

School Meal Programs in the Caribbean

Statistics reported here cover

12 of 16 Caribbean countries, which together hold

44% of the Caribbean region's population.

1.16 million children receiving food

99.5% of the aggregate budget is provided by Caribbean governments.

\$79.1 million budget

36.4% of enrolled primary school students receive school food.

26.8% of primary and secondary school-aged children receive food.



Antigua & Barbuda



The Bahamas



Barbados



Belize



Grenada



Guyana



Haiti



Jamaica



Saint Kitts & Nevis



Saint Lucia



Saint Vincent & the Grenadines



Trinidad & Tobago

During the COVID-19 pandemic, school feeding operations were maintained without interruption in **The Bahamas** when students' families were provided with cash/monetary support or vouchers to purchase food.

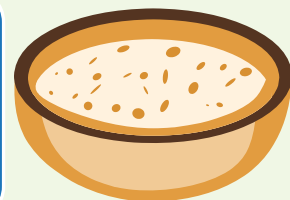


In **Trinidad & Tobago**, very few packaged, processed foods are included in school meals, and sugar-sweetened beverages are prohibited on school grounds for health-related reasons.

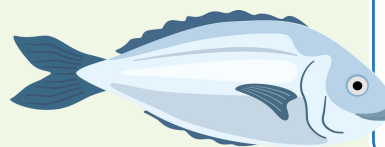
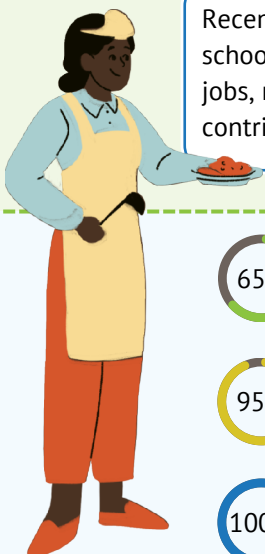
Farmers supply roots/tubers, fruits, green leafy vegetables, and other vegetables to the **Grenada** School Feeding program.



In **Jamaica**, students' families contribute to school meals in the Program of Advancement Through Health & Education (PATH) – Nutritional Subsidy and Breakfast Program by paying a partial price for meals.



Recent successes in **Haiti** related to school feeding include the creation of jobs, reduction of malnutrition, and contribution to local development.



Saint Vincent & the Grenadines has a universal school meal program and pilots different menus that include fish and local fruits and vegetables at least once per week.

65% of primary and secondary school-age children in **Barbados** receive school meals, the highest of all 12 countries.

95% of primary school students in **Saint Kitts & Nevis** received school food.

100% of school food in **Saint Lucia** is acquired via domestic purchasing.

100% of the school feeding program in **Antigua & Barbuda** is government funded.

100% (n=12) of responding countries in the Caribbean have school feeding as a line item **in their national budget.**

Across the 13 programs operating in these 12 countries, **an average of 9.6 food categories are served.** That's higher than 8.3 in Latin America and 6.9 across all programs worldwide!