

Food For Thought: Expanding School Breakfast to NJ Students County Profiles, 2015



School Breakfast NJ County Rankings

County	2015 Percent of Eligible Students Receiving Breakfast	2015 Rank	2014 Rank
Passaic	70	1	13
Cumberland	54	2	1
Essex	51	3	3
Camden	50	4	5
Hudson	50	5	4
Cape May	48	6	2
Atlantic	48	7	7
Somerset	48	8	9
Middlesex	48	9	6
Union	44	10	11
Salem	43	11	17
Gloucester	40	12	16
Monmouth	39	13	10
Ocean	37	14	14
Warren	37	15	8
Mercer	34	16	12
Burlington	32	17	15
Morris	30	18	20
Sussex	27	19	18
Bergen	25	20	19
Hunterdon	2	21	21

Sources: ACNJ calculated the above ranks using NJ Department of Education October 2014 enrollment counts to determine the number of eligible children and NJ Department of Agriculture school breakfast participation data, April 2015.

Breakfast After the Bell Fuels Increases in School Breakfast

Everyone agrees that children need to start their school day with a full stomach. After years of being nearly last in the nation for its participation in the federal School Breakfast Program, New Jersey has shown strong improvement over the past five years.

In 2015, the state moved to 28th nationally, compared to its previous ranking of 46th for student participation in this critical child nutrition program. This progress is the result of a growing number of New Jersey districts switching to serving “breakfast after the bell,” rather than before school, when most students have not yet arrived.

This approach, typically done in the classroom during the first few minutes of the school day, significantly boosts participation, giving more kids the nutritious start to the school day that can help them concentrate and learn.

Since the program is federally funded, most districts with high concentrations of low-income children can feed all students at little or no extra cost, leveraging the considerable investment New Jersey makes in public education.

As part of the NJ Food for Thought Campaign, Advocates for Children of New Jersey each year compiles breakfast participation data for every New Jersey school district with at least 20 percent of children eligible for free- or reduced-price breakfast. These districts are required by state law to offer breakfast at school.

The following county profiles provide the number of eligible children and the percent who are receiving school breakfast, as well as the increased federal reimbursements districts would receive if all eligible students received breakfast each school day.

For more information, visit njschoolbreakfast.org

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Atlantic County

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Absecon	386	47	21	304	\$83,218
Atlantic City	6,558	90	88	768	\$215,773
Atlantic Community Charter School	148	99	84	23	\$6,325
Brigantine	336	49	21	265	\$72,180
Buena Regional	1,054	58	44	587	\$158,843
Charter~Tech High School	203	60	33	135	\$37,260
Egg Harbor City	389	77	90	37	\$10,199
Egg Harbor Township	3,620	48	21	2,866	\$778,586
Estell Manor	32	20	50	16	\$4,010
Folsom	153	37	50	76	\$20,264
Galloway Community Charter School	193	83	48	101	\$26,942
Galloway	1,756	54	31	1,213	\$330,127
Greater Egg Harbor Regional	1,530	46	29	1,089	\$296,374
Hamilton	1,195	39	57	508	\$139,021
Hammonton	1,447	40	27	1,062	\$291,773
Mainland Regional	337	25	26	248	\$67,129
Mullica	361	47	18	296	\$81,428
Northfield	211	23	5	201	\$54,896
Pleasantville	3,376	87	38	2,108	\$589,795
Somers Point	705	69	31	485	\$131,886
Ventnor	527	68	35	343	\$95,227
Weymouth	91	50	40	55	\$14,886
TOTAL/AVERAGE	24,608	58	48	12,786	\$3,506,144

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Bergen Arts And Sciences Charter School	529	55	24	401	\$106,592
Bergenfield	1,242	36	18	1,018	\$272,887
Bogota	521	48	20	419	\$113,278
Carlstadt	186	33	10	168	\$45,457
Carlstadt-East Rutherford	164	33	12	145	\$38,747
Cliffside Park	1,907	64	17	1,575	\$432,594
East Rutherford	277	36	54	127	\$32,879
Elmwood Park	1,101	46	10	986	\$265,298
Englewood	1,697	55	40	1,013	\$275,211
Englewood On The Palisades Charter School	141	69	11	125	\$34,254
Fairview	1,066	81	8	976	\$271,688
Garfield	3,414	70	27	2,479	\$678,668
Hackensack	3,560	63	54	1,645	\$454,338
Lodi	1,993	61	10	1,794	\$481,648
Lyndhurst	561	24	12	493	\$132,757
Maywood	189	20	5	180	\$49,032
Moonachie	142	50	44	79	\$21,172
North Arlington	409	24	3	396	\$106,034
Palisades Park	655	41	22	511	\$137,606
Ridgefield	491	28	30	346	\$91,814
Ridgefield Park	947	40	12	833	\$223,938
Rochelle Park	103	22	7	96	\$25,952
Saddle Brook	334	20	8	306	\$81,815
South Hackensack	71	28	11	63	\$17,377
Teaneck	1,149	32	27	838	\$226,501
Wallington	425	33	8	389	\$105,610
TOTAL/AVERAGE	23,272	47	25	17,399	\$4,723,150

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Benjamin Banneker Prep Charter School	61	41	13	53	\$13,885
Beverly	199	67	62	76	\$20,696
Burlington City	1,037	61	28	744	\$206,302
Burlington Township	1,043	26	23	804	\$218,614
Delanco	153	40	24	116	\$31,100
Delran	632	21	45	349	\$94,180
Eastampton	135	23	40	81	\$22,064
Edgewater Park	379	44	29	270	\$73,494
Florence	404	25	35	261	\$70,502
Lumberton	341	23	39	207	\$56,333
Maple Shade	1,037	47	42	598	\$161,539
Mount Holly	625	63	32	428	\$117,403
New Hanover	79	43	77	18	\$4,903
North Hanover	323	26	33	217	\$54,425
Palmyra	392	42	21	311	\$84,776
Pemberton	2,158	43	35	1,401	\$377,222
Rancocas Valley Regional	551	27	18	450	\$122,796
Riverside	771	56	15	655	\$181,260
Southampton	151	21	23	117	\$31,709
Washington	11	27	27	8	\$2,275
Westampton	230	24	20	184	\$49,792
Willingboro	2,186	58	32	1,487	\$412,373
TOTAL/AVERAGE	12,898	38	32	8,835	\$2,407,644

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Audubon	402	26	9	364	97,690
Barrington	167	27	26	124	33,430
Bellmawr	629	54	34	413	110,653
Berlin	226	36	46	123	33,307
Black Horse Pike Regional	1,082	29	29	763	205,927
Brooklawn	195	58	11	174	48,028
Camden Academy Charter High School	400	86	24	304	85,486
Camden	9,960	89	78	2,196	608,504
Camden Community Charter School	379	95	86	52	14,519
Camden's Pride Charter School	197	82	81	38	10,321
Camden's Promise Charter School	422	91	40	252	70,157
Cherry Hill	2,290	20	25	1,725	465,318
Clementon	272	63	31	189	51,106
Collingswood	700	37	31	483	130,291
Environment Community Charter School	200	90	85	30	7,020
Freedom Academy Charter School	664	100	67	218	61,351
Gloucester City	1,464	71	37	926	252,932
Gloucester Township	2,623	40	35	1,710	462,888
Hope Community Charter School	169	99	59	70	19,908
Kingdom Charter School Of Leadership	63	31	33	42	11,243
Kipp Cooper Norcross Academy	102	98	94	6	1,706
Knowledge A To Z Charter School	196	61	67	64	17,500
Laurel Springs	77	36	8	71	19,544
Lawnside	197	72	31	136	37,490
Leap Academy University Charter School	1,217	88	47	647	178,391
Lindenwold	2,011	76	48	1,053	293,803
Magnolia	190	46	14	164	44,050
Mastery Schools Of Camden	335	91	84	52	14,789
Merchantville	102	27	23	79	21,280
Mount Ephraim	141	33	31	97	26,183
Oaklyn	145	38	22	113	30,463
Pennsauken	3,590	73	57	1,539	424,894
Pine Hill	1,107	57	31	767	207,659
Runnemede	312	37	34	205	54,036
Somerdale	200	40	19	163	44,521
Sterling High School	302	31	22	235	63,378
Stratford	284	33	20	226	61,196
Uncommon Schools	69	99	72	19	5,350
Waterford	272	31	42	158	41,857
Winslow	2,622	54	33	1,762	480,809
Woodlynne	347	91	23	267	74,747
TOTAL/AVERAGE	36,322	54	50	18,019	4,923,724

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Cape May	87	50	72	24	\$6,340
Dennis	140	27	22	109	\$29,380
Lower Cape May Regional	712	50	26	526	\$143,168
Lower Township	1,017	56	76	239	\$64,408
Middle Township	942	38	32	645	\$178,254
North Wildwood	146	48	5	138	\$38,545
Ocean City	513	24	15	436	\$119,185
West Cape May	30	38	50	15	\$4,158
Wildwood	733	84	80	144	\$40,900
Wildwood Crest	93	37	11	83	\$23,065
Woodbine	127	70	100	0	\$ 0
TOTAL/AVERAGE	4,540	44	48	2,359	\$647,402

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Bridgeton	5,383	95	62	2,049	\$577,984
Commercial	448	80	54	205	\$55,818
Compass Academy Charter School	69	48	75	17	\$4,619
Cumberland Regional	557	43	40	336	\$89,665
Deerfield	168	49	52	81	\$22,226
Downe	90	47	31	62	\$17,039
Fairfield	491	78	82	88	\$24,433
Greenwich	11	21	100	0	\$0
Hopewell	173	35	34	115	\$31,248
Lawrence	294	59	63	108	\$30,121
Maurice River	184	43	43	104	\$27,850
Millville	3,719	65	38	2,303	\$633,420
Millville Public Charter School	131	61	32	89	\$23,584
Stow Creek	45	41	27	33	\$8,953
Upper Deerfield	499	55	55	224	\$61,006
Vineland	6,968	72	57	2,993	\$821,448
Vineland Public Charter School	150	50	41	89	\$24,286
TOTAL/AVERAGE	19,379	71	54	8,895	\$2,453,699

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Belleville	2,638	59	9	2,403	\$655,441
Bloomfield	2,728	44	11	2,437	\$663,005
Burch Charter School of Excellence	254	71	26	188	\$51,415
Discovery Charter School	74	100	86	10	\$3,060
East Orange	7,677	80	51	3,731	\$1,041,622
East Orange Community Charter School	279	56	84	45	\$12,096
Gray Charter School	211	65	7	197	\$54,785
Great Oaks Charter School	285	81	49	145	\$39,780
Irvington	5,613	81	61	2,194	\$612,977
Lady Liberty Academy Charter School	365	82	47	194	\$53,392
Link Community Charter School	171	80	45	94	\$25,384
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	456	88	52	217	\$59,663
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	927	79	65	327	\$90,353
Merit Prep Charter School of Newark	224	69	72	63	\$17,485
New Horizons Community Charter School	445	93	42	256	\$72,374
Newark	26,032	81	67	8,709	\$2,438,122
Newark Educators Charter School	289	92	55	130	\$35,784
Newark Legacy Charter School	564	92	55	251	\$69,818
Newark Prep	366	89	13	320	\$89,496
North Star Academy Charter School	2,856	84	25	2,145	\$590,004
Orange	4,222	81	45	2,302	\$642,917
Paulo Freire Charter School	107	54	14	92	\$25,679
People's Preparatory Charter School	333	90	45	183	\$51,235
Pride Academy Charter School	218	83	83	37	\$9,821
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	447	72	7	414	\$112,828
Roseville Community Charter School	305	95	50	154	\$43,528
South Orange-Maplewood	1,401	20	19	1,128	\$305,197
TEAM Academy Charter School	2,398	88	50	1,207	\$331,121
University Heights Charter School	475	87	34	314	\$87,412
West Orange	2,937	44	31	2,041	\$556,801
TOTAL/AVERAGE	65,296	71	51	31,927	\$8,842,594

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Delsea Regional	457	27	26	339	\$91,282
Deptford	1,877	43	33	1,264	\$340,717
Elk	134	38	25	100	\$27,306
Franklin	512	37	63	191	\$49,568
Gateway Regional	329	34	24	250	\$67,806
Glassboro	868	41	40	522	\$143,030
Greenwich	168	36	60	67	\$17,435
Logan	178	21	22	139	\$37,642
Monroe	1,964	32	27	1,438	\$394,171
National Park	137	51	73	37	\$9,659
Paulsboro	737	64	90	74	\$18,022
West Deptford	884	29	24	674	\$180,508
Westville	187	52	65	65	\$17,730
Woodbury City	1,002	65	67	329	\$90,922
Woodbury Heights	46	21	15	39	\$10,498
TOTAL/AVERAGE	10,291	39	40	6,150	\$1,666,116

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Bayonne	6,239	65	45	3,436	\$943,522
Beloved Community Charter School	436	73	74	115	\$30,762
Dr. Lena Edwards Academic Charter School	328	89	48	172	\$47,189
East Newark	222	84	66	75	\$20,628
Great Futures Charter High School For The Health Sciences	84	67	15	71	\$20,030
Guttenberg	761	78	8	701	\$195,908
Harrison	1,705	81	48	895	\$245,196
Hoboken Charter School	77	27	27	56	\$15,278
Hoboken	1,178	62	24	891	\$246,380
Jersey City	21,854	79	63	8,156	\$2,257,034
Jersey City Community Charter School	498	86	38	309	\$85,450
Jersey City Global Charter School	96	41	19	78	\$20,779
Jersey City Golden Door Charter School	352	66	22	274	\$73,822
Kearny	3,401	58	8	3,117	\$857,369
Learning Community Charter school	186	32	15	158	\$42,397
M.E.T.S. Charter School	373	70	46	203	\$54,223
North Bergen	5,732	71	26	4,261	\$1,178,510
Secaucus	632	29	43	363	\$96,433
Soaring Heights Charter School	121	51	7	112	\$29,477
The Ethical Community Charter School	115	37	99	1	\$284
Union City	10,877	92	60	4,304	\$1,163,254
University Academy Charter School	323	76	23	249	\$68,062
Weehawken	643	48	18	530	\$145,332
West New York	6,351	76	52	3,023	\$851,965
TOTAL/AVERAGE	62,584	74	50	31,550	\$8,689,286

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Hunterdon County

2015 Rank

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2014 Rank: 21

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Hampton	58	47	2	57	\$16,211

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Mercer County

2015 Rank

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East Windsor Regional	1,897	37	20	1,522	\$412,391
Ewing	1,619	45	14	1,387	\$378,047
Foundation Academy Charter School	643	82	32	439	\$120,316
Hamilton	4,530	38	19	3,683	\$1,001,565
International Academy Of Trenton Charter School	324	92	34	213	\$59,281
International Charter School of Trenton	63	70	49	32	\$9,209
Lawrence	968	24	11	864	\$232,762
Pace Charter School of Hamilton	148	67	84	23	\$5,461
Paul Robeson Humanities Charter School	349	94	38	218	\$60,703
Trenton	9,983	89	49	5,118	\$1,438,333
Trenton Stem-To-Civics Charter School	96	95	5	91	\$25,178
Village Charter School	301	84	34	200	\$53,424
TOTAL/AVERAGE	20,921	55	34	13,790	\$3,796,670

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Middlesex County

2015 Rank

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Academy For Urban Leadership Charter School	275	71	23	213	\$58,903
Carteret	2,476	67	16	2,083	\$571,345
Dunellen	514	45	19	418	\$111,751
Edison	3,216	22	57	1,377	\$368,345
Greater Brunswick Charter School	315	83	94	19	\$5,352
Highland Park	619	38	13	538	\$145,069
Jamesburg	326	48	44	181	\$49,316
Middlesex	641	31	26	476	\$128,030
New Brunswick	7,624	88	77	1,773	\$484,119
North Brunswick	2,301	37	52	1,095	\$300,618
Old Bridge	2,282	25	12	2,005	\$540,819
Perth Amboy	7,674	73	73	2,047	\$570,415
Piscataway	2,424	33	22	1,900	\$510,140
Sayreville	2,183	36	20	1,749	\$469,274
South Amboy	481	44	17	400	\$109,541
South Plainfield	933	26	13	808	\$215,539
South River	1,085	48	27	788	\$213,057
Woodbridge	4,807	35	35	3,114	\$835,618
TOTAL/AVERAGE	40,173	43	48	20,981	\$5,687,251

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Monmouth County

2015 Rank

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Academy Charter High School	168	86	54	78	\$21,373
Asbury Park	1,632	83	78	352	\$98,023
Belmar	330	62	26	245	\$67,842
Bradley Beach	144	51	16	121	\$33,332
Eatontown	499	48	26	368	\$101,203
Farmingdale	54	33	13	47	\$12,665
Freehold	1,190	73	38	736	\$205,700
Henry Hudson Regional	72	23	36	46	\$12,488
Highlands	103	61	84	16	\$4,496
Hope Academy Charter School	192	95	68	62	\$17,255
Keansburg	1,097	74	50	544	\$149,306
Keyport	596	55	12	523	\$143,368
Long Branch	4,582	81	46	2,489	\$687,406
Matawan-Aberdeen Regional	1,147	30	22	895	\$241,659
Monmouth Regional	243	26	35	159	\$42,844
Neptune City	202	53	19	164	\$44,644
Neptune Twp	2,598	60	32	1,774	\$488,480
Ocean	1,026	28	25	771	\$213,082
Red Bank	1,098	90	31	757	\$210,485
Red Bank Regional	278	23	22	218	\$60,460
The Red Bank Charter School	73	38	37	46	\$13,028
Tinton Falls	322	21	6	304	\$82,678
Union Beach	229	36	6	215	\$58,176
TOTAL/AVERAGE	17,873	55	39	10,928	\$3,009,994

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Morris County

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Boonton	330	28	25	248	\$66,778
Butler	237	21	24	180	\$48,188
Dover	2,475	78	20	1,988	\$545,596
Mine Hill	91	25	26	67	\$18,029
Morris	1,819	35	47	959	\$257,134
Netcong	111	38	26	82	\$22,079
Wharton	425	54	25	320	\$86,958
TOTAL/AVERAGE	5,488	45	30	3,844	\$1,044,761

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Ocean County

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Barnegat	1,107	35	30	773	\$209,284
Berkeley	650	31	29	459	\$124,384
Brick	2,903	32	44	1,637	\$443,362
Central Regional	705	36	19	574	\$156,766
Eagleswood	48	35	33	32	\$8,453
Jackson	1,921	22	13	1,667	\$451,867
Lacey	1,232	29	15	1,045	\$281,882
Lakehurst	210	55	17	175	\$47,772
Lakewood	5,330	92	71	1,528	\$427,266
Lavallette	27	20	11	24	\$6,610
Little Egg Harbor	777	48	49	397	\$109,235
Long Beach Island	77	33	48	40	\$11,214
Manchester	902	30	34	595	\$160,112
Ocean Gate	100	63	20	80	\$22,212
Ocean	189	35	28	137	\$37,073
Pinelands Regional	616	39	32	421	\$113,522
Plumsted	305	20	32	208	\$56,556
Seaside Heights	196	89	38	122	\$34,643
Southern Regional	691	24	17	576	\$156,659
Stafford	633	28	30	442	\$118,253
Toms River Regional	4,498	29	18	3,708	\$1,016,667
Tuckerton	127	38	35	83	\$21,931
TOTAL/AVERAGE	23,242	35	37	14,721	\$4,015,721

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Passaic County

2015 Rank

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Bloomington	122	20	1	121	\$33,710
Classical Academy Charter School Of Clifton	2	25	0	2	\$461
Clifton	6,191	57	17	5,123	\$1,408,921
Community Charter School Of Paterson	810	100	73	220	\$62,568
Haledon	718	69	11	637	\$175,925
Hawthorne	481	21	9	439	\$117,346
John P Holland Charter School	185	93	31	127	\$34,985
Little Falls	173	20	3	167	\$45,551
Passaic Arts And Science Charter School	456	85	30	317	\$86,537
Passaic	13,160	100	68	4,175	\$1,187,316
Passaic County Manchester Regional	704	79	61	278	\$77,173
Passaic Valley Regional	330	24	25	247	\$67,601
Paterson Arts And Science Charter School	346	82	82	61	\$16,538
Paterson Charter School For Sci/Tech	833	80	75	206	\$58,154
Paterson	24,859	100	93	1,752	\$498,269
Prospect Park	618	71	19	500	\$139,554
Totowa	272	25	9	247	\$66,683
Wanaque	208	22	7	194	\$53,068
Woodland Park	512	47	18	420	\$114,534
TOTAL/AVERAGE	50,980	81	70	15,233	\$4,244,893

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Salem County

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Elsinboro	50	40	26	37	\$10,145
Lower Alloways Creek	47	26	0	47	\$12,773
Mannington	52	29	31	36	\$9,860
Oldmans Township	82	31	26	61	\$16,808
Penns Grv-Carney'S Point Regional	1,484	65	38	926	\$259,486
Pennsville	522	30	18	429	\$116,932
Pittsgrove	614	37	35	401	\$107,105
Quinton	161	45	55	73	\$19,681
Salem	888	76	92	71	\$17,978
Upper Pittsgrove	93	26	44	52	\$13,979
Woodstown-Piles Grove Regional	429	28	11	380	\$102,915
TOTAL/AVERAGE	4,422	45	43	2,513	\$687,663

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Somerset County

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Bound Brook	1,310	73	80	260	\$70,677
Central Jersey College Prep Charter School	124	39	59	51	\$12,614
Franklin	3,053	41	68	967	\$266,483
Manville	679	48	16	568	\$154,654
North Plainfield	2,245	68	24	1,704	\$465,386
Somerville	671	28	11	598	\$163,665
South Bound Brook	218	47	19	176	\$48,002
TOTAL/AVERAGE	8,299	48	48	4,323	\$1,181,482

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Franklin	173	38	24	131	\$36,230
Hamburg	64	24	9	58	\$15,577
Hopatcong	443	27	17	369	\$96,628
Montague	120	55	92	10	\$2,682
Newton	543	35	30	381	\$103,300
Ogdensburg	64	24	9	58	\$16,063
Sussex County Charter School For Technology	45	20	2	44	\$11,650
Sussex-Wantage Regional	289	25	22	225	\$60,210
TOTAL/AVERAGE	1,741	30	27	1,276	\$342,340

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Union County

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Central Jersey Arts Charter School	296	73	17	245	\$68,166
Elizabeth	21,035	82	54	9,759	\$2,696,944
Hillside	2,108	68	30	1,481	\$400,102
Kenilworth	347	25	6	327	\$87,862
Linden	3,486	58	19	2,821	\$765,970
Plainfield	6,303	83	56	2,802	\$787,810
Queen Academy Charter School	205	83	9	187	\$52,319
Rahway	2,185	58	19	1,769	\$480,775
Roselle	1,861	68	36	1,196	\$326,669
Roselle Park	756	38	10	677	\$181,658
The Barack Obama Green Charter High	179	77	38	111	\$30,812
Union County Teams Charter School	183	54	70	55	\$14,616
Union	2,740	37	25	2,053	\$552,843
TOTAL/AVERAGE	41,682	69	44	23,481	\$6,446,545

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Alpha	83	37	16	70	\$18,936
Hackettstown	394	21	23	303	\$83,149
Knowlton	51	23	6	48	\$12,409
Mansfield	211	30	2	206	\$55,508
Phillipsburg	2,018	54	53	951	\$261,898
Pohatcong	72	22	15	61	\$16,646
Warren Hills Regional	378	20	2	370	\$99,774
Washington	216	38	24	164	\$45,184
TOTAL/AVERAGE	3,423	36	37	2,173	\$593,505

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You can use this information to influence change in your community by presenting the report and data to your:

- School board
- Superintendent, business administrator and food services coordinator
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA or PTO)
- Local community and government agencies that can become partners in your campaign

You can also help by becoming a supporter of ACNJ’s Food for Thought School Breakfast Campaign at www.njschoolbreakfast.org . Need help or more info? E-mail Reginald Dorsey at rdorsey.acnj.org.