SCHOOL MEAL/FEEDING PROGRAM(S)

School year: 2020–2021
- National School Feeding Program (Školní stravování)

Lead Agency: Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports; Ministry of Health

NATIONAL LAWS, POLICIES, AND STANDARDS

- National school feeding policy
- Nutrition
- Food safety
- Health
- Agriculture
- Private sector involvement

Line item in the national budget...
- Yes  □  No  □  No response

BUDGET

Total: USD 697,322,100
- Government: USD 697,322,100
- International donors*: USD 0
- Private sector: USD 0
- Other donors: USD 0

Includes funding from the United States Department of Agriculture
- Yes  □  No  □  No response

*International donations by United Nations agencies or non-governmental organizations often represent funding from multiple donors.

INFRASTRUCTURE

All schools in the Czech Republic have electricity, clean and piped water, and flush toilets. Most schools have dedicated eating spaces/cafeterias and kitchens. The school kitchens are equipped with storage facilities, refrigeration, and electric stoves.

SPECIAL NOTES

This report does not provide a detailed description of the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme, which is the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture and has been operational in the Czech Republic (under various names) since 1999.

MEALS/SNACKS/MODALITY

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Snacks
- Take-home rations
- Other

- Grains, cereals
- Roots, tubers
- Legumes, pulses, nuts
- Dairy products
- Eggs
- Meat
- Poultry
- Fish
- Green, leafy vegetables
- Other vegetables
- Fruits
- Oil
- Salt
- Sugar

- Dairy milk
- Yogurt drink
- Fruit juice
- Tea
- Water
- Other

Prohibited food items: Foods containing sweeteners (other than sugar-free chewing gum) or caffeine (other than tea), foods with trans fatty acids, or foods that are stimulants or are intended for athletes or persons performing physical activity.

FOOD SOURCES

- Purchased (domestic)
- Purchased (foreign)
- In-kind (domestic)
- In-kind (foreign)

COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

- Handwashing with soap
- Height measurement
- Weight measurement
- Testing for anemia
- Deworming treatment
- Eye testing/eyeglasses
- Hearing testing/treatment
- Dental cleaning/testing
- Menstrual hygiene
- Drinking water
- Water purification

COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Food and nutrition
- Agriculture
- School gardens
- Hygiene
- Health
- Reproductive health
- HIV prevention
- Physical education

The checked items were provided in most or all participating schools.

SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

CZECH REPUBLIC

Coverage: Primary and secondary school-age children: 1,409,466
Receiving school food: 1,086,532
Food was also provided to some students in...
- Pre-schools
- Vocational/trade schools
- Other

Children Receiving Food, 2020–2021

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Number Students Receiving Food, 2020–2021

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NUTRITION
School feeding program(s) included/involved the following:
- Fortified foods
- Bio-fortified foods
- Micronutrient supplements
- Nutritionists involved
- Special training for cooks/caterers in nutrition
- Objective to meet nutritional goals
- Objective to reduce obesity

Food items fortified/biofortified: Not applicable
Micronutrients: Not applicable

AGRICULTURE, EMPLOYMENT, AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION
Jobs created by school feeding programs*

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*If blank, no response was provided.

Farmers were involved with the school feeding program(s)...  
Yes  No  No response

Other private sector (for profit) actors were involved...  
Yes  No  No response

There was a focus on creating jobs or leadership or income-generating opportunities for...  
Women  Other groups
Youth  No response

There was community engagement (by parents or others) in the school feeding program(s)...  
Yes  No  No response

Were there links between food banks and the school feeding program(s)?  
Yes  No  There are no food banks in this country.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Farmers of all sizes provide foods for the National School Feeding Program, including fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, and dairy. The private sector provides food trading, processing, and transport services, as well as utensils. Over 75% of the cooks in the program are women.

CONTACTS: CZECH REPUBLIC
Agency: Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
Website: https://www.msmt.cz/vzdelavani/skolni-stravovani?ang=1

SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES
Among the successes of school feeding in the Czech Republic, the school canteens have raised awareness of the importance of children’s healthy eating both at school and at home. The program operated in 100% of both public and private schools in the 2020–2021 school year, and funding was considered adequate to meet the program’s targets. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the transition from in-school meals to take-away meals has been an example of the program’s flexibility.

EMERGENCIES/COVID-19 PANDEMIC
During the 2020–2021 school year, schools in the Czech Republic were not entirely open for in-person instruction. Rather, all schools were closed but operating remotely for several months, and some schools were open while others continued to provide only remote instruction for several additional months. As a result of the pandemic, the program was temporarily interrupted, the number of students receiving food through the program decreased, and there was a temporary change in the feeding modality. Specifically, meals/snacks were prepared at school, but were made available to be picked up by students or parents and eaten at home ("take-away meals").
NATIONAL SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM
ŠKOLNÍ STRAVOVÁNÍ

Lead implementer(s): Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports; Ministry of Health

OBJECTIVES:
- To meet educational goals
- To provide a social safety net
- To meet nutritional and/or health goals
- To prevent or mitigate obesity
- To meet agricultural goals

MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:
- In-school meals
- In-school snacks
- Take-home rations

FREQUENCY AND DURATION:
- 5 days per week during the school year

TARGETING:
Based on grade level: Children in kindergarten, preparatory classes of primary schools, preparatory classes of special primary schools, and pupils in primary and secondary schools are guaranteed to receive food in school. Meals can be also be provided to adult secondary school students and students of higher vocational schools.

HOW MANY STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOOL FOOD IN 2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR?

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FOOD SOURCES:
100% Purchased (domestic) 0% In-kind (domestic)
0% Purchased (foreign) 0% In-kind (foreign)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
The National School Feeding Program began in the 1950s and operated in 100% of schools in the 2020–2021 school year. Students’ families or guardians pay only the price of the food, and the remaining costs (including wages and overhead costs) are paid from the state budget and two additional programs, “Podpora školního stravování žáků základních škol na rok 2020” and “Obědy do škol”. Take-home rations are not typically included in the National School Feeding Program but were provided in 2020–2021 when schools were closed due to national COVID-19 restrictions.