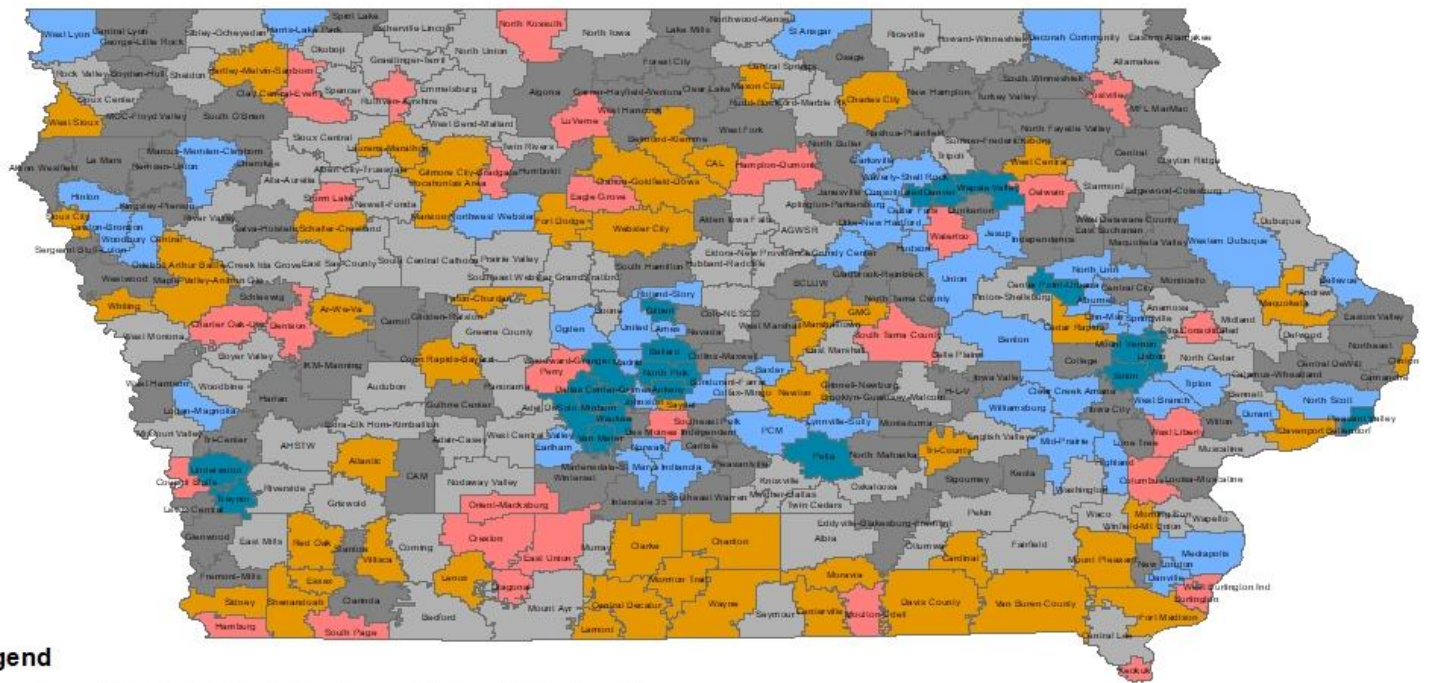
Source: Iowa Department of Education, Free/Reduced Price Lunch files

The following map provides information regarding the percentage of students eligible for free or reduced price lunch in 2019-2020. For more information:

- [Find each district's free/reduced price lunch data from 2013-14 to 2019-20](#)
- [View a larger map](#)



## Iowa Association of School Boards 2019-2020 Free and Reduced Price Lunch Percentage by School District



### Legend

#### Percentage of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch

- Less than 20.0% (20 Districts)
- 20.0% to 29.9% (49 Districts)
- 30.0% to 39.9% (93 Districts)
- 40.0% to 49.9% (87 Districts)
- 50.0% to 59.9% (49 Districts)
- 60.0% and above (29 Districts)

Statewide Average = 42.4%  
Statewide Median = 40.0%

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