**SCHOOL MEAL/FEEDING PROGRAM(S)**

**School year:** 2020–2021
- School feeding program (Programme d'alimentation scolaire)
- School breakfast scheme (Dispositif petits déjeuners à l'école)
- Social pricing of school canteens (Tarification sociale des cantines scolaires)

**Lead Agency:** Ministry of National Education, Youth and Sports; Ministry of Solidarity and Health; Ministry of Local Authorities; Ministry of Agriculture and Food

**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

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

All schools in France have electricity, clean and piped water, flush toilets, dedicated eating spaces/cafeterias, and kitchens. School kitchens are equipped with refrigeration and gas or electric stoves.

**SPECIAL NOTES**

The European Union’s school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme is not included in this report, although it was operational in France during the 2020/2021 school year.

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**SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS**

**COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES**

- Handwashing with soap
- Height measurement
- Weight measurement
- Testing for anemia
- Deworming treatment
- Eye testing/eyeglasses

**COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

- Food and nutrition
- Agriculture
- School gardens
- Hygiene

**Prohibited food items:** Synthetic meat products

**FOOD SOURCES**

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

**MEALS/SNACKS/MODALITY**

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

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**CHILDREN RECEIVING FOOD, 2020–2021**

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**COVERAGE: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN**

Total number primary and secondary school-age children: 9,946,500
Receiving school food: 7,557,800

Food was also provided to some students in...

- Pre-schools
- Vocational/trade schools
- Other
NUTRITION
School feeding program(s) included/involved the following:
- Fortified foods
- Bio-fortified foods
- Micronutrient supplements
- Nutritionists involved
- 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*
- Cooks and food preparers: 30,625
- Transports
- Off-site processors
- Food packagers and handlers
- Monitoring
- Food service management
- Safety and quality inspectors
- Other

*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 provide a wide variety of products for the school feeding program, and the private sector is engaged in food trading, transport, processing, and catering and in the provision of utensils/equipment. Students’ families contribute by paying a partial price for school meals.

CONTACTS: FRANCE
Agency: Ministry of Agriculture and Food / General Directorate of Food
Website: https://agriculture.gouv.fr/

SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES
School feeding in France is the responsibility of local authorities, and all secondary school students and a majority of primary school students have access to school catering. Among the successes related to school feeding, there is an emphasis on sustainable food, nutritional quality, health security, and social pricing to ensure access. Apart from the adjustments during the COVID-19 pandemic, no challenges were noted.

EMERGENCIES/COVID-19 PANDEMIC
In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the amount of funding for the school feeding program (programme d'alimentation scolaire) was increased. Schools in France were mostly (though not entirely) open throughout the 2020–2021 school year. However, the pandemic caused the number of students reached by school feeding programs to decline. It also caused a temporary change in feeding modality, with meals prepared at school but made available to be picked up and eaten at home. Independent of the school feeding programs, food banks and charities/NGOs also worked to reach families who experienced food insecurity with food during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM
PROGRAMME D’ALIMENTATION SCOLAIRE

Lead implementer(s): Local collectivities; Ministry of Territorial Cohesion; Ministry of National Education, Youth and Sports; Ministry of Solidarity and Health; Ministry of Agriculture and Food

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

MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:
- In-school meals

FREQUENCY AND DURATION:
- 5 times per week throughout the year

TARGETING:
Participation in the school feeding program is the voluntary choice of parents.

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

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*The number for secondary school students is inclusive of 487,000 students of vocational/technical schools.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE ITEMS:
Grains, cereals  Meat  Fruits
Roots, tubers  Poultry  Dairy milk
Legumes, pulses, nuts  Fish  Water
Dairy products  Green, leafy vegetables  * fortified
Eggs  Other vegetables

FOOD SOURCES:
- Purchased (domestic)
- In-kind (domestic)
- Purchased (foreign)
- In-kind (foreign)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
The school feeding program operates in both public and private schools. Efforts to limit food waste include a marketing campaign to reduce how much food students throw away, use of appropriate portion sizes, and use of usable but “imperfect” commodities or produce, among others. Efforts to limit packaging waste include use of stainless steel trays, re-use of bags/containers, recycling, and use of compostable materials.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST SCHEME
DISPOSITIF PETITS DÉJEUNERS À L’ÉCOLE

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

OBJECTIVES:
- To meet educational goals
- To meet nutritional and/or health goals

MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:
- In-school meals

FREQUENCY AND DURATION:
- 1–4 times per week during the school year

TARGETING:
Targeting based on geography, as well as social and economic indicators.

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*Included in the numbers for primary school students

FOOD AND BEVERAGE ITEMS:
Grains, cereals  Fruits
Dairy products  Dairy milk  Fruit juice
Water

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

If blank, no response was provided.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
The school breakfast scheme was launched in 2018 and scaled up in 2019. The program aims to reduce social and health inequalities in the country, and specific food choices are made by the local community.
SOCIAL PRICING OF SCHOOL CANTEENS
(TARIFICATION SOCIALE DES CANTINES SCOLAIRES)

Lead implementer(s): Inter-ministerial delegation for the prevention and fight against poverty

OBJECTIVES:
• To provide a social safety net

MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:
• In-school meals

FREQUENCY AND DURATION:
• During the school year

TARGETING:
Low-income communities are targeted with the aim of providing low-income children with access to school canteens.

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FOOD AND BEVERAGE ITEMS:
Not applicable. This program targets communities and does not serve meals.

FOOD SOURCES
Not applicable

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
The Government of France provides financial support to disadvantaged rural communities to set up social pricing for their school canteens, thereby facilitating access to balanced meals for a greater number of children, especially from poor backgrounds. This program therefore targets communities and is not directly involved in the provision of meals.